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Scottish Episcopal Church

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NOTICES

DIOCESAN OFFICE STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that, after a round of interviewing, we have made 2 new appointments. **Caroline Hare** will be the new part-time Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry) and **Rhiannon Spiers** will be the new Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management). Rhiannon was able to start with us on Monday (8th), but Caroline will start in a few weeks' time, on 19th August. We are deeply grateful, though, to Marie Neil, the Church Administrator at St Cuthbert's Colinton, who has generously offered some temporary help for us here in the office, in addition to her busy work at St Cuthbert's. This is deeply appreciated.



In addition, we have re-worked some of the duties at the office, now that we have the 2 clear Administrative Assistant roles, for the 2 strands of work. What this has meant is that **Sam Campbell** will not only be Bishop John's PA but will ALSO provide PA support for Frances as Dean. Sam therefore becomes Bishop's PA and also Dean's PA. We are not the only diocese to provide this dedicated support for our Dean, but ours is long overdue. Caroline will assist Sam in many of these duties, as well as supporting Annie Naish, Claire Benton-Evans and the work of the Mission & Ministry Committee.

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION



Got a church garden or want to develop one?

Come to see and hear how the Church of the Sacred Heart asked for land from Edinburgh Council and have created a successful community garden and wildflower plot on the Meadows. You are invited to bring your own picnic and meet together **on July 20th at 12pm at the garden** near the tennis

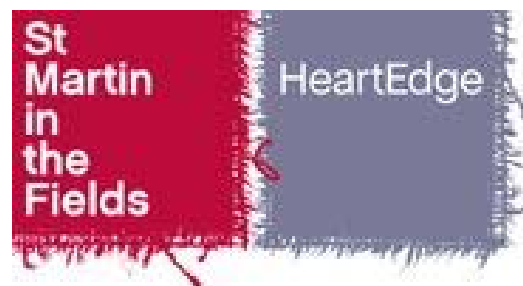
courts and toddler playground at the east end of the Meadows. Edinburgh Council are keen to support biodiversity initiatives and if your church has any garden or land then this might be an appropriate route for you to explore. If you have any questions about the project contact Sarah Tolley: greeningourstreet@gmail.com

List of Places for Retreats and Quiet Days

Although we are in holiday season at the moment, why not think and plan for the autumn and **book a retreat or quiet day**? [Here on our website](#) you can find an updated list of venues available across Scotland and Northern England.

HeartEdge UK Conference with Sam Wells 2-3rd October

HeartEdge is a growing ecumenical network of churches across the UK, initiated by St Martin-in-the-Fields which exists to help churches develop commercial, cultural and community activity, while deepening relationships and insights with those most marginalised. For more details see [the HeartEdge website here](#). This October 2nd - 3rd they are holding their **UK Conference 'On Earth as it is in Heaven' in Edinburgh** at St John's Princes Street and St Cuthbert's Church of Scotland with many exciting contributors such as US theologian [Winnie Varghese](#), asset-based community worker Cormac Russell and Sam Wells. [Book online here](#), come for one day or both at £70 daily. [Further details and a poster available on our website here.](#)



NEWS FROM YOUTH & CHILDREN

The latest Youth & Children Newsletter is out now! [This edition](#) features:

Play Church news from St Peter's Linlithgow, St Columba's Bathgate and St Anne's Dunbar, plus a wedding!

Diocesan Youth representatives speaking at General Synod and representing the Scottish Episcopal Church at the Palace

Thy Kingdom Come at St Anne's Dunbar, engaging all generations in creative prayer

A brand new labyrinth at St Mary's Dalmahoy

Scottish Youth Climate Strike - young people in the Diocese protest about climate change

Summer events - praying for everyone involved in summer camps, youth events and holiday clubs over the coming weeks

Plus resources and training: read more [here](#).



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK.....

"I am very grateful indeed for all those who have supported this year's Lent Appeal. Two excellent causes will receive a real boost to their resources and support for their essential work. So far the amount received is £8,350, which is brilliant.

If you still have donations to make to the Appeal please would you send these as soon as possible so that we can finalise the amounts and send them on."

+John

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

- **Rhiannon Spiers** – Admin Assistant (Finance & Management) at the Diocesan Office w.e.f. 8 July
- **Caroline Hare** - Admin Assistant (Mission & Ministry) at the Diocesan Office w.e.f. 19 August

DIARY

Date	Item
A quiet 2 weeks!	
Advance Notices	
Thursday 24th October	Diocesan Synod, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh
5th-7th November	Clergy Conference
Saturday 14th December	A Provincial celebration of the 25 th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood @ St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth (2pm)

VACANCIES



The Church of Scotland

CHIEF OFFICER

This is an exciting time for The Church of Scotland. We are embarking on an ambitious programme of major reforms to our governing structures as part of a three-year Radical Action Plan.

