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Scottish Episcopal Church

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DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS



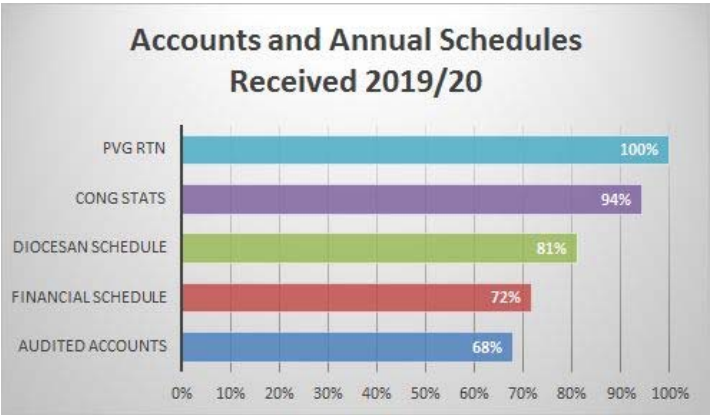
News from 21A...

We are pleased to say that, following interviews last week, we have appointed **David Lewis** as our new Admin Assistant (Finance & Management), who will start with us on 30th March. The Admin Assistant (Mission & Ministry) post is remaining vacant for the moment, but **Caroline Hare** is in the office for a few hours on a Monday & Thursday on a voluntary basis to help out, which is hugely appreciated.

Annual Forms

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. We are still missing several Diocesan Schedules, but we are therefore assuming there have been no changes to

Vestry personnel in those charges, and no insurance or property changes. Thank you very much for doing these, though.



Diocesan Synod

There are still vacancies for General Synod members and, at the time of writing, we only have one nomination – for the House of Clergy. The vacancies are shown in your Synod papers, and nomination forms are on the website at: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/> The deadline for nominations is **THIS FRIDAY (6th)**.

NOTICES

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP'S ENABLER OF MISSION

The last three and a half years it has been a privilege to serve the people of this Diocese as Bishop's Enabler of Mission, and it is with great sadness that I finish my work this Friday, having been made redundant. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have journeyed with me along the way. I have made many friends and have tried to be faithful to the One who called me here. Please pray for me as I look for a new life, job and house.

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.

SEI Newsletter

The next edition of the 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/>

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.



DIARY	
4th-5th March	Bishop John attends the Provincial Faith & Order Board meeting at Kinnoull
8th March	Bishop John visits St John's Selkirk (am) and meets Church Together in Selkirk (pm)
14th March	DIOCESAN SYNOD
17th March	Mission & Ministry Committee meets
Advance Notices	
6th April	Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral
6th May	CMD Conference, St Mark's Portobello

CHANGES & APPOINTMENTS

Revd Annie Naish finishes work as the Bishop's Enabler of Mission on Sunday 8th March

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/>

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.

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2019/20

03/03/2020

	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	NO RETURN	3 Feb 20
1.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls				NO RETURN	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	NO RETURN	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	NO RETURN	29 Nov 19
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	NO RETURN	3 Feb 20	16 Jan 20
1.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James				NO RETURN	NO RETURN	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				NO RETURN	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				NO RETURN	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	27 Feb 20	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				NO RETURN	7 Jan 20	3 Feb 20
1.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		17 Jan 20	17 Jan 20	24 Feb 20	2 Mar 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	NO RETURN	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				NO RETURN	30 Jan 20	22 Jan 20
53			36	38	43	50	53
			53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate		68%	72%	81%	94%	100%
	Outstanding		17	15	10	3	0



Due to retirement, WPCS is looking to recruit a National Director who will have an exciting opportunity to build on the organisation's transformative and transitional journey which ensures the continuation of its vital and relevant work in supporting and encouraging the wellbeing of our Scottish workplaces.

Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland currently provides chaplaincy services to some 2000 workplaces across Scotland. It is a Christian organisation working with all denominations and with excellent relations with most other faith groups. Every day our dedicated team of Chaplains provide spiritual and pastoral support to workers regardless of race, gender, faith, ethnicity or political ideology. We work with Churches, charities, emergency services, local authorities and businesses large and small. We offer an independent caring presence as well as training and guidance to build wellbeing within individuals and organisations.

This person will have a diverse range of business skills including income generation, strategic planning and ability to engage with a diverse range of workplaces and organisations to build partnerships and a sustainable future. An active Christian faith (this is a Genuine Occupational Requirement in terms of the Equality Act 2010) is required.

