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St Martin of Tours Episcopal Church, Dalry

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

STAFF NEWS

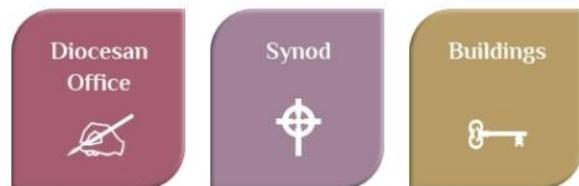
Many of you will have had dealings over the past 15 months with David Lewis, our sole Admin Assistant. Sadly, for us, David will be leaving at the end of August. This is purely because the opportunity to start a PhD has arisen for him, and there was no doubt in our minds that the chance should not be missed. For interest, he will be looking at the music of the Royal Chapels of Scotland, so we certainly look forward to reading his thesis! He will remain a Lay Clerk in St Mary's Cathedral Choir.

We will say more in due course but, for now, please bear with us as we approach a position where we will have 3x office staff vacancies (Communications Coordinator and 2x Admin Assistants). Sam and I will do our very best to keep you all properly supported, but we hope you will be patient if it takes longer for us to respond, and there may be some lower-priority things which we will be unable to take on for you. We are working hard on arrangements for filling those roles and will update you very soon. In the meantime, please do refer to the [Diocesan Office Resources](#) page on our website, as you may find what you need there.



Resources – Diocesan Office

This page contains resources for clergy, Vestry Secretaries, Treasurers, Lay & Alt Lay Representatives and other key personnel in congregations. If there is any other material you think would be valuable to see here, contact the Diocesan Office. Click on the images below to take you to each section.



DIOCESAN OFFICE

As yet, we still have no date for when the office can formally re-open, and the Scottish Government advises that whilst limited/phased reopening should be planned "*home working will continue to be an important mitigation for controlling the virus and we would ask that businesses still support employees to do this, where possible*". We are discussing physical ventilation work with the General Synod Office (our landlords), as some of our offices have no natural ventilation, so cannot be safely used. Even at the point of reopening, it will need to be almost wholly staff-only, but we will discuss safe ways to accept appointments where face-to-face meeting is essential. Again, please bear with us therefore. SF

DIARY

BISHOP'S DIARY

~ The Bishop is on holiday and sabbatical leave until 15th August ~

Thu 19th August Just Festival: Conversation with the Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 21st October Diocesan Synod

8th-11th November Clergy Conference

NOTICES

COVID-19: UPDATED GUIDANCE

As ever, churches' first port-of-call for updates to Covid safety regulations should be the Scottish Government's '[guidance for the safe use of places of worship](#)'.

It is worth reiterating that parts of Edinburgh Diocese are still in different 'levels' to others. As a result, some things that are permitted in one area of the Diocese may be prohibited in another. Individual charges should remain vigilant in knowing what level they are in and which restrictions apply within that level. You can view the full list of levels by area [here](#), or if you are unsure you can check your level by using the [postcode checker](#).

In addition to the Government guidance, the General Synod Office continues to send out targeted guidance by email, clarifying the principal changes in the Church context to those who need it – if you think you should have received this and haven't, or have any queries about the changes, please contact the [General Synod Office](#).

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Revd Canon Ruth Innes, Rector of St Fillan's, Buckstone, will retire as of August 31st.

Revd Andrew Cooper's last Sunday at St John's, Jedburgh, will be Sunday 18th July and he will be leaving the UK for his new post at St John the Baptist, Bulimba in the Diocese of Brisbane. We wish him well.

Revd John Vincent will be installed as Priest in Charge, St Martin of Tours, Dalry, on 23rd September.

CANON 35

The Diocesan Buildings Committee has granted consent to the following project:

- **St Anne's, Dunbar** – Installation of Hard Standing and Bike Racks

TRAINING WORKSHOPS IN JULY

Discover how your place of worship can benefit from tourism, encourage visitors and raise funds. Our training workshops this month are:

Wednesday, 21 July 2.30pm. Funding regular maintenance and urgent repairs - Training Workshop: An introduction to the National Churches Trust grants programmes for places of worship.

Wednesday, 28 July 10.30am. Making publicity work for your church: A FREE church tourism workshop offering guidance on how to promote your church or chapel to visitors.

[Further information here.](#)



DIGITAL COUNTERS FOR YOUR CHURCH



Would you like to know how many visitors pass through your church doors each week? Do you need to monitor your church's footfall as evidence for a grant funded project.

We are delighted to be able to supply digital counters at a reduced rate of £140+VAT.

For more details please email linda.patrick@nationalchurchestrust.org.

GRANTS FOR CHURCH BUILDINGS

Our **Gateway Grants** programme offers medium sized grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project.

Application deadline: 9 September for a November decision.

[Further information here.](#)

Our **Foundation Grants** programme offers small grants of between £500 and £5,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a Quinquennial Inspection or Survey report. We also offer grants for small investigative works and surveys. Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis.

