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DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS



Diocesan synod – 14th March 2020

The agenda and papers have been posted to all VOTING 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

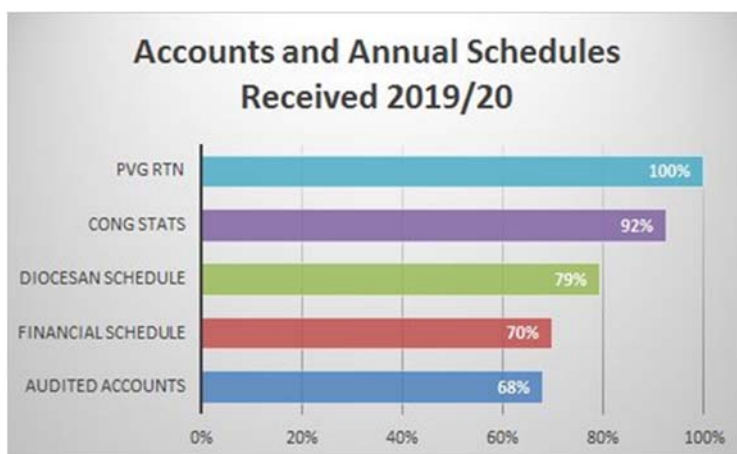
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Annual Forms

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 are now all in, but we are still missing 4 sets of Congregational Statistics (which should have been done back in Advent) and 11 Diocesan Schedules.

We do need to know any changes to office holders, particularly Lay Reps, as we have now sent them Synod Agendas and, last year, we posted them to several people who had stepped down. Thank you very much for doing these, though. Once a year!



NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

Child Poverty Grants

How might your church help alleviate child poverty in your local community? After a discussion at General Synod 2018 there was a clear suggestion that the Scottish Episcopal Church should be proactive and set up its own grant scheme to provide financial assistance for church projects which engage with and address child poverty in Scotland. The SEC has now initiated a programme which will provide **grants of up to £5,000 for a pilot period of 1 year** for congregational programmes specifically focussed on the alleviation of the effects of Child Poverty. For further information contact Miriam Weibye, SEC Church Relations Officer, at churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org or on 0131 225 6357.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK:

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](#)



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

PLEASE NOTE: Advice and guidance regarding the Coronavirus (COVID 19) has been issued within the Church of England, and can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes>. Medical advice has been taken which confirms that it would be appropriate for clergy within the Scottish Episcopal Church to follow this advice issued to Church of England clergy.

St Margaret's, Easter Road has a harmonium going *free* to a good home. Must be collected. Details of it are as follows:

Bell Organ & Piano Co Ltd

Guelph Canada

The retailer was Methuen, Simpson & Co 83 Princes St.

For more information, contact p.connor@waitrose.com.

Fairmilehead Parish Church have 210 copies of this hymn book, *Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New*, available to a good home. Contact normastorm55@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



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

- 17 Easy Read editions
- 24 Normal words editions
- 1 large print editions
- 3 music editions

Contact churchoffice@stmarksportobello.org for more information

DIARY

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| Saturday 22nd February | Lambeth Day Conference at Holy Trinity Church, Haddington |
| 23rd February | Bishop will preside and preach at St Peter's, Musselburgh |
| 1st March | Bishop will preside and preach at St Mark's, Portobello |
| 6th-8th March | Bishop John's visitation to Selkirk. |
| 14th March | DIOCESAN SYNOD |
| Advance Notices | |
| 6th April | Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral |
| 6th May | CMD Conference, St Mark's Portobello |

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Revd Nick Wills has been appointed as rector of St Peter's, Lutton Place

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:

