



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh



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## NOTICES



### News from 21a...

#### **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The Diocesan Office will be closed from 25<sup>th</sup> December until **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**. There will be very few staff on duty on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> December, so please bear with us if the phone is not answered all the time.

We are sorry to say that, for entirely personal reasons, **Rhiannon Spiers** will be finishing as our Administrative Assistant (Fin & Mgt) on 27<sup>th</sup> December. We are, of course, very sorry to see her leave, as she has been a huge asset to the administrative operation here, and an ever-cheerful work colleague to all of us.

Rhiannon has, however, kindly agreed to continue to produce the January & February editions of *The Communicant*, working from home, to ease the transition through to her successor. Please continue to use her email address for that but, for any other matters, please use [office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org). For

the month of January, we are pleased to have some admin help from **Tabitha Benton-Evans** (yes, you'll recognise the surname!), before she returns to university. We hope to advertise for a permanent replacement sometime around the end of January.

## Annual Forms

The time of year has, again, arrived when various end-of-year forms are needed and the usual letter has now been sent to Rectors, Priests in Charge and Vestry Secretaries. We issue these knowing that, for many of you, they will be completed in your spare time, as you give your time voluntarily. We do appreciate that, and are grateful for all that you do for the congregation you are a part of. Again, this year, they are ALL online. This is, hopefully, easy for both yourselves and our office staff here. We have set them up as easy clickable forms, with as many tick boxes/drop-down boxes as possible. These are the forms required ([click here](#) for the forms web page). Ultimately, **we must have everything back by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do let us know, and we will do our best to help.

Well done to **St Cuthbert's Hawick**, as the first Vestry to have sent in the Annual Accounts and ALL 4 of the annual forms!

## NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Do you know anyone who would like a **free meal and good company over the Christmas Period**, whether homeless or on their own? [We have compiled a list on our website here](#) of some of the Christmas lunches and food being offered for free. Please let folk know where that they can find a warm welcome and great food.



## NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

The latest **Youth and Children Newsletter** is out now! A lot has been happening - you can read all about it [here](#).

Don't forget to visit the **Provincial Youth mural** outside St John's Princes St, before it disappears! This was designed and created by our young people and is currently featured in the Anglican Communion News Service [here](#).

## OTHER NOTICES

### Digital Nine Lessons & Carols

This year's Diocesan Advent & Christmas Digital Project is an online Nine Lessons and Carols Service, featuring readers from the Diocese, and carols sung by Diocesan Singers. The videos will be going out once a day from the 16<sup>th</sup> of December – 24<sup>th</sup> of December across the Diocesan Social Media channels (on Facebook & Twitter at 3pm each day). The videos will welcome people to our churches this Christmas, so please share as widely as you can!

In addition to daily Social Media uploads, a full video of the Nine Lessons will be put on the Diocesan Website on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. This version will be downloadable, and can be sent, or shown, to those who aren't fortunate enough to make it to a church this Christmas.



Thank you!



### Lent Appeal

Thank you for all the nominations for the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2020. Details of the chosen charities will be in the New Year edition of The Communicant.



# A Very Happy Christmas

From all of us at the Diocesan Office to all of you in the  
congregations of our Diocese

Thank you for all that you do for your  
communities and church families

*The Diocesan Office Staff*



# CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Tim Hatton has been appointed as the Pioneer Evangelist for the A7 Centre of Mission. Please pray for Tim and his wife Kate as they move to Hawick in the new year.

## CANON 35 – CONSENTS GRANTED 2019

### Canon 35 Report

Ref	Charge/Description	App Date	Completion	Consent
2019/10	<b>EDINBURGH St Fillan</b> Renewal of heaters	01-Dec-19		Pending
2019/09	<b>EDINBURGH St Cuthbert Colinton</b> Move 2 pews to create Children's Corner. Experimental.	30-Oct-19		Pending
2019/08	<b>EDINBURGH St Mark Portobello</b> Installation of Little Library in the grounds	02-Sep-19		Consent
2019/07	<b>EDINBURGH St John the Evangelist</b> New handrail lectern steps	01-Jul-19		Consent
2019/06	<b>EDINBURGH St John the Evangelist</b> Restoring and enhancing the terrace area	28-Jun-19		Consent
2019/04	<b>EDINBURGH Christ Church Morningside</b> Install two cast iron hopper heads to exsisting pipes.	29-Apr-19		Consent
2019/03	<b>SOUTH QUEENSFERRY Priory of St Mary of Mt Carmel</b> Construction of Garden Room in Cloister area	23-Mar-19		Consent
2019/02	<b>KELSO St Andrew</b> Install defibrillator on outside wall	08-Feb-19	19-Mar-19	Consent
2019/01	<b>EDINBURGH Christ Church Morningside</b> Refurbish main entrance porch	09-Dec-18		Consent

*For information on the Canon 35 process and other buildings resources, please visit:*  
<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-buildings/>

