



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

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# LENT 2021

*“Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.”*

## Diocesan Synod - UPDATE

All Synod members should now have received the Synod agenda, nomination form and the vacancies needing to be filled. The Annual Reports and other papers will be issued in the next week or so. The deadline for nominations is **MIDDAY on MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**. Voting will open on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and details will be sent out/uploaded very soon. The agenda and the other papers can be found here:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-13-march-2021/>

The Synod Eucharist will be streamed on Zoom from St Mary's Cathedral, led by the Provost and Vice Provost. Just to re-confirm the details published last week:

- The meeting will use the Zoom software, in the same way as used for General Synod last year
- The Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Secretary will chair the meeting as normal, probably from a common location, but safely distanced
- We have planned a number of breaks within the meeting, to break up looking at a screen for a long period of time
- Papers and documents will be uploaded to the webpage (above)

We have engaged Sanctus Media to help us host the meeting online. Sanctus Media were responsible for hosting the General Synod last year, and they also handle all the technical aspects for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



We are aware that some people may be daunted by using Zoom, so we will provide some online resources in advance and brief training at the start of the meeting on how to vote on the usual Motions and how to ask to speak etc. There also will be a live stream on our website. Although that live stream will not allow any interaction with the meeting, it will be an easy way for anyone to see and hear the proceedings. This will never be ideal, but I am sure nearly all of you have faced the same challenges with your vestry meetings and AGMs. We want to do all we can to make sure that no Synod members feel excluded.

*The (online) Synod Eucharist will be streamed from St Mary's Cathedral*

*Simon Filsell*  
**Secretary to Diocesan Synod**

# DIARY

**This Sunday Bishop John presides at the SEC Provincial Service (online)**

## MEETINGS

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> March** Buildings Committee

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March** Finance & Management Committee

## FORWARD DATES

**Diocesan Synod** 8:30am onwards, Sat 13 March (to be held online)

# NOTICES

## COVID-19: UPDATED GUIDANCE

The most up-to-date guidance regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for the Scottish Episcopal Church can be found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>. The Pastoral Guidelines, along with a set of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) can be found on that page.

**Please familiarise yourself with this guidance to minimise risk to yourself and others.**

*The pandemic situation is constantly changing, and the SEC guidelines continue to evolve in response to it. We encourage you to check the guidance webpage frequently, to ensure you are up to date with the latest guidelines and developments of the situation.*

## HELPFUL LINKS

The Diocesan website has a **list of online resources** that may be of use at this time, and a **list of churches** in the Diocese offering online worship. These can be viewed at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/coronavirus-resources/>

The latest Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Revd Canon Malcolm Round will be retiring from his position of Rector at St Mungo's, Balerno in February.

Revd Ollie Clegg has been appointed as the new Rector of St Mungo's from 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be welcomed on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the church's online worship.

Revd Jane MacLaren will be instituted as Rector of St Philip's and St James' on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

# NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANTS FOR HERITAGE

**National Lottery Grants for Heritage have now re-opened.** Details are available at <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-2021-> and we have put the link on our website at <https://www.hrballiance.org.uk/resources/funding/>. You are strongly advised to read the guidance carefully and seek advice before applying.

## Purpose

Grants are to support the heritage sector to strengthen its recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the medium term and to build back for positive change across the UK's heritage. The scheme supports a broad range of heritage projects and activities.

## Size of grants

Three levels of grants are available:

- from £3,000 to £10,000
- from £10,000 to £250,000
- from £250,000 to £5 million

**Historic Religious  
Buildings Alliance**  
*a group within the Heritage Alliance*

*Trevor Cooper*

**Chair, Historic Religious Buildings Alliance**

[hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk)

# PRINCES STREET EASTER PLAY

The Princes Street Easter Play project is happening this April! The Glastonbury Festival may have been cancelled. Even the Tokyo Olympics is in doubt. It looks certain that a live performance in Princes Street Gardens is not feasible, so the Play will be going digital, like many other theatre productions.