We are seeking to appoint someone to help us implement these changes wisely, courageously and compassionately. Our Chief Officer, who will be responsible for the effective management of staff and resources, will play a key role in leading this change.

We are seeking an individual with experience of leading transformational change, whose style of leadership is open, visible and highly credible. This demands excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to engage, build and sustain successful relationships. You will have strong intellect, bringing a pragmatic approach to decision making.

To find out more about the role and the skills we require, please see our [application pack](#).

Closing date - 12 noon on Friday, 26 July 2019

CAN WE USE YOUR SKILLS IN OUR COMMITTEES?



From time to time we have vacancies on our committees, and we would like to start a new initiative which is to maintain a list of those who have particular skills and experience in the areas we need and, when opportunities arise, to make contact and discuss how we might use them. Whilst the principal need is for committees, there are other occasions when we setup smaller short-term groups, to look at specific projects.

We are not necessarily looking for a long-term commitment, just an indication of interest at this stage. It may be that you have limited time available, but do have the skills/experience, and there are various ways we want to try and use those, without the need for attending regular meetings in Edinburgh. These are some of the areas in which we periodically need help:

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT

- Committee members – meeting 4 times a year, dealing with accounts, budgets etc.
- Wider financial reviews of both diocesan funds and the accounts of the congregations in the diocese
- Assist in supporting less-experienced Vestry Treasurers
- Financial policies

BUILDINGS

- Committee members – meeting at least 6 times a year, dealing with permissions for schemes of work and developments, grant applications and reviewing quinquennial reports
- Experience of church buildings, both maintenance and development/preservation
- Advice on residential properties (Rectories) and their management/upkeep
- Local site visits to look at individual schemes, from time to time, and produce a report for the committee to discuss

COMMUNICATIONS

- Advice on policies and practices
- Technical help for our Communications Coordinator

PERSONNEL

- Help with updating our policies (for office staff)
- Reviewing proposals for new posts

These areas are not exhaustive, and the central work of the diocese is always kept under review. If you think you have skills we might be able to use, not covered here, please do still get in touch.

In the first instance, send an email to Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, at:

dioadmin@dioceseofedinburgh.org

He will then log the expressions of interest and pass them to those who are responsible for the appropriate area of work. Getting in touch does not commit you to any involvement. We would only hold your details for this specific purpose, and would only contact you twice a year to check that you were still happy for us to do this.

Thank you very much for considering this which, we hope, will enable us to provide an improved service across the entire diocese.

EVENTS

2021 SEC celebrates a Year of Pilgrimage

In September 2018, the College of Bishops is designating 2021 as a Provincial Year of Pilgrimage. Events will be planned at the Provincial level and it is hoped that dioceses and charges will also organise their own events to experience, celebrate and promote pilgrimage as a spiritual discipline and tradition of our faith.

It is hoped that we can encourage as many people as possible to take part in a holy walk during the year and to share their experiences and support others.

More details are found here:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/2021-provincial-year-of-pilgrimage/>

We are setting up a small group within the Diocese of Edinburgh to take the **Year of Pilgrimage** forward here. Would you like to be involved? Have you ideas of what we could do as a diocese?

If you are interested, please email the Convenor of the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee:

sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org

New College's Centre for Open Learning is planning to run a course on 'Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context' in collaboration with SEI.

This course will be of interest to those who wish to explore the possibility of leading worship in their local church setting. It will focus on the history, theology and structure of worship services in a variety of styles, in order to ground current practice in its wider context. All of the components of a church service will be considered in theory but also from a practical perspective. Participants in the class will have opportunities to prepare and deliver prayers, children's talks and sermons, as well as to construct meaningful orders of service. Constructive critique will be offered to enable students to develop their abilities and explore ways in which their learning might be applied in their local context.

Week 1

Introduction to the course

Lecture on the history of liturgy, including worship in the Bible and in the Reformed tradition: where we have come from and why it matters.

Week 2

Discussion of themes raised by Week 1 lecture and further readings. Lecture on the theology of liturgy: different perspectives on why Christians worship the way they do.

Week 3

Discussion of themes raised by Week 2 lecture and further readings. Lecture on choosing themes and readings for worship: introducing the lectionary and the liturgical year; varieties of approaches.