## DIARY

<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	A Provincial celebration of the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood @ St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth (2pm)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's Cathedral
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nine Lessons and Carols at St Mary's Cathedral Bishop Presiding at Midnight Mass, St Mary's Cathedral
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Bishop Presiding at Christmas Eucharist, St Mary's Cathedral
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Bishop Preaching and presiding at Christ Church, Falkirk
<i><b>Advance Notices</b></i>	
<b>Spring Diocesan Synod</b>	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh

## EVENTS



an 'Out of the Box' Christmas musical for all the family...

featuring original music, a few  
puppets and a guiding star

# The Wise Men

starring  
Philip Todd  
Matthew Todd  
Carol Hutchison  
and Chris Watt

**Tuesday 17th Dec 2019**

Selkirk Parish Church  
High Street, Selkirk,  
TD7 4JX

Organised by Churches Together in Selkirk and the Valleys

Show starts at 6.00pm followed by tea, scones and cakes in the hall

Entry is by donation



There will be a stall selling a variety of puppets and lots of other fun things  
Out of the Box (Scotland) Ltd - Scottish Charity No. SC 035701 - For more information check out [www.outofthebox.me.uk](http://www.outofthebox.me.uk)

## Disability faith stories we all need to hear

Many churches struggle with the right language, welcome and inclusion for people living with disability so Christian charity, Through the Roof, is organising one-day workshops to help. These events will offer new ideas and resources, and share powerful stories of how God is being glorified through disabled people...stories the whole church needs to hear.

Disability Inclusion in our Churches is more than ramps and accessible toilets... it's about belonging, feeling valued and being able to contribute. 'Disability Inclusion in our Churches' are one-day events to equip churches and disabled people to serve Christ together. Suitable for anyone with roles and responsibilities in church life, and those with a desire to see churches more welcoming and inclusive for disabled people, delegates will benefit from:

- Inspiring real-life faith stories
- New ideas and resources
- Inclusive experience
- Free publication (for those who sign-up to be a Roofbreaker in their church)

One attendee from the corresponding event last year commented, "This was a most wonderful few hours of learning how our churches can be more inclusive". Another enthused, "Thank you, one of the best training days I've been to for ages."

Dates and venues:

- 1st February, 10.30 am – 3.30 pm - St. George's Christian Centre, Barnett Wood Lane, **Ashted** KT21 2DA
- 29th February, 11 am – 4 pm - Barclay Viewforth Church, 1 Wright's Houses, **Edinburgh** EH10 4HR
- 14th March, 10.30 am – 3.30pm - Ivy Church, 97 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, **Manchester** M20 2GP
- 21st March, 10.30 am – 3.30 pm - Holy Trinity Church, Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, **Bristol** BS32 0BD

BSL interpreters, access requirements and refreshments are all provided, but please bring your own lunch.

More info can be found on our website:

<https://www.throughtheroof.org/forchurches/events/> or tickets are £10 each or £15 for 2 and can be booked through: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/throughtheroof>





## Vacancy – Church Administrator, Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh

Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh is looking for a new Church Administrator for 15 hours a week. The successful candidate will have excellent computer skills and be proficient in

- Microsoft Office
- managing a database
- using accounting software.

The role will include

- preparing weekly service sheets
- gathering blank rotas for clergy, readers and intercessors
- managing Church Hall lets
- monitoring the maintenance of church systems, and liaising with tradespeople and the Property Committee
- supporting the church's digital communications.

Salary is dependent on experience.