[Further information here.](#)



VOLUNTEERING SUPPORT FUND



The Scottish Government's Volunteering Support Fund is now open for applications. The £3.3 million Fund will be delivered on its behalf by Impact Funding Partners over the next 3 years. Organisations can apply for up to £30,000 to March 2024.

The fund is geared towards organisations in Scotland with an annual income of under £250,000. It will enable Scotland's small to medium sized third sector organisations to recruit additional volunteers who will contribute towards delivering a new volunteering project, or extending/expanding an existing one, and improve how volunteers are supported in their role.

The fund will support organisations to deliver on four key outcomes:

- Increase diversity in the third sector's volunteer pool, to particularly include people who experience disadvantage or would traditionally experience barriers to volunteering
- Improve governance, leadership and financial knowledge of organisations through the recruitment of skilled volunteers to enhance the third sector's capacity
- Improve organisational capacity to provide opportunities for skills and personal development through volunteering
- Enhance services delivered by organisations to better meet the needs of the communities they serve

A full overview of the fund plus information on how to apply can be found on Impact Funding Partners website: <https://bit.ly/3AAqcaT>

Thanks to Maureen O'Neill at Faith in Older People for bringing this article to our attention.

CATHEDRAL AND CHURCH SHOPS ASSOCIATION



We received this from the CCSA – if you have or are considering opening a church shop please do get in touch with them. (You will find on their website that one of our churches is already a member!):

I write on behalf of the “Cathedral and Church Shops Association” (CCSA), a voluntary organisation which works with cathedrals and churches across the UK and Ireland to help and support their retail shop managers in their role in raising funds towards Mission and Ministry, for their cathedrals and churches.

The CCSA has been in existence since 1972, it is a non profit making organisation which holds Regional training meetings around the country during the year and hosts an Annual Conference and Trade Fair in a different Cathedral or Church locations around the country each year in September.

CCSA member shop managers from many cathedrals and churches around the country attend these events, especially the Annual Conference and Trade Fair which is held over two days, giving them the opportunity to meet up with other managers and also look and select from the large selection of religious and relevant gift stocks available to order at the Trade Fair, often at discounted prices to sell in their shops.

We offer our CCSA Members the following benefits:

Annual Conference & Trade Fair

- An annual conference and trade fair with over 40+ Suppliers under one roof
- Selected supplier discounts min 5% available for stock orders and other benefits.
- Networking opportunities with other shop managers and suppliers.
- Opportunity to arrange bespoke products tailored for their cathedral or church from expert suppliers.
- Training sessions on selected relevant topics.
- Relevant guest speakers at training events.
- Grants are available to help some members to attend these events

Regional Meetings

- Held at selected locations around the country to enable members to attend
- Small groups meet to visit, critique and discuss other heritage venue shops
- Training sessions on products
- Guest speakers on selected relevant topics

Other Member benefits include:

- A regular newsletter to highlight sales opportunities, members and supplier features
- An approved supplier discount scheme which offers members extra discount on purchases
- A retail manual commissioned by the CCSA from an independent retail consultant which offers full details on all aspects of retail in sacred spaces, including retail operations, product selection, display, merchandising and retail & finance administration including how to maximise sales and profit (manual can only be issued on payment of annual member fee)
- Grants available to help and support members for selected events!

We would be delighted to hear from any church site with a retail space, from a small table selling items to support their church to a larger retail shop, and to welcome them as members to the Association.

Also this year our Annual Conference and Trade Fair is being held in Shrewsbury at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in the centre of Shrewsbury, on the 15th & 16th September, with over 40 Religious/Gift Suppliers attending the Trade Fair.

Following the difficulties experienced during this pandemic, this is a great opportunity for your retail manager to meet other shop managers from around the country and to experience the trade fair and take the opportunity to place stock orders at favourable prices, we have plenty of delegate spaces available.

If you are interested in coming to Shrewsbury or wish to know more about the CCSA and what it can do to help your church or cathedral, please contact Hugh Fearnall, Chairman of the CCSA, contact details below:

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SUSTAINABLE HEATING AND LIGHTING

Although designed with the Church of England in mind, these webinars may be useful to our churches, given our recent focus on moving towards sustainability and carbon neutrality.

Church of England: Environment Programme for July

Free workshops on finding the best heating and lighting solutions for your church.

This is part of a series of webinars and events designed to support and equip churches to reach the ambitious 'net zero carbon' emissions target. Events are available to watch after they have been presented online, so there is an opportunity to catch up on an interesting topic if you can't attend the live session. Coming up in the autumn are sessions on 'conservation pitfalls en route to net zero' and Environmental Fundraising.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon>

EVENTS



The Just Festival is back again! Festival time in Edinburgh embodies our right to freedom of expression and through this joyful multitude of wonderment makes another world seem possible. This year's programme is even bigger and better than before - it's well worth a look, not least because almost all of the events are free of charge! You can find out more about what's on here. <https://www.just-festival.org/just-festival-2021-events/>

