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NOTICES



News from 21a...

Happy New Year!

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year from everyone at the office, as we step into 2020.

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18-25th January

Unusual kindness



How will you and your congregation and local churches be involved with this international week of prayer? For ideas and resources visit the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CBTI) [website here](#). And come along to **an ecumenical service**

on 22nd January at 7.30pm hosted by Edinburgh Churches Together with Bishop John speaking, at City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, EH8 9BX.

Forest Church – Exploring what Outdoor Church can be – 1st February

Many people encounter God in the beauty and wonder of creation, and churches are increasingly recognising the potential of engaging people through worship and mission outdoors. Come and explore the roots and growth of the Forest Church movement, discover the different shapes such communities are developing, and join in outdoor worship.



Led by the Revd. Steve Hollinghurst, one of the UK's leading exponents of Forest Church and an inspiring thinker and writer on mission and evangelism in modern culture. This is a Saturday morning ecumenical event at Loanhead Parish Church Centre, The Loan, Loanhead, EH20 9AJ. 1st February, 9.30am – 12.45pm (refreshments from 9am). Free event, but please register your [attendance on Eventbrite here](#).

Commit to Reading the Bible aloud in 2020



Did you know that The Scottish Bible Society (<https://scottishbiblesociety.org/>) have launched an innovative, global initiative for this whole year ahead, called Bible 2020? **They are publishing daily scripture texts in nearly 1,500 different versions and language so that everyone, everywhere can read God's word, preferably reading the text aloud** alone or with friends and family, or even publically. There is an opportunity to join the worldwide community via an App for computer, tablet or phone, seeing links and videos of people reading scripture all around the world. Download an App to get involved - a reading plan and all age resources are also available. Further details [on the Bible 2020 website here](#).

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](#).

OTHER NOTICES

SEI Newsletter

The next edition newsletter from the Scottish Episcopal Institute is now available and may be viewed from the SEI webpage. Here is the link: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/sei-newsletter/>

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

N/A

VACANCIES

Children, Youth and Families Worker' Job Vacancy

Location: St. Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church, Colinton

Responsible to: Rev Nicki McNelly

Aims & objectives:

To work alongside Rev Nicki McNelly to creatively engage with children, young people and families within various aspects of church life, so as to develop their Christian faith. To nurture current relationships with children, young people and families, as well as consider new ways of engaging and connecting with those who are not already involved in church life.

Main Responsibilities:

- Plan & deliver a Christian-based programme for children (age 11 and below), during the 10.30am

Sunday service

- Organise participation of young people in all-age worship once a month during the 10.30am Sunday service, in liaison with Rector
- Facilitate a youth group (for children age 11+) once a month, including social events to build and nurture relationships with young people, which could involve faith-based or non-faith based discussions and activities (the youth group meets both within the church and in external venues)
- Continue to develop current relationships with local schools, in conjunction with the Rector, and be willing to potentially play an active role in various assemblies/other school activities
- Create new initiatives to engage with and build relationships with current families/parents
- Create new initiatives to engage with young people (age 20s and 30s) either within the church building or in external venues
- Adhere to safeguarding policies and attend regular training
- Support the overall mission of the church and Edinburgh Diocese
- Seek opportunities to engage children, youth and families with relevant Edinburgh Diocese activities
- Keep up to date with local family activities in Colinton and seek opportunities and ways for St Cuthbert's to be involved

Person Specification (essential):

- Experience of working with children and young people of varying ages
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to relate effectively to wide spectrum of age groups/abilities, including families and adults
- Self-motivated and able to plan and execute own work, to deadlines where appropriate
- Active Christian or sympathetic understanding of Christian faith and activities
- Experience of delivering Sunday school style activities and worship
- Working knowledge of and commitment to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people.
- Understanding of and empathy with traditional Scottish Episcopalian style Services and activities
- Ability to think creatively and devise new initiatives; to think 'outside of the box'
- Able to work with, encourage and equip volunteers, with sensitivity towards existing leadership
- Satisfactory PVG checks

Person Specification (desirable):

- Experience of Messy Church and/or Godly Play and creative thinking to bring this into services
- Ability to develop training in Messy Church and/or Godly Play
- High level of IT skills to aid communication including use of social media

Terms and conditions:

- 10 hours per week with a salary of £7,200 per annum
- This is a new post, so there will be a review of hours after 6 months (which could increase salary)
- An employer contribution of 5% to a pension scheme.
- 5 weeks holiday included

To apply, please send a current CV, together with a covering letter stcuthbertsvacancies@gmail.com by 13th January 2020. Interviews will be carried out week commencing 27th January 2020.