Week 4: Saturday afternoon event

Public prayer and music in worship:

Workshop on writing prayers for public worship. Hymns as theology. Constructing an order of service

Week 5

Discussion of themes raised by Week 3 lecture and further readings. Lecture on leading worship with children and young people

Week 6

Formative Feedback event

Discussion of themes raised by Week 5 lecture and further readings. Lecture on Preaching in a variety of contexts

Week 7: Saturday afternoon event

Interactive Focus on Preaching- how to birth a sermon. Homiletics, biblical hermeneutics, technical advice

Week 8

Formation for leading worship: the theological, biblical and pastoral issues involved. Taking account of the local context (eg rural, suburban, city-centre, UPA). Exploring the next steps.

EICSP

DAY CONFERENCE

NEW SCOTS: IMMIGRANTS , REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS EXTENDING OUR WORLD: TOWARDS A WELCOLMING & INCLUSIVE SCOTLAND

Please see link below for details on this event :

<http://eicsp.org/events/event-details/696-day-conference-new-scots-immigrants-refugees-and- asylum-seekers-welcoming-the-world-extending-our-world-towards-a-welcoming-and-inclusive-scotland-29-june-2019>

SEI July/Autumn Newsletter

The July/August newsletter from the Scottish Episcopal Institute is now available and may be viewed from [the SEI webpage](#).

The newsletter includes insight from speakers at the General Synod 2019, and updates on the SEI's 2019 Leavers. The newsletter also announces the release of the summer issue of the Institute's Journal, centred on the Reverend Canon Professor David Jasper's *The Language of Liturgy: A Ritual Poetics*. The journal may also be [accessed online](#).

on earth as it is in heaven

HeartEdge Annual Conference 2-3 October | Edinburgh

A practical two-day intensive.

Ideas | Theology | Workshops | Community

Growing congregations,
Launching church commerce,
Developing cultural projects,
Deepening compassion.

Winnie Varghese, Cormac Russell,
ID Campbell, Sally Hitchiner,
Deborah Lewer, Sheena McDonald,
Mark Strange, Colin Sinclair, Sam Wells.

Tickets:	Early bird	Full Price
Adult	100	140
Youth - 25 & under	45	70
65+	75	80
Day Rate:		
Adult -	70	
Youth -	35	
65+ -	40	

Early bird till 30 June. Includes lunch + refreshments.

Book online at <http://bit.ly/2HFpEIS>

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HeartEdge



Lake Tekapo

by Adrian Wiszniewski RSA

Free Entry - donations to St Cuthbert's Outreach gratefully received

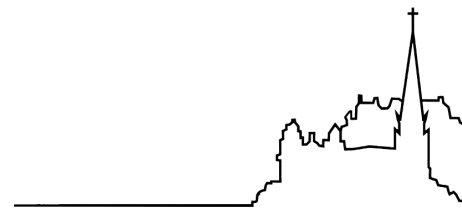
Viewing Times, May-October 2019:

Tuesday-Friday, 10.30-3.30pm

Saturday, 10.30-1.30pm

At the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, EH1 2EP

NB : Due to other events in the Church access may sometimes be restricted.



www.st-cuthberts.net

The Parish Church of St Cuthbert presents the expansive, large-scale painting **Lake Tekapo** by renowned Scottish artist **Adrian Wiszniewski**.

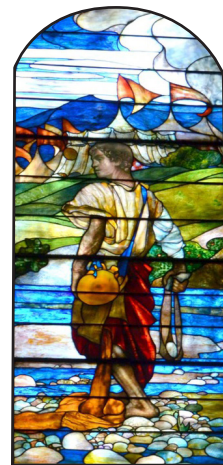
Incorporating his style of densely patterned picture surfaces, covered with marks and movement, Lake Tekapo is spread over 6 metre-long panels. This immersive artwork by Wiszniewski – one of the group of Glasgow-based artists who led the revival of Scottish figurative painting – transports the viewer into the tranquil surroundings of this New Zealand lake scene.

St Cuthbert's sits on the oldest Christian site in Edinburgh dating back to 675AD. At its foot used to lie the Nor'Loch and in turn it became the Mother Kirk of Edinburgh. The dynamic colours of Lake Tekapo are picked up and reflected in the Tiffany window which is located alongside Adrian's stunning work.

About the artist - Adrian Wiszniewski RSA

Adrian Wiszniewski RSA, HonFRIAS, HRSW (b.1958) creates work characterised by a strong drawing element and fertile imagination. Populated with contemplative figures set in vividly coloured Arcadian landscapes, his paintings are rich with symbolic, political and philosophical depths.