Easter Weekend this year is in early April (2nd-4th) and we're going to make an audio recording of the play "**Saturday**", which we had to cancel last year. It's a completely new script, which explores what the disciples of Jesus were feeling and doing as well as the dangers they faced, during the Saturday between Jesus' Crucifixion on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It includes a number of scenes from the Gospel stories as the disciples remember their Master's life and actions.

We are also planning to make **video recordings of several one-person scenes**, featuring characters we know from the Gospels, such as the healed leper, Pilate's wife and the Centurion at the Cross. Sam Rowe, our new actor playing the part of Jesus will be with us and we look forward to a great performance from him.

The production will be available on our website, [www.easterplay.org](http://www.easterplay.org) (this is currently being redesigned, but the address will remain the same). It will also be extensively promoted on social media. More details will be available soon.

Please pray for the actors, our director Suzanne Lofthus and the trustees as we firm up plans and press ahead in hope and faith. Your interest is much appreciated and we hope that you'll be able to encourage your people to watch, listen and be enriched in this way.

*Mike Frew*

**Chair of the Easter Play Trust**



# FROM THE BISHOP

## BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2021

Like so much else, our Lent Appeal this year must take account of the pandemic.

Many congregations are responding generously to local need, such as foodbanks and support services for the lonely and the anxious and I hope this will continue into Lent and beyond. My concern is that this focus on the local and personal, on simply getting through the crisis, takes our attention away from pressing needs in other parts of the world, where there is no NHS, no benefits safety-net and where life is constrained by poverty. Hence my proposal that this year we support a single, outward-looking cause.

The ***Together in Unity Appeal*** was set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities across the Anglican Communion. At a time when the UK government has, disappointingly, decided to cut international aid this provides an opportunity for us to reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers, our neighbours in this small world, whom Jesus calls us to love as we love ourselves.

I know there is less money around this year but I would ask you to be generous. Perhaps we might see our giving as an expression of gratitude for the blessings that we so easily take for granted.

+John

**‘How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!’ Psalm 133.1**

The Anglican Communion Fund has already begun responding to COVID related needs, allocating over £180,000 across 21 provinces of the Communion. We are supporting the Church in its ministry, providing food relief to the vulnerable, communicating ways of staying safe from the virus, and providing handwashing facilities and PPE. In the South Sudanese Diocese of Maridi, an ACF grant provided food items, soaps and seeds to over 200 pastors and lay-readers and provided bicycles and hand microphones for pastors to carry prevention messages into remote areas. Speaking of the support, Bishop Moses Zungo said, “You held our hand during our most trying moments.”



**[DONATE HERE](#)\***

*Please use the reference DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH*

*To donate via BACS please give to: Friends of ACF / Account no. 00030397 / Sort code 40-52-40*

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\* [https://www.give.net/Together\\_In\\_Unity/oneoff](https://www.give.net/Together_In_Unity/oneoff)

# EVENTS

## COMEDY NIGHT

Diocesan International Committee



On **March the 1st at 1900** my dear friend Augustin Dennis who is a stand-up Comedian – and a stand-up guy – will be performing a set on Zoom. Augustin will be talking about Ghana and Covid, as well as his comedian's set.

You can join in by sending an email to [timtunley@hotmail.com](mailto:timtunley@hotmail.com). The event is **free**; however, if you want you can contribute to the Bishop of Edinburgh's [Lent Appeal](#) in response to the set. We look forward to seeing you there.

This has been arranged by the International Committee.

*Tim Tunley*

**International Committee Convenor**



Augustin Dennis is a Ghanaian Stand-up Comedian who has been entertaining comedy crowds touring across Europe, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cambodia and back home in his native Ghana. Since returning to Ghana, he has produced his hour-long show '**BANNED**' which received critical acclaim.

**AUGUSTIN**  
D E N N I S  
COMEDIAN

Augustin Dennis has already made history as the **First African** and **Only Ghanaian** to storm his way through the Asian comedy scene, headlining shows in Singapore and Malaysia- mesmerizing audiences with his colorful stories about Africa.

Augustin Dennis has performed alongside acts like **Tommy Dean** (AUS), **Francesca Martinez** (UK), **Pete Johannson** (CAN), **Papa CJ** (IND), **Kavin Jay** (MY) **Fakkah Fazz** (SG), **Basket Mouth** (NIG), **Jonathan Atherton** (AUS) and **Matt Price** (UK) among others.