CANON 35 – CONSENTS GRANTED 2019









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

12th January	Bishop Preaching and presiding at Christ Church, Falkirk
Monday 13 January	Diocesan Building Committee
Tuesday 14 January	Diocesan Personnel Committee
Wednesday 15 January	Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee
Thursday 16 January	OFFICE CLOSED (Staff Development Day)
Monday 20 January	Bishop attends Cathedral Board Meeting
Tuesday 21 January	Cathedral Chapter meets
Wednesday 22 January	Bishop attends ECT Church Unity Service
Advance Notices	
Saturday 22 February	Diocesan Exploration Day, 9.30-3.30 at Holy Trinity, Haddington
Saturday 14th March	Spring Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh

EVENTS

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2019/20							08/01/2020
	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
1.01	St Mary's Cathedral					23 Dec 19	10 Dec 19
1.02	BALERNO St Mungo's					26 Nov 19	20 Nov 19
1.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's		3 Dec 19	6 Jan 20	25 Nov 19	3 Dec 19	25 Nov 19
1.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's						
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls					22 Nov 19	12 Dec 19
1.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's		3 Jan 20	3 Jan 20	5 Jan 20		
1.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's					3 Dec 19	24 Nov 19
1.08	DUNBAR St Anne's					7 Jan 20	
1.09	DUNS Christ Church					22 Nov 19	29 Nov 19
1.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		2 Dec 19	17 Dec 19			
1.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19	10 Dec 19	25 Nov 19	
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		9 Dec 19		29 Nov 19	2 Dec 19	
1.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's						
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		12 Dec 19		11 Dec 19	12 Dec 19	
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle					3 Dec 19	2 Dec 19
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton					5 Dec 19	3 Dec 19
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton					20 Dec 19	
1.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		6 Dec 19	6 Dec 19		12 Dec 19	19 Dec 19
1.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		18 Nov 19				6 Jan 20
1.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street					29 Nov 19	
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road					8 Dec 19	
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello					5 Dec 19	29 Nov 19
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours					29 Nov 19	
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19			
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		20 Dec 19		8 Dec 19	7 Dec 19	12 Dec 19
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's					11 Dec 19	
1.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place		7 Jan 20	7 Jan 20			
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James						
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse					25 Nov 19	
1.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19	27 Dec 19	27 Dec 19	

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1.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's					22 Nov 19	12 Dec 19
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church						
1.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		28 Nov 19	20 Nov 19	16 Dec 19	11 Dec 19	16 Dec 19
1.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's						
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		7 Jan 20	7 Jan 20			
1.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity				28 Nov 19	27 Nov 19	19 Dec 19
1.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's		9 Dec 19	9 Dec 19	25 Nov 19	1 Dec 19	16 Nov 19
1.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		12 Dec 19		10 Dec 19	10 Dec 19	
1.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		18 Dec 19	18 Dec 19			
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew				18 Dec 19	26 Nov 19	18 Dec 19
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,					6 Dec 19	
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's				25 Nov 19	3 Dec 19	
1.46	LIVINGSTON					7 Jan 20	
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity						
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,					4 Jan 20	30 Dec 19
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,			6 Dec 19			
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		3 Dec 19			30 Nov 19	23 Nov 19
1.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,						
1.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		28 Nov 19	9 Dec 19			
1.54	SELKIRK St John's				2 Dec 19	3 Dec 19	4 Dec 19
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel						
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's						
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed						
53			19	14	19	32	19
			53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate		 36%	 26%	 36%	 60%	 36%
	Outstanding		 34	 39	 34	 21	 34



**God's Church for God's World:
Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together.
Towards Lambeth 2020.**

A Day to explore what it means to be part of the Anglican Communion and to look at some of the issues that will emerge at this year's Lambeth Conference.