If you possess this right mix of skills and experience coupled with high levels of drive and enthusiasm, we look forward to receiving an application from you. For a job description and person specification please contact: info@wpcscotland.co.uk.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 20th March 2020

STRATHALLAN AND PERTSHIRE

Strathallan School is an independent boarding and day school for boys and girls in Scotland's scenic Perthshire. Its premises are available for hire during the holidays. The school has a 150-acre campus, which includes beautiful wooded grounds and a lake.

Sir Walter Scott is said to have described Perthshire as "the fairest portion" of Scotland. You are never far away from beautiful rivers, moors, mountains and lochs. Nearby visitor attractions include Scone Palace where Macbeth and Robert the Bruce were crowned and Loch Leven and its island where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned. Loch Leven's Larder has a great view of the Loch as well as a gift shop and restaurant, while just along the road in Bridge of Earn, there's the Roost Restaurant and coffee shop.

ACCOMMODATION

We will have sole occupancy of Thornbank Boarding House, as well as rooms in other buildings for group meetings and workshops. The dance on the last night will be held in the wood-panelled Music Hall. There is ample parking in the school grounds.



In the Boarding House there are toilet and shower facilities on each floor, and washbasins in all the bedrooms, some of which are on the ground floor. While bedding is provided, **please bring your own towel**. There is a common room and kitchens where tea, coffee and biscuits will be freely available. **NB There is a side entrance to the House which is on the flat, though some steps inside. We would make every effort to accommodate any mobility needs you may have. Please discuss these with us beforehand (see contact details below.)**

TRANSPORT

Strathallan is situated about 7 miles south of the city of Perth. Directions for travelling by road can be found on the School's website: www.strathallan.co.uk There are regular buses and trains to Perth from Edinburgh, Glasgow and the North and a very limited bus service from Perth city centre to Forgandenny. There are taxis for hire at the bus or train station.

THE COST

The cost which includes the Gathering Fee, Accommodation and Full Board is **£470** for BPF members and those currently attending BPF seminars or courses, and **£490** for non-members.

£30 REDUCTION IN FEE FOR ALL BOOKINGS RECEIVED BY 1ST MAY 2020

Please see Booking Form for details. Early booking is advisable and the FULL FEE MUST BE PAID BY 12TH JUNE 2020.

In special circumstances **Bursaries** may be available. Please contact Committee members James Wilson (07885618659) or Helen Alexander (0131 346 0685) for a confidential discussion. We invite donations to our Bursary Fund.

Further details about BPF can be
found on the website www.bridgepastoral.org.uk
Scottish Committee Chairperson's details: Helen Alexander
Tel: 0131 346 0685 E-mail: hjr.alexander7@gmail.com



Bridge Pastoral Foundation

Formerly The Clinical Theology Association

Scottish Residential Gathering 2020

**THE COURAGE TO BE
Becoming Real
Becoming Aware
Becoming Creative**

with

JIM COGLEY

Psychotherapist, writer, wood-turner

**Strathallan School
Forgandenny Perthshire PH2 9EG**

3pm Monday 13th – Lunchtime Friday 17th July 2020



BOOK SALE

at Nicolson Square

BOOKS NEEDED!

Please donate your good-quality
2nd-hand books

*The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church,
25 Nicolson Square, Edinburgh*

Our main book collections are on:

- **Friday 13 March** 1pm - 3pm
- **Sat 14 March** 10.30am - 2pm
Also a fundraising COFFEE MORNING
on this day!
- **Friday 17 April** 1pm - 3pm
- **Sat 18 April** 10am - 12 noon

The Book Sale will run from Sat 9 - Fri 15 May

The City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Sq, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX
0131 662 8635 | cemc.office@gmail.com

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



Discovering Medieval monastical rhythm over 52 hours in Hungary



(Through CEU & UofG student social media collaboration) PG-Student, Masters Adult Education project is coming to Hungary for a 52 hour event.

Step back in time to partake in a living history residential weekend, discover through an immersive experience Medieval monastic life.

<https://event.gg/14293>



Discovering Medieval monastical rhythm over 61 hours in Yorkshire



Step back in time to partake in a Christian living history residential weekend, discover through an immersive experience Medieval monastic life.