Adrian Wiszniewski was born in Glasgow in 1958 and trained at Glasgow School of Art from 1979 to 1983. He was a leading figure in the revival of figurative painting in a group known as the New Glasgow Boys. His work can be found in many international collections such as the Gallery of Modern Art in New York, Metropolitan Museum, New York, Setagaya Museum, Tokyo, Japan, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Tate Britain, London and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Wiszniewski has had solo exhibitions in London, Sydney, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ghent and Tokyo.



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FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE & THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD
A Conference in collaboration with ACTS

Tuesday 17 September 2019 – 10.00am to 4.00pm

The Place, York Place, Edinburgh

Cost: £30.00 (concessionary places on application)

‘One Step at a Time’ – Building a supportive environment for people with dementia and their families in church communities

FiOP is delighted that so many people have downloaded the learning resource on this issue and working together we want to share an opportunity to hear about the various elements in the resource and to enable participants to bring their own experiences.

The conference will look at the key elements of supporting people, providing enabling spaces, thinking about worship and pastoral care and singing. Speakers include Professor Mary Marshall, Jenny Henderson, Diana Kerr and Rev Canon Dean Fostekew.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

*“ and indeed I have downloaded and do refer to your excellent resource during the course of my work, not least because it is not afraid to go "back-to-basics" without patronising the target audience in the process.” URC
Minister*

If you would like to speak about your work at the conference please contact Director@fiop.org.uk and/or to book a place click [HERE](#)



Scottish National Walsingham Pilgrimage

2019 Pilgrimage

Friday September 27 to Monday September 30th

A time for rest and refreshment.

A time to honour Mary, Mother of God

A time to pray for ourselves, our church and our world

The Walsingham theme for 2019 is,

‘Do whatever He tells you.’

Bookings now being taken

Further details from any member of the Walsingham Scottish Pilgrimage Team

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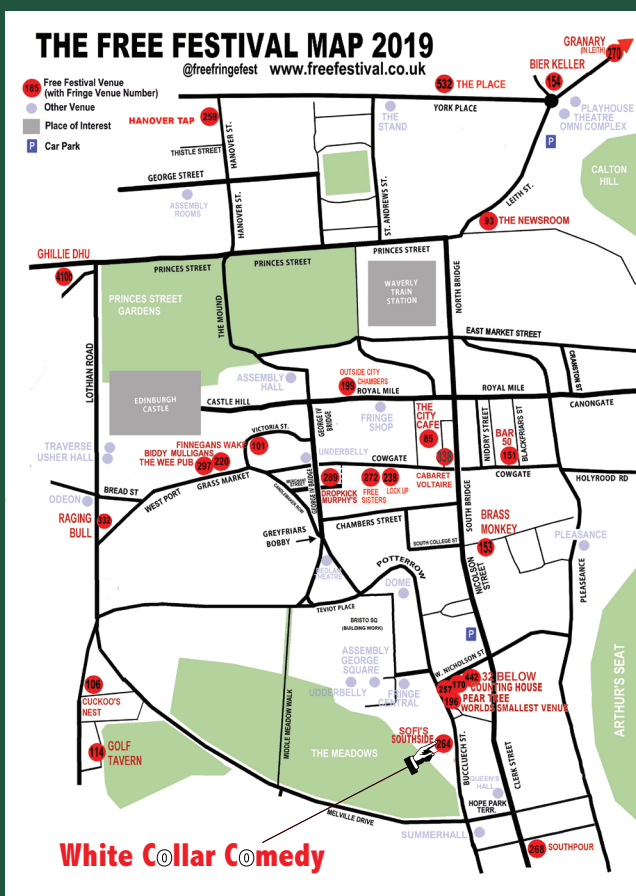
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Organ Scholar
St Peter's Episcopal Church,
Lutton Place, Edinburgh
is looking to appoint
an Organ Scholar
for the academic year 2019-2020.
For further information
and an application form,
please email the
Director of Music:
Rupert Forbes:
rupert@rof27.plus.com

White Collar Comedy

Three middle-class, middle-aged, middle England vicars performing comedy. What could possibly go wrong...?



Yes, they're Real Vicars! One is a former Satanist, one a former crematorium worker and the third was expelled from the Brownies for cheating on her Housework badge.

Rev. Maggy Whitehouse, Rev. Ravi Holy and Rev. Dr. Kate Bruce, performing in an unholy trinity of laughter for a limited run at the Edinburgh Fringe.

† † †—Pontius Pilate.

"Dear God..."—Richard Dawkins.

"Don't make me come down there..."—God.



6:15PM
1-10 AUGUST

LAUGHING HORSE@
SOFI'S SOUTHSIDE
42-44 BUCCLEUCH ST. (VENUE 264)

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