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NOTICES



News from 21a...

We have now advertised for Rhiannon's replacement as Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management). The advert is on our own vacancies page (<u>https://edinburgh.anglican.org/vacancies-2/</u>) as well as the SEC website, the Church of Scotland website, and through Third Sector Jobs. If you know of anyone who would be interested, and would, fit into our small office team

here, do pass it on to them. We're very grateful to Caroline Hare (who was the Mission & Ministry Admin Asst) as she is coming back in a voluntary capacity for a few hours a week to help us out, particularly in the build-up to Diocesan Synod and the Lambeth Conference.

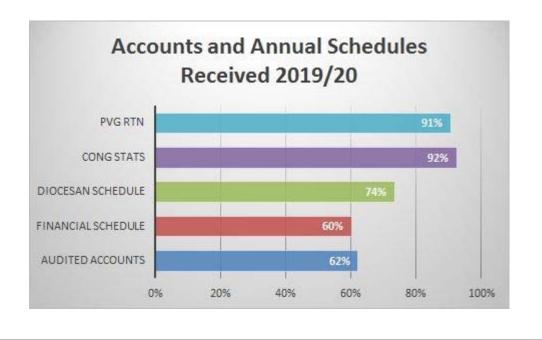
Diocesan synod – 14th March 2020

The agenda and papers will be going out as soon as possible after the Standing Committee has met (Thu 6th). These will be posted to all <u>VOTING</u> members. If you are a voting member, and do not

receive yours, contact us at the Diocesan Office. If you are not a voting member, you are still very welcome to attend. The agenda and papers will be online next week at https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/

Annual Forms

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in getting these done. We know that some vestries are waiting for audited accounts to be finalised but, as soon as they are, we would be very grateful to receive them, along with the Finance Schedules. The PVG forms and the statistics returns are almost all in, but we are still missing 14 Diocesan Schedules. We do need to know any changes to office holders, particularly Lay Reps, as we are sending them Synod Agendas next week. Last year, we posted them to several people who had stepped down, so we hope we can avoid that this year. Thank you very much for doing these, though. Once a year!



NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Resources for Lent 2020

On our <u>website here</u> 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 Poppin 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 <u>email Annie</u>, and give us your ideas for Easter too.

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 <u>need to book here</u>. For more details <u>email Annie</u> or <u>see the poster here</u>.

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 ITY.

"Unstuck" on 28th February, 9am-Ipm: 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. <u>Poster is available here</u> 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 – <u>email</u> <u>Duncan here</u> for further details.

Commit to Reading the Bible aloud in 2020

Did you know that The Scottish Bible Society (<u>https://scottishbiblesociety.org/</u>) 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 <u>on the Bible</u> <u>2020 website</u> 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 <u>here</u>

OTHER NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: The Clergy Monthly Meeting is to be held on <u>Wednesday 19th February</u> and **NOT** Tuesday 18th as previously circulated.

St Mark's has a number of Mission Praise books which are available to anyone who wants them:

- o 17 Easy Read editions
- o 24 Normal words editions
- o I large print editions
- \circ 3 music editions

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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: <u>https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/vocation-and-ministry/sei/sei-newsletter/</u>

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Rev Andrew Taylor-Cook has been appointed as rector of St Peter's, Peebles and St Andrew's, Innerleithen

Rev Steve Butler is resigning as rector of St James the Less, Leith

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

CANON 35

The approvals recently were:

- Edinburgh Christ Church Consent to replace guttering with larger sections around the Ambulatory
- Edinburgh St Cuthbert's Temporary Consent (Experimental) to remove pews to create a Children's Area
- Edinburgh St Fillan's Consent to replace heating radiators in the Church Hall
 For information on the Canon 35 process and other buildings resources, please visit:
 <u>https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-buildings/</u>

DIARY							
Thursday 6 th February	Diocesan Standing Committee meets today						
Tuesday 18 th February	Institution of Stephen Holmes as Rector of Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains						
Saturday 22 nd February	The Lambeth Conference , Holy Trinity Church, Haddington						
23 rd February	Bishop will preside and preach at St Peter's, Musselburgh						
I st March	Bishop will preside and preach at St Mark's, Portobello						
6 th -8 th March	Bishop John's visitation to Selkirk.						
	Advance Notices						
Spring Diocesan Synod	Saturday 14 th March 2020 at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh						