Living Faith - Living Communities - Living Creatively - Living History

<https://event.gg/14338>

SPEND 3 MONTHS IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

MONITORING HUMAN RIGHTS



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EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**


**FULL TRAINING
GIVEN**

**EXPENSES
COVERED**

**LIVING
ALLOWANCE**

EAPPI provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports local peace activists and advocates for an end to the military occupation of Palestine.

For more information visit:
www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi
Closing date: 24th April

 **EAPPI|UK & Ireland**

Exploring Spiritual Abuse

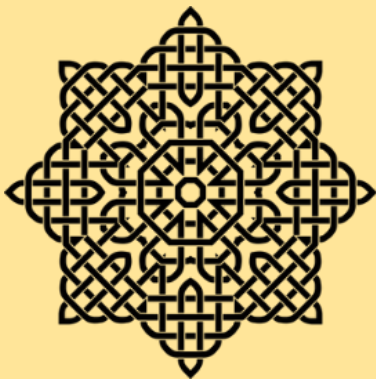
Saturday 25th April 1.30 - 4pm

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



Haydn: Te Deum
Beethoven: Choral Fantasy
Mozart: C Minor Mass

Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm
at St Cuthbert's Church,
5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH1 2EP

Sunday 22nd March, 7.30pm
at St Mary's Parish Church,
Haddington

Emma Morwood - *Soprano*
Ellen Mawhinney - *Soprano*
Matthew James McKinney - *Tenor*
Peter Silver - *Bass*
Richard Beauchamp - *Piano*

Stephen Doughty - *Conductor*

Tickets available from:
Choir members; Kesley's Bookshop,
Haddington; Garleton Singers website,
or at the door
adults £14, students £8,
school children £3

www.garletonsingers.co.uk

Scottish Registered Charity SC002500

Saturday

The Edinburgh
Easter Play
2020

"The
quintessential
one-off theatre
event"