10.00am – 3.15pm
Saturday 22nd February 2020
Refreshments will be available from 9.30am
at
Holy Trinity Church
Haddington, EH41 3EX

Attendance, including lunch, is free but places are limited.
Please sign up [here](#)

All enquiries to mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org
Or call Annie on 0131 538 7033

United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

Retirement –

Challenge or

Opportunity?

A workshop for clergy moving towards retirement or who have retired over recent years.

Retirement is different for everyone. For those with retirement in the future, we can be looking forward to it keenly, or we can be fearful of it. Many of us keep our heads in the sand and ignore it! For those who have retired, the experience may be varied, our hopes equally so. Our dreams fulfilled or not. Our fears realised or not!

This workshop is a time to reflect on retirement for both those who have retired and those moving towards it. It is open to all for whom this may be of interest.

Please note that this workshop's main focus lies beyond housing provision or finances. This event aims to offer an opportunity to talk about the experience we may have of retirement and our fears and hopes about it.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Ayr

(Fullarton Street, Ayr, KA7 1UB)

Friday, 31st January 2020

10.30am – 3pm

Tea and coffee from 10am. Lunch will be provided.

If you want to know more, please call the Rev Les Ireland on 0141 776 3866 or email Les949@btinternet.com

If you would like to come, please register by calling 0141 221 5720 or email office@glasgow.anglican.org



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Edinburgh Churches Together invite you to join an ecumenical service of prayer and worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020. Guest speaker: Rt Rev John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh (SEC). The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome!

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.30pm
City of Edinburgh Methodist Church
25 Nicolson Square Edinburgh EH8 9BX

<https://ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer>

#wpcu2020

Murrayfield Churches Together Faith Discussion Group

Programme for Winter 2019-20, Tuesdays 7.30pm, All Welcome

The Faith Discussion Group considers different topics to do with faith to try better to understand what faith is and how it affects us both as individuals and as a community. All are welcome to our meetings, including doubters and sceptics.

Meetings will again be on Tuesday evenings, from 14th January to 31st March 2020 (excluding 24th March) at 7.30pm in the Upper Room at Saughtonhall United Reformed Church, 85/87 Saughtonhall Drive, Edinburgh EH12 5TR.

Before leaving Christmas behind, we start with one of Dean Fostekew's enlightening talks about paintings – this time *The Census at Bethlehem* by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

Having just finished reading the New Testament, we will discuss *Who wrote the New Testament?* using a three-part series originally shown on the S4C TV Channel in 2004. This looks at the origins of the writing, considers questions of authorship, and why these 27 documents were accepted into the canon while others were not.

Embrace the Middle East is a Christian charity helping people of all faiths and none to free themselves from a life of poverty and injustice. Together with local Christian communities they bring lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects.

Our Lent studies will be the 2020 study from *Embrace the Middle East* entitled *Journey to the Cross*.

This journey travels with Jesus through his mission to the cross, looking at people he met on the way – a journey that visits the Middle East today.

The weekly programme is:

14th January – *The Census at Bethlehem* by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, with Dean Fostekew

21st January – *Who wrote the New Testament?* – What is truth?

28th January – *Who wrote the New Testament?* – Maintaining the truth

4th February – *Who wrote the New Testament?* – But whose truth was the truth?

11th February – *Journey to the Cross* – Celebrating family

18th February – *Journey to the Cross* – Healing (including short talk/presentation by Mark Calder, Scottish Regional Manager for *Embrace the Middle East*)

25th February – *Journey to the Cross* – Breaking down social barriers

3rd March – *Journey to the Cross* – Speaking out against injustice

10th March – *Journey to the Cross* – Mental Health

17th March – *Journey to the Cross* – Forgiveness

24th March – no meeting

31st March – to be decided

Social Evening – to be confirmed

For more information please contact Jim Paterson at jim@thepatersons.org

Exploring Christian Social Teaching

3 sessions exploring how faith can guide our approach to political, social & economic issues.

At St Anne's Church, Dunbar,
on 29 Dec, 5 Jan & 12 Jan
at 4pm.



Sunday 29 Dec

Christianity and the social order

...how can governance frameworks encourage human flourishing locally, nationally and internationally?