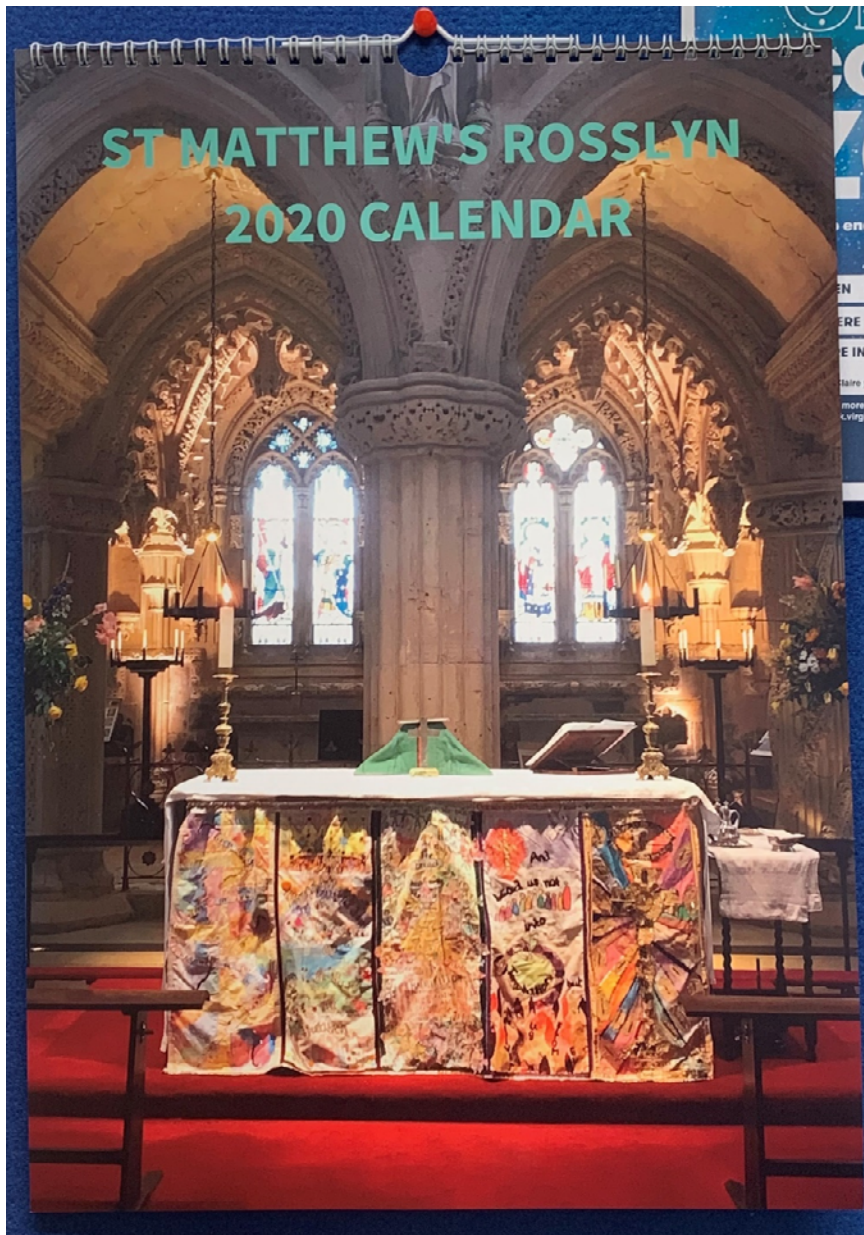
For further information and to apply, contact the Rector, Canon John McLuckie [rector@osp.org.uk](mailto:rector@osp.org.uk)

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[www.osp.org.uk](http://www.osp.org.uk)

Registered Scottish Charity No. SC017399

# Rosslyn Chapel 2020 Charity Calendar



£10

All proceeds  
will go to the  
church and  
congregation

To purchase: please contact Rev Joe at  
[revjoeroulston@gmail.com](mailto:revjoeroulston@gmail.com)



42 bookings so far  
(capacity 80)



# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Edinburgh

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10am-1pm at The Cornerstone Centre, St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ

We have now arranged an initial training session, run by Ley-Anne Forsyth, the Youth Officer for the Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness, who provides all the Child Protection training for the Leaders of the Glenalmond Provincial Youth Camp.

The aim of this introductory event is to provide you with the basic awareness of how Safeguarding infuses the many aspects of your church life, how to identify areas of concern, and what steps you can take to keep all your congregation safe. This is not *just* for those involved in children's work – this session will look at all vulnerable groups. If you are new to Safeguarding, new to the diocese, or just need a refresher, this is for you.

A sandwich lunch will be provided at the end of the session

**Booking is essential**, so follow this link to the booking form:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-safeguarding/>



**Save the date...**

# Diocesan Exploration Day!

*Saturday 22 February 9.30-3.30 at Holy Trinity, Haddington*

A day exploring the worldwide Anglican Communion, our participation in it and the significance of the Lambeth Conference.

In July 2020, all the Anglican bishops from around the world are gathering in Lambeth for their conference which happens every 10 years.

Bishop John will be among them. They will pray and study the Bible together, they will discuss issues of our communion and issues with which the world is faced, they will celebrate, argue, discuss and explore together.

22 February is being planned as a day for us as a diocese to be involved in the worldwide preparation.

We will have the opportunity to consider our place within the worldwide Anglican church, as well as explore issues that may be on the agenda for the bishops.... and we will have the chance to ensure our own bishop has the support and backing of his diocese as he prepares for the conference.

Further details will come out after Christmas, for the moment - please hold the date.



## **SCOTLAND'S CHURCHES TRUST**

**Sustaining Scotland's Places of Worship**

**15 North Bank Street**

**Edinburgh EH1 2LP**

**0131 225 8644**

**Registered Charity: SC043105**

..... and suddenly its December! The Team at Scotland's Churches Trust, staff and volunteers would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Very Happy Christmas. We hope your Places of Worship are busy, warm and welcoming to all. We know that you work hard to make sure your Place of Worship is fit for purpose and that this is not always an easy task. We know too that seeking to protect and improve a building can be a daunting prospect, and possibly a lonely one with many more critics than helpers!

SCT intends to hold a seminar in **February** as part of its programme of support for those planning a project to their Place of Worship. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> such seminar and will be restricted to 70 attendees in order that we can make it as valuable to as we can. Your project can be for works to the fabric or to improve the building for the congregation and increase the use to the wider public. We expect to have advice on the day from Funders and Project Managers aimed at helping with the application process and ensuring you can keep 'on top' of the works .

We want this seminar to address your concerns and problems, so please get back to us at [info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk](mailto:info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk) to add your name to the invite list and make us aware of your questions.

