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News from 21a...

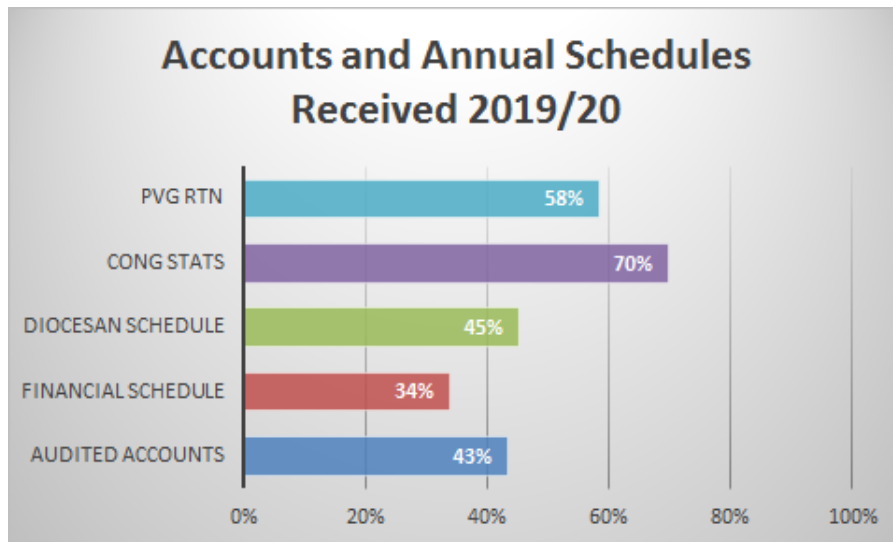
We have been very grateful to have the part-time administrative help from Tabitha Benton-Evans (Claire's daughter) during January, but she now heads back to St Andrew's University for her new term. Over the next few months, we will have some additional voluntary help from Caroline Hare (who used to work in the office here) for a few hours on a Monday and Thursday, so this will help us to keep afloat, particularly

leading up to Diocesan Synod in March.

Annual Forms

Further to my letter back at the beginning of November, a reminder that the deadline for all the Annual Forms is Friday 31st January. We know that this is being done by all of you in your spare hours, but we would really appreciate your help with this, as there are pressing tasks we need to get done using the

information you provide, so we are a bit stuck! There is a grid later in this issue showing which ones we still need, but this is the current return rate, which is still a way off the 100% we need:



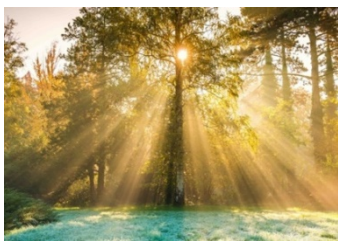
Can we reach 100% by 31st January? Thank you, in advance.

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Resources for Lent 2020

On our [website here](#) are now some ideas of resources for Lent 2020 (and also the Lent 2019 list as most of the links are still live). Browse some inspiring suggestions to reflect on Scripture, mission, art, poetry, studies on recent films (e.g. Mary Poppins Returns). **Something here for everyone** - individuals, small groups, free downloads, liturgy, children and young people; a real cornucopia! Please do support the **Edinburgh Cornerstone Bookshop** (0131 229 3776) and order your books from there rather than online. We would love to hear from you if you have other recommendations, do [email Annie](#), and give us your ideas for Easter too.

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](#).

Diocesan Day Conference 22nd February: Looking Towards Lambeth



God's Church for God's World: Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together: 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. **Saturday 22nd February, 10.00am–3.15pm** (refreshments from 9.30). At Holy Trinity, Haddington, EH41 3EX.

Attendance is free but as lunch is provided we [need to book here](#). For more details [email Annie](#) or [see the poster here](#).

Edinburgh City Mission two Conferences, 28 and 29 February

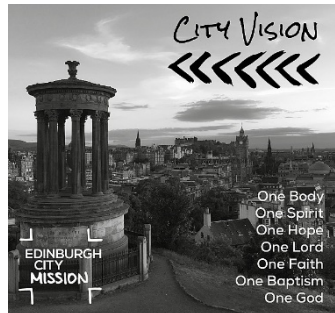
ECM is delighted to be hosting Dr Tim Lane for two events, both at St Catherine's Argyle, 61-63 Grange Road, EH9 1TY.

"Unstuck" on 28th February, 9am-1pm: a conference intended for all those in pastoral ministry, helping others become unstuck.

"Restless for Mission 2020" on 29th February, 10am-4.15pm: an inspiring day of worship, testimonies and practical ways to connect the gospel to people in real life. Tickets and further details for both can be bought [here on Eventbrite](#)



Edinburgh City Mission Prayer Initiatives



Committed to seeing God at work in this amazing city of ours? Edinburgh City Mission are now organising monthly prayer gatherings around different churches and communities throughout 2020. [Poster is available here](#) to print off and display.