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2019/20								
	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn	
1.01	St Mary's Cathedral		6 Jan 20	6 Jan 20	24 Jan 20	23 Dec 19	10 Dec 19	
1.02	BALERNO St Mungo's		29 Jan 20	29 Jan 20	16 Jan 20	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				4 Feb 20		3 Feb 20	
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 Feb 20	3 Feb 20	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	3 Feb 20	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	22 Jan 20	
1.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		12 Dec 19	14 Jan 20	11 Dec 19	12 Dec 19	24 Jan 20	
1.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle				3 Dec 19	2 Dec 19	3 Jan 20	
1.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton		30 Jan 20	22 Jan 20	5 Dec 19	3 Dec 19	9 Jan 20	
1.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		21 Jan 20	21 Jan 20	23 Jan 20	20 Dec 19	23 Jan 20	
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		28 Jan 20		6 Jan 20	
1.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street	28/01/2020		28 Jan 20		29 Nov 19		
1.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road					8 Dec 19		
1.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello		3 Feb 20	3 Feb 20	5 Dec 19	29 Nov 19	6 Dec 19	
1.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		24 Jan 20	24 Jan 20	13 Jan 20	29 Nov 19	13 Jan 20	
1.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19	4 Feb 20	3 Feb 20	19 Jan 20	
1.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		20 Dec 19	22 Jan 20	8 Dec 19	7 Dec 19	12 Dec 19	
1.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				29 Jan 20	11 Dec 19	29 Jan 20	
1.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place		7 Jan 20	7 Jan 20		3 Feb 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	26 Jan 20	
1.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		20 Dec 19	20 Dec 19	27 Dec 19	27 Dec 19	24 Jan 20	

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1.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's					22 Nov 19	12 Dec 19
1.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		3 Feb 20	3 Feb 20	27 Jan 20	23 Jan 20	26 Jan 20
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					3 Feb 20	3 Feb 20
1.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		7 Jan 20	7 Jan 20	4 Feb 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	4 Feb 20
1.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		18 Dec 19	18 Dec 19	30 Jan 20	30 Jan 20	21 Jan 20
1.43	KELSO, St Andrew				18 Dec 19	26 Nov 19	18 Dec 19
1.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,		28 Jan 20	28 Jan 20	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	3 Feb 20
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		17 Jan 20	17 Jan 20			28 Oct 19
1.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,		5 Feb 20	5 Feb 20	5 Feb 20	4 Jan 20	30 Dec 19
1.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		6 Dec 19	6 Dec 19	29 Jan 20	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	27 Jan 20	24 Jan 20	23 Jan 20
1.54	SELKIRK St John's			23 Jan 20	2 Dec 19	3 Dec 19	4 Dec 19
1.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary of Mount Carmel			27 Jan 20	30 Jan 20	27 Jan 20	27 Jan 20
1.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's				26 Jan 20	18 Jan 20	27 Jan 20
1.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed					30 Jan 20	22 Jan 20
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			53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate		O 62%	0 60%	• 74%	92%	91%
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EVENTS

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.



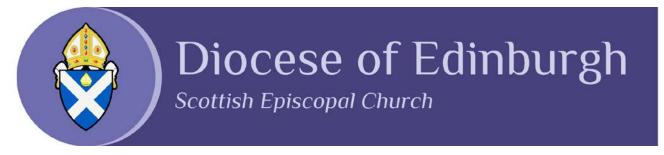
The Open Door aims to reduce isolation and loneliness by providing care, love, friendship, support, inclusion and a sense of community.

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.



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Administrative Assistant (Finance & Management)

15 hours per week (days & times negotiable) Gross Salary (incremental) £7,020 per annum (£17,550 f.t.e.) Includes a non-contributory pension.