Augustin Dennis has also been featured on '**African Voices**' on **Deutsche Welle** (DW) Radio - a German media house, **The KSM Show** and a host of Radio and Television appearances both Internationally and locally .

**AUGUSTIN**  
D E N N I S  
COMEDIAN



Taken the Kuala Lumpur Comedy scene by storm  
- **TIMEOUT KL Magazine**

Augustin Dennis is a very exciting comedian-one  
who delivers comedy with a lot of boldness  
- **KSM**

Augustin Dennis delivers comedy with the crack  
of the whip. One you can't just ignore. A vivid  
tale with unsuspecting turns.  
- **RIZAL KAMAL**  
Founder & CEO, LOL Events Sdn Bhd - Malaysia

**AUGUSTIN**  
D E N N I S  
COMEDIAN



# CHANGE IN A TIME OF CHAOS

A St Columba's-by-the-Castle Science and Faith Series

To help us all navigate the key issue of our time, St Columba's-by-the-Castle is hosting [Change in a Time of Chaos](#). This series of online talks focussed on climate change takes place in the run up to COP26 in November 2021. Speakers from a variety of disciplines will join us to stimulate thought, discussion—and change—as we consider the most urgent issue facing our planet.

## **Third Lecture**

**Wednesday 3 March 2021, 7.30-8.30pm**

By Dr Rachel Howell, Lecturer in Sustainable Development at the University of Edinburgh.

## **Carbon Cutter or Climate Marcher? Personal and Political Action on Climate Change**

A large majority of people in Scotland (79%) think climate change is an “immediate and urgent problem” (Ipsos MORI survey, October 2020). Why doesn't that concern translate into more action? If we want to take action, what's going to make the biggest difference? Is it best to focus on political change, or personal behaviour change? Can an individual have any effect? And what about the current situation: has covid actually been good news for the environment/climate change? These are some of the questions Rachel Howell will consider. There will also be plenty of time for you to contribute your own questions and thoughts.

## **Registration**

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Adrkim5eQ3u93TuNisbuRQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Adrkim5eQ3u93TuNisbuRQ)

Please register and invite others within your networks. Further lectures still to come in this 'Change in a Time of Chaos' series throughout 2021.



## QUESTIONS OF OUR TIMES

### Christian Evidence Society



The CES's latest series, entitled 'Questions of our Times', includes five free-to-view webinars, which open up the challenges of fake news, Covid-19, race inequality, climate emergency and unanswered prayer. The webinars conclude on 23 March with crossbench peer and former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams addressing prayer and spirituality under the title, 'Is God really listening?'

'Questions of our Times' is presented by the Christian Evidence Society, which exists to make the case for faith in the modern world. The evening webinars will be hosted by the society's vice-chair and former editor of The Salvation Army's weekly magazine, *The War Cry*, Major Nigel Bovey.

'The Christian Evidence Society is an inter-denominational Christian trust that promotes the evidence for the credibility of Christianity,' says the society's chair, the Revd Canon Edward Carter. 'With the coronavirus having such a huge effect, I hope this timely series of topical conversations will help people consider some of the fundamental questions of our times.'

The webinars mark the 150th anniversary of the society, which was founded in 1870 with a public lecture series, responding to the challenges of the times. This 2021 series has been made possible with the support of the Montgomery Trust.

Limited free tickets for the events are available through Eventbrite: <http://christian-evidence.eventbrite.com>

Full details are available on the Christian Evidence website: <https://christianevidence.org>

#### **Questions of our Times speakers and topics:**

**23 February 2021** – Truth: In a world of fake news, who can we trust? The Revd Jonathan Aitken, Prison Chaplain HMP Pentonville

**2 March 2021** – Health: How can I find wholeness in a broken world? The Revd Dr Gillian Straine, Director at The Guild of Health and St Raphael

**9 March 2021** – Race: Which lives matter? The Revd Joel Edwards CBE, Director of Advocacy at Christian Solidarity Worldwide

**16 March 2021** – The Environment: Can the future ever be green? Professor Mike Hulme, Professor of Human Geography, Cambridge University

**23 March 2021** – Prayer and Spirituality: Is God really listening? the Revd Dr Lord Williams of Oystermouth, Honorary Professor of Contemporary Christian Thought, Cambridge University

All webinars begin at 8pm and last for one hour.