Come along to the next one on 8th February at 10–11:30am at King's Church, 104 Gilmore Place, EH3 9PL or any on the poster, or why not offer to host one at your church later in the year – [email Duncan here](#) for further details.

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

This comes to inform you that Rt Revd Fred Darwent died 15th January 2020.
Bishop Fred was diocesan bishop of the United Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney from 1978 until 1992. In retirement he continued active ministry in the diocese until 2018.

The funeral will take place at **St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen at 11am on Thursday 6th February**, with interment following at New Pistligo.

Please hold Roma, and Fred's family in your prayers.
May +Fred rest in peace and rise in glory.

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Revd Canon Dr Marion Chatterley will be installed as Vice-Provost at 3.30pm on Sunday 26th January

Rev Nick Wills will be installed as Rector of St Peter's, Lutton Place in May

Tim and Kate Hatton have been appointed by Church Army, supporting Revd Simon Cake in the A7 charges.

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	
Wednesday 22nd January	Bishop to preach at the ECT Church Unity Service
Sunday 26th January	Installation of Vice-Provost, St Mary's Cathedral
Monday 27th -Thursday 30th January	Bishop attending Celtic Bishop's Conference, Inverness
Tuesday 18th February	Institution of Stephen Holmes as Rector, Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains
Saturday 22nd February	The Lambeth Conference , Holy Trinity Church, Haddington
Advance Notices	
Saturday 14th March	Spring Diocesan Synod at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh

Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2020

Thank you for all the nominations received.

The home charity chosen for the 2020 Lent Appeal is The Open Door and the overseas charity is Project Embabazi.



The Open Door aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by providing care, love, friendship, support, inclusion and a sense of community.

Done through social clubs and support services for older people, the community café for everyone, volunteer placements for people of varying ages and abilities, and their ever changing social groups that include; art, poetry, music and books.

Project Embabazi

Supporting Communities in Uganda

Project Embabazi is a small charity that works in SW Uganda. Funding enables development in several rural communities and makes a life-changing difference to the local people. Project Embabazi is founded on grass-roots, sustainable development for the local people and communities.

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2019/20							22/01/2020
	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					16 Jan 20	26 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	9 Jan 20	9 Jan 20
1.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's				3 Dec 19	12 Jan 20	24 Nov 19
1.08	DUNBAR St Anne's		17 Jan 20	17 Jan 20	7 Jan 20	15 Jan 20	18 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		21 Jan 20	13 Jan 20
1.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19	10 Dec 19	25 Nov 19	9 Jan 20
1.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		9 Dec 19		29 Nov 19	2 Dec 19	
1.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's				21 Jan 20	21 Jan 20	
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		12 Dec 19	14 Jan 20	11 Dec 19	12 Dec 19	
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle				3 Dec 19	2 Dec 19	3 Jan 20
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton				5 Dec 19	3 Dec 19	9 Jan 20
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		21 Jan 20	21 Jan 20		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	6 Dec 19
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours				13 Jan 20	29 Nov 19	13 Jan 20
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19			19 Jan 20
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			16 Jan 20
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James						9 Jan 20
1.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		9 Jan 20	9 Jan 20	15 Jan 20	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		21 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			21 Jan 20
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew				18 Dec 19	26 Nov 19	18 Dec 19
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,				9 Jan 20	6 Dec 19	18 Jan 20
1.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's				25 Nov 19	3 Dec 19	13 Jan 20
1.46	LIVINGSTON					7 Jan 20	
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		17 Jan 20	17 Jan 20			
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,					4 Jan 20	30 Dec 19
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		6 Dec 19	6 Dec 19		22 Jan 20	
1.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		3 Dec 19		8 Dec 19	30 Nov 19	23 Nov 19
1.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,					18 Jan 20	20 Jan 20
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					18 Jan 20	
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed						
53			24	19	25	41	32
			53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate		45%	36%	47%	77%	60%
	Outstanding		29	34	28	12	21



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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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



**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



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

CITY VISION



EDINBURGH
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One Body
One Spirit
One Hope
One Lord
One Faith
One Baptism
One God

City Vision is a pop-up prayer meeting which happens in different churches in different parts of the city. We want to pray for the church's mission in Edinburgh!

Contact Duncan if you would like to co-host a future City Vision prayer meeting in your church:
duncan@edinburghcitymission.org.uk

2020 Dates

18 January 2020 6:30pm – 8pm
St Barnabas Church, 4 Moredun Park View, EH17 7NE

8 February 2020 10am – 11:30am
King's Church, 104 Gilmore Place, EH3 9PL

19 March 2020 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Bruntsfield Evangelical Church,
70 Leamington Terrace, Edinburgh, EH11 4JU

1 April 2020 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Granton Baptist Church,
99 Crewe Road North, Edinburgh, EH5 2NW

More to follow...