Sunday 5 Jan

Christianity and economics

...what should economic policy aim to achieve, and how?

Sunday 12 Jan

Christianity and creation

...how can Christian concern for the environment be translated into policies that steward God's creation well?

Refreshments served. FREE.

On 29 Dec & 12 Jan there will also be Evening Prayer at 6pm.

On 5th Jan there will be Choral Evensong at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome.

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>



A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENTILES

A SEQUENCE OF
WORDS AND
MUSIC FOR THE
EPIPHANY OF
OUR LORD

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY
7.15PM

ST VINCENT'S CHAPEL
STOCKBRIDGE

CORO VINCENZO
DIRECTED BY
LES SHANKLAND





SCOTLAND'S CHURCHES TRUST

Sustaining Scotland's Places of Worship

15 North Bank Street

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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 3rd 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 to add your name to the invite list and make us aware of your questions.





National Churches Trust Invites Applications for 2020 Foundation Grants programme and their Gateway Grant programme

- Foundation Grants: applications may be submitted at any time between now and 30 October 2020 for urgent maintenance and small investigative works. Decisions will be made on a rolling basis from the start of 2020.
- Gateway Grant Programme now has an extended deadline of January 23 for a decision in March. This is for grants to support church development work, and new for 2020, we will now consider applications towards maintenance and repair projects costing between £10,000 and £100,000.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/grant-programmes-2019-2023>

Grants for Roof Alarms

The Allchurches Trust in partnership with County Churches Trusts is continuing to offer grants to cover the costs of installing roof alarms. Contact your local County Trust to see if they are part of this offer. <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/how-we-help/working-local-churches-trusts>

Grants for stained glass conservation

The Glaziers Company has grants available for stained glass conservation. The closing date for the next round of grants is 7 February 2020. Applications have to be from work by Icon accredited conservators. Full details are available <http://glazierscompany.org.uk/conservation-grants/>

Register for free services at Church Buying

Church Buying is a new purchasing service launched by leading church buying group 2buy2 for all denominations. It helps churches and others reduce time and money spent on day-to-day purchases such as insurance, utilities, furniture etc. and their long-term planning needs. <https://www.churchbuying.org.uk/>

Buildings and construction (VAT Notice 708) HMRC has updated guidance on buildings and construction (VAT Notice 708) sections 9.3.1 and 10.3, to clarify the meaning of a protected building. The guidance explains how to work out the VAT on building work and materials. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buildings-and-construction-vat-notice-708?utm_source=23cec6b5-8fed-40b5-8a7c-66e12db9956b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily#history

Edinburgh Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Do you have a fundraiser coming up?

The *Edinburgh Gilbert & Sullivan Society* has a concert party and would be delighted to come and help you raise funds for any worthy cause. Concerts can be short and small-scale with four or five singers, up to full length with a choir of 20 to 30.

Please contact Ian if you would like further details on either of these offers: ianaslawson@outlook.com or on 07722 161691.

OFFER FOR CONGREGATIONS:



Because of his connections with the Diocese, Ian Lawson has arranged a deal with the organisers which would give church groups one free ticket in ten. Would members of your congregation like to treat themselves to a good old-fashioned whodunnit to enliven the gloom of February? Ian is playing the butler, with the wonderfully sinister name of Gudgeon, and he'd be delighted to welcome you into 'The Hollow' - the home of Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell - at The Church Hill Theatre. choose a performance and collect names, then send your total ticket order and payment to Ian Lawson ianaslawson@outlook.com (bank details will be provided) or with cheque to 1 Belmont View EH12 6JJ. Please include an address to which tickets should be sent. Tickets are £15 each or £7.50 for accompanied children under 16. Buy nine and get the cheapest one free! All seating unreserved.





RISK MANAGEMENT FOR CHARGES

The Provincial Administration Board has been working on producing material to support congregations in relation to risk management.

We have now posted to the provincial website a note on risk management prepared by our solicitors Shepherd and Wedderburn and a sample risk register which is available for use by congregations to assist them in managing the risks to which they may be subject. These two documents are available on the Vestry Resources section of the provincial website at:-

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/vestry-responsibilities/risk-management/>

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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.