The Montgomery Trust, which is supporting the webinars, promotes public lectures in apologetics: <https://montgomerytrust.org.uk>

For further information contact the Revd Canon Edward Carter, available for interview: [revdedward.carter@googlemail.com](mailto:revdedward.carter@googlemail.com)

# VACANCIES

## PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

### St Martin of Tours

[www.stmartinsedinburgh.org.uk](http://www.stmartinsedinburgh.org.uk)

**A half-time position.**

**Remuneration: 50% of Scottish Episcopal Church Standard Clergy Stipend and 50% pensions contributions.**

**Four-bedroom Rectory in good location close to city centre.**



Based in Edinburgh city centre, we are an inclusive, welcoming and resourceful congregation, deeply committed to serving our wider community. We are seeking a collaborative priest who will nourish and enable us to continue our mission.

For more information or an informal discussion please contact The Very Reverend Frances Burberry (Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh) on: 0131 315 0404 or e-mail: [dean@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:dean@dioceseofedinburgh.org).

Congregational profile, including person specification, and application form are on the St Martin of Tours website.

The appointment is subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record Disclosure (Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007).

**Closing date: 12th March 2021**

**Interview date: 9th April 2021** (This may be a Zoom interview)

Registered Charity Number SC011137



**St Michael and all Saints' Church  
28 Brougham Street, Tollcross  
Edinburgh  
EH3 9JH**

## **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND CHOIR DIRECTOR St Michael and all Saints' Church**

- We are seeking a new Director of Music to direct our choir, and work with our team of organists, to maintain and develop the music in our church
- The 11.00am High Mass on Sundays is the focus of our worship, with choir rehearsal at 9.30am. The choir has a wide range of Mass settings and anthems in its repertoire
- The voluntary choir varies in size from around 6 to 18 singers on normal Sundays, and more when orchestral and festival masses are celebrated
- St Michael and All Saints is in the high Anglo-Catholic tradition with rich liturgy and music. There are additional services (Holy Week and at Advent and Christmas). Our Festival Masses in August form part of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The ethos is devout, flamboyant and inclusive.
- We invite indications of interest and conversation prior to interview after the present Covid restrictions.

**For a job description and further details contact Fr Martin Robson.**

**[martinrobson42@gmail.com](mailto:martinrobson42@gmail.com) 0131 623 1179**

**The church's website is: [www.stmichaelandallsaints.org](http://www.stmichaelandallsaints.org)**

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2020/21							24/02/2021
	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
I.01	St Mary's Cathedral		1 Feb 21	1 Feb 21	20 Jan 21	7 Jan 21	21 Jan 21
I.02	BALERNO St Mungo's		29 Jan 21	29 Jan 21	25 Jan 21	8 Dec 20	22 Dec 20
I.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's		7 Jan 21	7 Jan 21	3 Dec 20	9 Dec 20	14 Jan 21
I.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's					18 Jan 21	
I.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		4 Dec 20	7 Dec 20	21 Jan 21	11 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
I.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's				14 Jan 21	14 Jan 21	14 Jan 21
I.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's		1 Feb 21	1 Feb 21	26 Nov 20	18 Jan 21	18 Jan 21
I.08	DUNBAR St Anne's		18 Dec 20	18 Dec 20	3 Jan 21	10 Jan 21	11 Jan 21
I.09	DUNS Christ Church		7 Dec 20	7 Dec 20	17 Dec 20	11 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
I.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		15 Jan 21	15 Jan 21	6 Jan 21	17 Dec 20	8 Jan 21
I.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield				4 Dec 20	26 Nov 20	19 Dec 20
I.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		21 Jan 21	21 Jan 21	8 Jan 21	26 Nov 20	20 Jan 21
I.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's					18 Jan 21	22 Dec 20
I.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		18 Jan 21	18 Jan 21	15 Jan 21	15 Jan 21	21 Jan 21
I.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle				9 Dec 20	10 Dec 20	22 Dec 20
I.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton		7 Dec 20		3 Dec 20	25 Nov 20	29 Dec 20
I.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		4 Dec 20	4 Dec 20	12 Dec 20	4 Dec 20	4 Feb 21
I.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		8 Dec 20	8 Dec 20	4 Feb 21	2 Dec 20	18 Dec 20
I.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		3 Dec 20	3 Dec 20	30 Jan 21	10 Jan 21	18 Jan 21