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

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2019/20

19/02/2020

| | 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 | | 15 Feb 20 | 15 Feb 20 | | 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 | 7 Feb 20 | 29 Nov 19 | 2 Dec 19 | 5 Feb 20 |
| 1.14 | EDINBURGH Old St Paul's | | | | 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 | 6 Feb 20 | 12 Dec 19 | 19 Dec 19 |
| 1.21 | EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith | | 18 Nov 19 | 16 Jan 20 | 28 Jan 20 | 5 Feb 20 | 6 Jan 20 |
| 1.22 | EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street | 28/01/2020 | | 28 Jan 20 | | 29 Nov 19 | 14 Feb 20 |
| 1.23 | EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road | | | | 11 Feb 20 | 8 Dec 19 | 12 Feb 20 |
| 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 | 5 Feb 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 | 11 Feb 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, | | | 10 Feb 20 | | 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 | | 10 Feb 20 | 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 | | 7 Jan 20 | 7 Jan 20 | 26 Jan 20 | 18 Jan 20 | 27 Jan 20 |
| 1.57 | EDINBURGH Mustard Seed | | | | | 30 Jan 20 | 22 Jan 20 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 53 | | | 36 | 37 | 42 | 49 | 53 |
| | | | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 |
| | Return Rate | | 68% | 70% | 79% | 92% | 100% |
| | Outstanding | | 17 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 0 |

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.

THE EDINBURGH PASSION

"LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"

Do you want to see churches across the city open their doors, welcoming the city in?

Cutting Edge Theatre is producing a large scale community wide project, telling the Easter story in "real time" over the Easter weekend. It aims to be 63 continuous hours of artistic expression of the story. We need your help! Here are some ways you can be involved:

1. Sign up to be one of the places of worship that opens their door for an hour of silence on the Saturday 6pm. April 11th. We are encouraging churches simply to open their doors so that people can come in and just quietly sit without worrying if they will have to do anything. It's not a service. You could put on tea/coffee. Could be for people who have been bereaved or simply for those who just want 5 minutes peace. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER - 28th February.**

2. We need people to be part of the community cast - no experience needed. Just turn up to rehearsals which are every Thursday evening, 7pm at Edinburgh Elim Church, 18 Morningside Road. EH10 4DB. **We desperately need people for this.**

3. We need volunteers to help steward at different events. People can sign up/express interest by emailing hello@edinburghpassion.com

4. There will be a number of informal walks:

- the walk to the cross on the Friday [venue to be confirmed]
- the walk to Easter Road Stadium on the Sunday

These cannot be city wide walks so we are simply encouraging groups and churches to walk to these venues.

5. VOLUNTEERS

We will need all the help we can get! People can volunteer to be part of the co-ordinating team which works on the logistics, fundraising, practical help.

6. PRAY

We really need your prayers. It is getting increasingly challenging to be able to tell the Christian story publicly. We want this to be an amazing event that is for EVERYONE!

The website is www.edinburghpassion.com

If you need more information, contact Suzanne through hello@edinburghpassion.com



**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

Exploring Spiritual Abuse

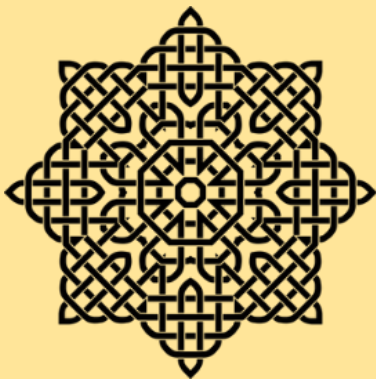
Saturday 25th April 1.30 - 4pm

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:

<https://spiritualabuse.brownpapertickets.com>

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

elizabeth@reflectivespaces.org.uk

St Margaret's Church, Easter Road



The Bible and History - a five-week Lent course

Mondays at 7pm from March 2nd

Revd Colin Hodgetts MBE

To what extent is the Bible a historical document?

If people and events are not historical what are they?

The **historicity of the Bible** is the question of the Bible's "acceptability as a history". Is the Christian New Testament an accurate record of the historical Jesus and the Apostolic Age?

We will examine the importance ascribed to events by the authors, and the contrast between the descriptions of these events and other historical evidence.

"Archaeological discoveries since the 19th century are open to interpretation, but largely do not lend any support for the Old Testament's narratives as history, and offer evidence that some stories are mythical." (Wikipedia)

In the 1970s Colin Hodgetts was chaplain/warden of the Othona Community, Essex, where he led an exploration of forms of worship that resulted in *Exploring Worship – a group study guide* (Mowbrays)

Since the 1980s he has run many Lent and Advent courses in the diocese of Exeter.

Vacancy for a part-time Play Worker for a successful Parent & Toddler Group



An exciting opportunity has become available for an experienced, committed Play Worker to join the team at our Baby & Toddler Group, at St Margaret's Episcopal Church, Easter Road. The group attracts families from diverse cultures and backgrounds. The successful candidate will work to develop creative play & activities with children, and provide supportive listening to parents/carers.