DISCOVERING MEDIEVAL MONASTICAL RHYTHM

What is it?

This is a Christian adult education living history retreat; you will learn through partaking-in (doing). You will be stepping back in time, leaving behind for five days your electronic devices and things like coffee as it has not yet been discovered. The five days will require following an intensive timetable. Places are limited to 12 adults (no children); accommodation is sharing in same-sex rooms; dormitory accommodation is a key part of this experience. The participant needs to be comfortable with Anglo-Catholic offices and liturgy (High Anglican). Other aspects of the week will be Medieval craft and making bread. The week requires submission to a rigid timetable, self-direction is an idea you need to leave in this century for five days, and periods of silence will be part of this. This will be an opportunity to discover more about Medieval Christianity through an immersive experience of re-enactment. The Christian living history retreat will take place at an established ecumenical retreat centre on Holy Island.

The cost for the residential

This is a non-funded Christian education project, and this is working on a not-for-profit model. The cost of the residential is £260; this is covering a donation for the accommodation, online registration fee and educational materials. The focus is not to exclude anyone; all are welcome if the cost presents a challenge please contact.

Any monies over will go as a donation towards the retreat centre in which the participant will be staying.

How to enrol

Follow the link below to sign up, and for more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-medieval-monastical-rhythm-tickets-85192929345>

Date And Location

Mon, Feb 10, 2020, 11:00 AM –
Fri, Feb 14, 2020, 3:00 PM GMT

Holy Island
Holy Island
TD15 2SD

Contact 2425245S@student.gla.ac.uk with any enquiries

'Right Use of Power' Workshop



Responding to interest, this is a re-run of a workshop first held in November 2019

"Hugely interesting and enjoyable - it's made me think about power in a completely new way. I've already noticed myself re-framing the ways I approach things. I'd thoroughly recommend this inspiring course."

Many people in caring roles are cautious about the idea of power, not wishing to have 'power over' others. Come and join a workshop affirming positive relationship to role power. Supported by Bishop John, this event is suitable as CMD or CPD, as well as for all who work/volunteer in 'people roles'.

Saturday 23rd May 10.30 - 1pm

At Diocesan Office, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh

Power is the ability to influence and be influenced by others. Power is relational, and relationships can be messy. Good intentions are essential, but not enough to ensure we use our power well; we make mistakes, or even *under-use* the appropriate power we have to effect change. Most misuses of power happen when those who have influence due to their roles misjudge the impact on others; limited knowledge of power dynamics can leave us adrift. This event explores how we can relate positively to power with reflection, sensitivity and heart, and offer reparation when difficulties occur. For faith leaders, pastoral teams, teachers, counsellors, spiritual companions etc.

Elizabeth White is a spiritual director and senior accredited pastoral supervisor. Having formerly co-ordinated the adult learning programme for the Diocese of Edinburgh, she now offers group and individual opportunities for spiritual reflection on life and work.

12 places available, £25 each. Bishop John may be able to help with the costs to a small extent. Enquiries and bookings:

elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk

"Very well presented with lots of material"
"Great seminar and so relevant to everyone!"



Primus's Golf Cup



The annual playing of the Primus's Cup.

Open to all Clergy, Readers and paid Church Workers.

If you don't have an 'official' handicap one will be awarded.

Tuesday 19th May 2020.

Wishaw Golf Club:

www.wishawgolfclub.com

Arrive at club house for 9.30 – tea/coffee/ breakfast rolls.

10.30am – first tee time and soup and sandwiches to conclude the day.

The Primus's Cup is kindly sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance therefore, there is no cost to the participants.

To take part please contact Revd. Duncan McCosh by email @

mccosh.selkirk@btinternet.com with the following details.

Name:

Email:

Phone Number (preferably Mobile number):

Handicap (if known):

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.



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>



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 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 .