We are seeking to appoint an Administrative Assistant to support the finance and management work in the Diocese of Edinburgh, and to help us be the voice and face of welcome to the wider diocese. You will work very closely with the Diocesan Administrator and help to make sure both he and the Diocesan Secretary are able to use their time as efficiently as possible.

The Diocesan Office has a small and very friendly team of staff in a pleasant office very close to Haymarket, and strive to provide a sociable environment to get our work done. We are therefore very keen to get the right personality in the role to work within our team, as well as finding someone with the right skills. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job before applying you are very welcome to call Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, on 0131 538 7033.



We are looking for someone with:

- A professional but friendly approach to work, and willingness to work flexibly in a team
- Strong administrative and organisational abilities
- Ability to work independently and flexibly
- Good written verbal communication skills
- Computer skills use of MS Office suite (or equivalent) to a basic level
- Prior experience in an administration role

All staff are fully supported and developed through our Annual Review process.

Deadline for applications: Noon on Monday 17 February 2020

Interviews will be held during the week commencing 24 February (date tbc)

Download the application pack from https://edinburgh.anglican.org/vacancies-2/



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 <u>here</u>

All enquiries to <u>mission@dioceseofedinburgh.org</u> Or call Annie on 0131 538 7033



Preaching Women Gender, Power and the Pulpit

An evening exploring the gifts and insights women preachers can bring to the pulpit

Thursday 20 February, 7.30pm to 9.30pm Venue: Daysix, 4-8 Lady Lawson Street, Edinburgh Tickets: £5 from bit.ly/PreachingWomen

Led by Liz Shercliff, author of Preaching Women: Gender, Power and the Pulpit (SCM 2019)

The ticket price includes drinks and canapés, and you can buy Preaching Women: Gender and Power at the discounted price of £15 (RRP £16.99)

In partnership with Cornerstone Bookshop



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 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.





St Peter's looks forward to the third and final phase of work this year: getting the hall up to the same warm welcoming standard as the rest of the building.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH & HALL

Other churches are welcome to come and visit the new building and learn about St Peter's experiences. For more information contact Laura Bird development@stpetersedinburgh.org

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

'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!"

Exploring Spiritual Abuse

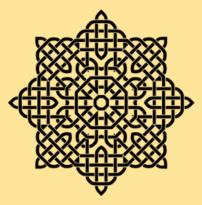
Saturday 25th April 1.30 - 4pm

Held at St Columba's by the Castle, Johnstone Terrace

What is spiritual abuse?

What are the key characteristics that lie behind this difficult label? And what impact does the experience of spiritual abuse have on people's lives?

Through input from current research, small group discussion and plenary, this workshop will help 'soul care practitioners' to consider the definitions and implications of these questions for their work. Brief pointers may be given for accompanying those who have experienced abuse, but the main emphasis will be on what we need to be aware of as we hold safe, sacred space for others. This event is open to faith leaders, spiritual directors, and therapists etc, particularly those working in 1:1 or small group settings. Suitable as a CPD event, certificates are available on request.



Facilitator, Anne Solomon is an experienced spiritual director and supervisor working in Cheltenham. Also a Chartered Psychologist with an MA in Religion and Society, and Divinity awards, she works and writes within the fruitful dialogue between spirituality and psychology. She tutors on the ecumenical two year Gloucestershire spiritual direction training course, supports other formation programmes and runs workshops for experienced spiritual accompaniers.

Bookings £25 (£10) via: <u>https://spiritualabuse.brownpapertickets.com</u>

www.reflectivespaces.org.uk/soul-care-workshops

elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk

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):



Ways of Praying Course 21st May to 18th June 2020

This short course explores prayer for anyone seeking a prayer life that touches the inner core based on an awareness of self in relationship with God

We meet weekly 7pm until 9pm at St Salvador's, 61 Saughton Mains Street, Edinburgh, EH11 3QX (see website for directions) from Thursday 21st May to 18th June.

A suggested donation for the course would be £100 but we would not want cost to be a barrier to anyone taking part.

Numbers are limited so please sign up as soon as you can. Facilitated by Sharon Laidlaw and Duncan Hughes of the Epiphany Group.

For further details and to book: dghughesssc@gmail.com