At St Margaret's we pride ourselves on offering interesting, educational play opportunities for children and support for parents/carers. A wide range of play resources and activities enable children to grow and learn, gain confidence, and develop social skills. We are looking for someone who is sympathetic to our Christian ethos.

We offer:

- * Competitive Salary of £10 per hour, for an average 9 hours per week
- * Ongoing support by a member of the team
- * An opportunity to make a real difference to the community

The appointment will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure under the PVG scheme. Core working hours are Monday and Wednesday mornings, from 9.15-11.45. This job is funded by the Calton Youth Ministry Trust for 3 years.

For a full job description, please email Lynda Anderson: butterflying9@aol.com To apply, please email your CV and a covering letter to Lynda.

Applications close 6pm on Friday 28th February, with an expected interview date of Wednesday March 18th 2020.



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):



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





REFRESH FAMILY RETREAT

SAT 1ST AUGUST
—
WEDS 5TH AUGUST

Our all-inclusive four-night break with activities for whole family! Disconnect from technology, connect with each other and meet like-minded families.

What's included?

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Space to unwind
- Age-specific devotional times
- Family-friendly activity programme

For more information visit
rockuk.org/centres/whithaugh-park/refresh-family-retreat/



From **£50** pp - **£149** pp,
depending on age.

Prices are based on shared lodges. Private lodges are available, please get in touch for a price.

HOW TO BOOK

Simply call us on **013873 75394** or email whithaugh@rockuk.org or make a booking enquiry online.





Responding to the Sacred: Gender & Liturgy in Conversation

A two day conference bringing together liturgists and theologians, activists and academics to discuss directions for liturgical revision.

Speakers include Dr Bridget Nichols, Professor Lisa Isherwood, Dr Bill Paterson and Dr Armand Léon Van Ommen.

12pm Friday 29th - 4pm Saturday
30th May

Iris Murdoch Suite
University of Stirling

For more information and to
purchase tickets visit:

[www.genderandliturgyconference.
eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.genderandliturgyconference.eventbrite.co.uk)



For various reasons, *The Scottish Association of Retired Anglican Clergy* (SARAC) is not as widely known as it might be and the purpose of this article is to highlight some of the aims of SARAC. SARAC is open to all retired clergy, stipendiary and non-stipendiary. Promoting fellowship among retired clergy has been a primary aim of SARAC since its foundation in 2009. This has proved to be a much-valued feature of our life as a welcoming association. Prayer is our beating heart.

- SARAC offers prayerful fellowship
- SARAC offers support and encouragement
- SARAC offers intellectual and spiritual stimulus
- SARAC offers social interaction and activity
- SARAC offers resources to the Church at large

SARAC *Occasional Papers*, which are published to the membership regularly, provide the intellectual stimulus and enlightenment that can inform our preaching and pastoral ministry. A recent example was written specially for SARAC by Bishop Anne, with the benefit of her considerable knowledge of art and well-known paintings.

For spiritual support, our annual Residential Retreat at Kinnoull Monastery in Perth, with its beautiful surroundings and space for quiet meditation, offers a haven of renewal and refreshment within a liturgical framework. And, the pleasant accommodation is superbly complemented by the wonderful and plentiful food!

Social activity does not play a huge part in the life of SARAC, but such outings as have been enjoyed have taken us to Pitlochry for some old favourites of theatrical comedy and a hearty meal together at the Festival Theatre.

As can no doubt be imagined, within the fellowship of SARAC there is a wealth of knowledge and experience across the membership. This represents a true cornucopia of resources for a wide range of projects within the SEC which is there for the asking throughout the Province. Our President is the Primus (Most Rev Mark Strange) and he has recently undertaken to share within the College of Bishops his appreciation of the value and potential of this “human resource”.

I will gladly send a copy of our *Introductory Leaflet* to anyone who would like to know more, and will reply to any comments, enquiries or requests sent to me.

Kenneth D. Gordon

Chairman of SARAC

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Tel: 01330 810260

Mob: 07715 169548

Local contact Bill Elliot

BillE157@aol.com

0131 663 1369

'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!"



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