The Scotsman

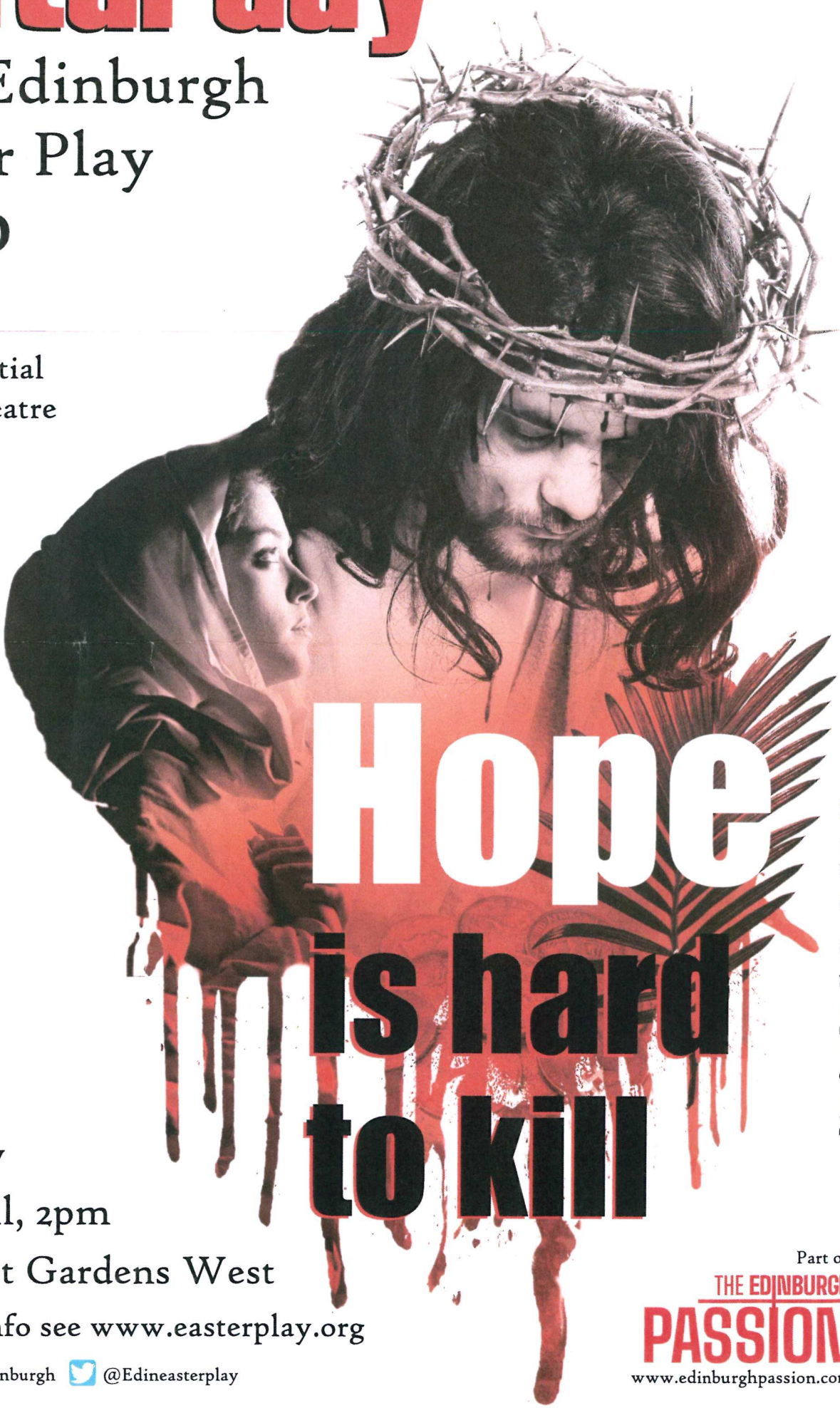
Free &
unticketed

Saturday
11th April, 2pm

Princes St Gardens West

For more info see www.easterplay.org

 Easter Play Edinburgh  @Edineasterplay



Hope
is hard
to kill

Princes Street Easter Play Trust Reg Charity SC 035933

Part of

THE EDINBURGH
PASSION

www.edinburghpassion.com

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.

Help us to secure our future



The Mission to Seafarers provides help and support to the 1.5 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat and provide all of us with goods which we use in our everyday lives, often not understanding the journey they took to arrive.

The Mission to Seafarers Scotland works throughout Scotland, caring for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs, through one full-time Chaplain and a band of ship-visiting

volunteers, providing them with practical, emotional and spiritual support.

We rely almost entirely on individual donations and periodic grants to carry out this support to our seafarers, but the reliance on this means it is very difficult to plan our work, from year to year. This is why we have launched the “**R U 1 in a 1000?**” campaign.

We are looking to build up 1,000 supporters, pledging just £10 per month. If we can achieve that, the future of our work will be both secure and sustainable for years to come. We know that many people have limited incomes but, **next time you buy a banana from a supermarket, or a shirt from a clothes shop, pause and think of the crewmen and women who helped to bring them across the seas to our shores.** Your £10 will bring them a supportive chaplain to talk to, who is not from their employer, it will help them call their loved ones back home, it will give them time off ship in our Seafarer’s Centre or a taxi ride into the nearest town. Welcome relief when you have been in the middle of the ocean for weeks at a time.

For more information, visit: <http://www.mtss.scot>



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

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To all Scottish church leaders.

We appreciate the interest many folk have taken in Street Pastors. To keep you up to speed this is an update and an invitation.



Update on developments

Areas : there are now over 650 Street Pastors operating in many towns and all cities except Dundee. The latest groups being set up this year are in Forres and Caithness with several other areas actively considering the possibility. Currently there are more requests from local authorities and police than we are able to fulfil.

Safe Spaces : some areas now work in partnership with other agencies to provide safe spaces, particularly at the office party season

Schools : some schools have school pastors operating, while other secondary schools have Street Pastors speaking to senior pupils about safety on the streets, tying in with schools' increasingly important health and wellbeing programme.

Rail : currently rail pastors operate in 4 lines

Major incidents : some 70 Street Pastors have had additional training to be available to be called out by emergency services as has happened at Grenfell Tower, Manchester arena, etc.

CEO : Chris Jewell has been appointed to succeed Sandy Scrimgeour who retires on 31 March.



We hear that some people think that Street Pastors drain resources from local congregations. Far from detracting from local congregations, Street Pastors work in partnership with them, providing training and experience which is of great value in the ongoing life and work of congregations. It is infectious operational in-service, teaching us to listen, help and care, and depend on God in prayer. The people we meet are the same shop assistants, tradesmen, professionals with whom Christians have contact 24x7 ! It helps praying folk realise that while mission is global it is also local!

And an INVITATION from Street Pastors



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Caring
Listening
Helping

We wish to invite members of your church to come out as observers - just contact your local Street Pastor group direct or "admin@ascensiontrustscotland.co.uk". Even if they do not wish to become Street Pastors it will help folk to pray for us.

With prayerful good wishes

Sandy

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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



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):