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I.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street	08/12/2020	6 Nov 20		27 Jan 21	9 Dec 20	11 Feb 21
I.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road		28 Jan 21		8 Feb 21	6 Dec 20	2 Feb 21
I.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello		1 Feb 21	1 Feb 21	25 Jan 21	27 Nov 20	24 Dec 20
I.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		8 Jan 21	8 Jan 21	1 Feb 21	21 Jan 21	5 Feb 21
I.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		14 Jan 21	2 Jan 21	19 Jan 21	11 Jan 21	4 Feb 21
I.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank			1 Feb 21	14 Jan 21	5 Dec 20	14 Jan 21
I.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's		1 Feb 21	2 Feb 21	2 Feb 21	9 Dec 20	21 Dec 20
I.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Luton Place		15 Dec 20	15 Dec 20	11 Jan 21	11 Jan 21	2 Feb 21
I.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James		15 Jan 21	15 Jan 21	3 Feb 21	5 Jan 21	8 Jan 21
I.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		7 Dec 20	7 Dec 20	14 Jan 21	27 Nov 20	11 Feb 21
I.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		18 Jan 21	18 Jan 21		3 Dec 20	14 Jan 21
I.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's		19 Feb 21			11 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
I.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church		1 Feb 21	1 Feb 21	7 Jan 21	8 Jan 21	31 Jan 21
I.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		4 Feb 21	4 Feb 21	4 Dec 20	3 Dec 20	15 Jan 21
I.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's					18 Jan 21	9 Feb 21
I.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		10 Dec 20	10 Dec 20	10 Dec 20	9 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
I.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity				12 Jan 21	6 Dec 20	3 Feb 21
I.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's		4 Dec 20	4 Dec 20	28 Nov 20	29 Nov 20	14 Jan 21
I.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		6 Jan 21	6 Jan 21		18 Jan 21	29 Dec 20
I.42	JEDBURGH, St John's		4 Dec 20	4 Dec 20	20 Jan 21	4 Jan 21	4 Jan 21

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I.43	KELSO, St Andrew		1 Dec 20	2 Dec 20	30 Nov 20	30 Nov 20	2 Feb 21
I.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,		17 Dec 20	17 Dec 20	5 Jan 21	18 Jan 21	30 Dec 20
I.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's		7 Dec 20	7 Dec 20	18 Jan 21	9 Dec 20	18 Jan 21
I.46	LIVINGSTON					11 Feb 21	
I.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		23 Dec 20	23 Dec 20	4 Feb 21	25 Nov 20	21 Jan 21
I.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,		1 Feb 21	1 Feb 21	31 Jan 21	23 Dec 20	23 Jan 21
I.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,		9 Dec 20	9 Dec 20	15 Dec 20	9 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
I.50	PEEBLES St Peter's					18 Jan 21	29 Dec 20
I.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,		7 Jan 21	7 Jan 21	26 Jan 21	7 Jan 21	26 Jan 21
I.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		19 Jan 21	19 Jan 21	14 Jan 21	5 Feb 21	3 Feb 21
I.54	SELKIRK St John's		1 Dec 20	1 Dec 20	8 Jan 21	10 Dec 20	1 Jan 21
I.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary		14 Jan 21		26 Nov 20	6 Jan 21	1 Feb 21
I.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's		11 Jan 21	11 Jan 21	26 Jan 21	7 Jan 21	
I.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed		22 Oct 20		3 Feb 21	18 Jan 21	23 Dec 20

Return Rate

Outstanding

43	38	45	53	50
53	53	53	53	53
81%	72%	85%	100%	94%
10	15	8	0	3