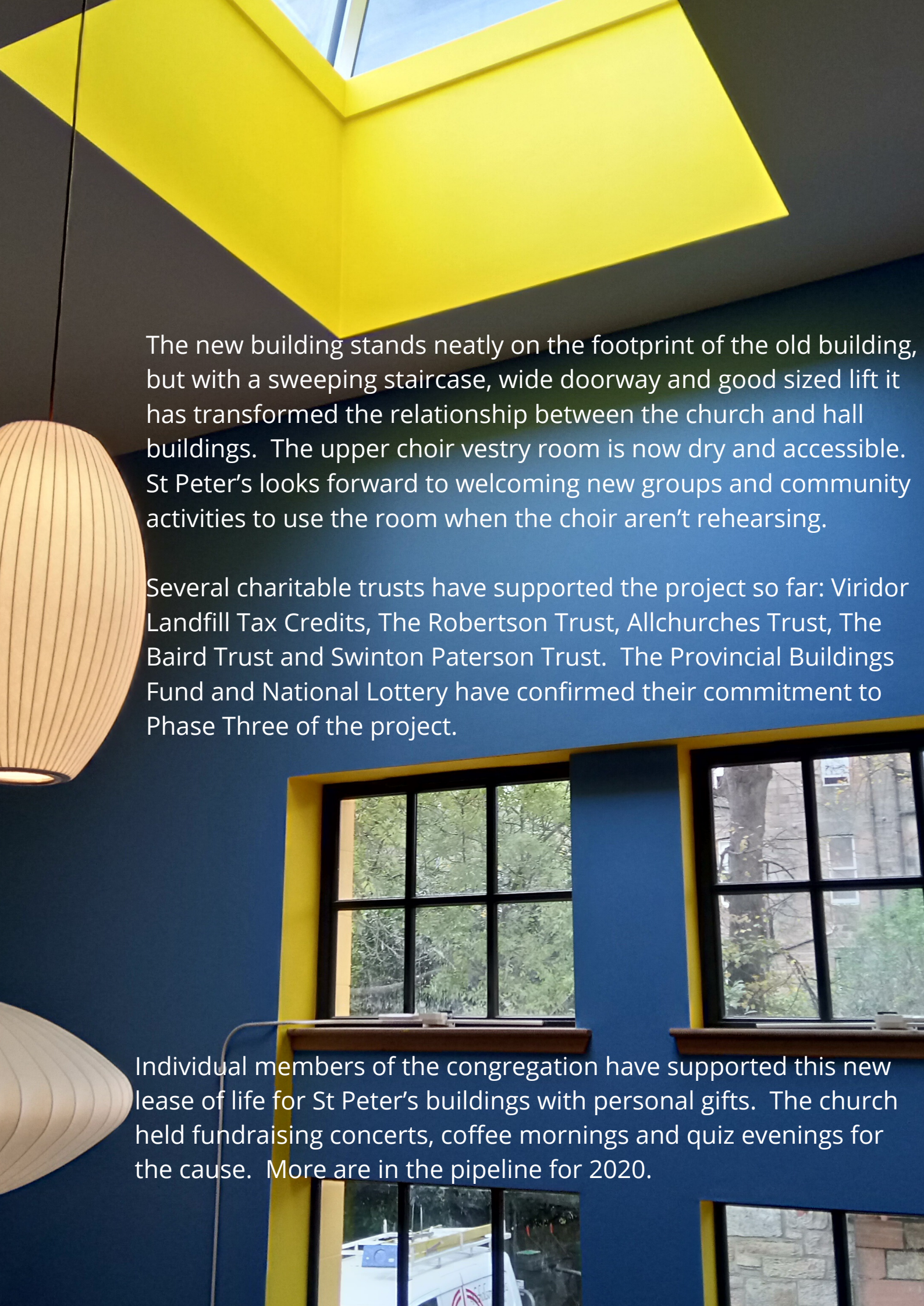
We want this seminar to address your concerns and problems, so please get back to us at info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk to add your name to the invite list and make us aware of your questions.





The congregation of St Peter's Lutton Place are feeling grateful and inspired this new year as they complete the second and largest phase of renewing their church hall.

After two and a half years of deliberations, consultations, planning, personal gifts, fundraising events, trust donations, official permissions, architects, quantity surveyors, joiners, glaziers, decorators, engineers and many more people, St Peter's church has been realigned with an airy new link building.

The background image shows the interior of a modern church hall. The walls are a deep blue, and the ceiling features a large, bright yellow rectangular skylight. Two windows with black frames and yellow surrounds are visible, looking out onto green trees. A large, ribbed, white pendant light hangs from the ceiling on the left. The text is overlaid on the upper and lower portions of the image.

The new building stands neatly on the footprint of the old building, but with a sweeping staircase, wide doorway and good sized lift it has transformed the relationship between the church and hall buildings. The upper choir vestry room is now dry and accessible. St Peter's looks forward to welcoming new groups and community activities to use the room when the choir aren't rehearsing.

Several charitable trusts have supported the project so far: Viridor Landfill Tax Credits, The Robertson Trust, Allchurches Trust, The Baird Trust and Swinton Paterson Trust. The Provincial Buildings Fund and National Lottery have confirmed their commitment to Phase Three of the project.

Individual members of the congregation have supported this new lease of life for St Peter's buildings with personal gifts. The church held fundraising concerts, coffee mornings and quiz evenings for the cause. More are in the pipeline for 2020.