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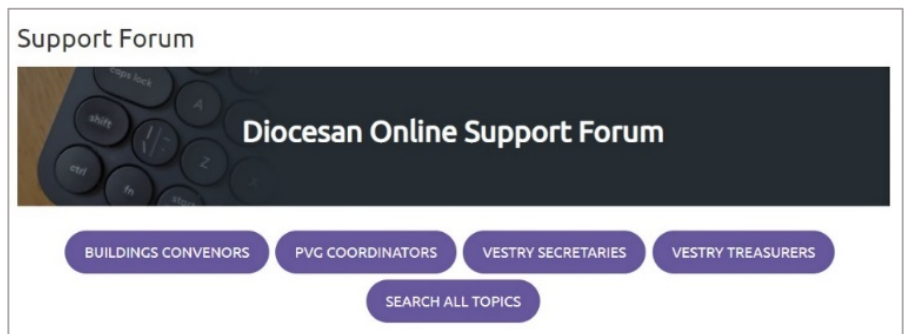
St Mungo's Church, West Linton

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

ONLINE VESTRY SUPPORT FORUM: 'TEST PILOTS' WANTED!

Over the last month or so the Diocesan Office team have been working hard at putting together our Online Vestry Support Forum.

The work is now in its final stages before it can be brought online for vestries to use (those of you familiar with software development might call this 'beta testing').



We are therefore looking for a few volunteers from vestries in the Diocese to put the system through its paces by signing up and posting a question (or answering someone else's question) on the forum.

We are still welcoming 'test pilot' enquiries from Vestry Treasurers, Vestry Secretaries, PVG Coordinators and Buildings Convenors.

If you would be willing to help out please contact us at office@edinburgh.anglican.org (or phone the office on 0131 538 7033)... you don't have to be a computer whizz; the system is meant to be there for everyone, regardless of online experience, so testers of all 'abilities' are actively encouraged!

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DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sunday 12 September Preaching and Celebrating at the Cursillo Closing Eucharist

Sunday 19 September Presiding at St Peter's, Galashiels

Monday 20 September Lay Reader Day

Thursday 23 September Installation of Revd John Vincent, St Martin of Tours, Edinburgh

Sunday 26 September Ordinations at St Mary's Cathedral

COMMITTEES

Thursday 16 September Standing Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20 September Diocesan Office closed (public holiday)

NOTICES

COVID-19: NEW SEC ADVISORY GROUP GUIDANCE

The SEC Advisory Group published this update on Friday 3 September. This information was sent by email to all clergy, lay readers, vestry secretaries and diocesan secretaries.

The Scottish Government has updated its guidance for Places of Worship to reflect that Scotland is now “beyond level 0”. This guidance can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship/>

Below is a summary of the Advisory Group’s recommendations as of Friday 3 September:

The Advisory Group will no longer produce its own lengthy guidance and instead directs congregations to the Scottish Government’s own measures for places of worship. **The first point of call for congregations is therefore the Scottish Government’s own guidance.**

The Advisory Group will, however, address some specific issues on the FAQs and Pastoral Guidance sections of the provincial website.

For congregations that wish to retain some of the practices recommended during previous lockdowns, the Advisory Group says that its [main guidance document](#), which was last updated at the end of May 2021, can still be used for reference.

Whilst churches now find themselves with fewer restrictions, the Advisory Group is still urging them to **proceed with caution.**

The Group also reminds congregations that the relaxation of restrictions may be a source of anxiety for some. It recommends that **“we must all be mindful of one another”** and that “in so doing we ‘love our neighbour’.”

The Advisory Group also reminds churches of the important considerations outlined in its previous update from Friday 20 August:

Face coverings continue to be a legal requirement.

Face coverings do not, however, need to be worn by **those leading an act of worship** provided there is a partition between that person and other people, or a distance of at least 1m is maintained between that person and others.

Neither do **those who are “performing”** need to wear face coverings provided there is a partition between each performer and others, or a distance of at least 1m is maintained between the performer and others. **Church choirs and worship bands** can, therefore, sing without face coverings, provided their members maintain at least 1m distance from each other and everyone else.

Congregants are not, however “performers” and must wear face coverings whether singing or not.

Churches should ensure cleanliness, good ventilation, the disinfection of “hand touch points” and engagement with NHS Test and Protect.

Churches should assess the level of risk in their own context as some may wish to continue with restrictions.

NOTICES (continued)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday 23 September Revd John Vincent will be installed as Priest-in-Charge of St Martin of Tours, Edinburgh

Sunday 26 September Lesley Penny and Claire Nicholson will be ordained to the Diaconate at St Mary's Cathedral *Please hold them and their families in your prayers*

Tuesday 19 October Revd Aaron Moffat-Jackman has been appointed and will be installed as Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's, Musselburgh

CANON 35

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

- **North Berwick St Baldred's** – Removal of Exterior Window Guards
- **Edinburgh St Cuthbert's (Colinton)** – Installation of Defibrillator
- **Edinburgh St Philip's and St James's** – Relocation of Furnishings





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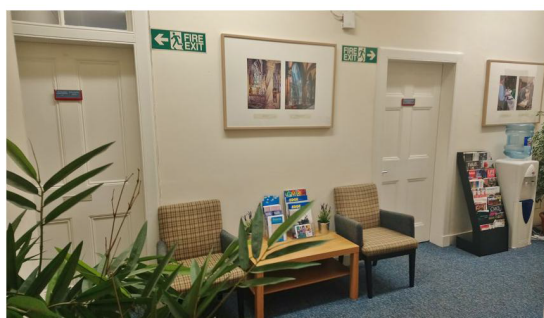
18.75 hours per week (days & times negotiable)

Initially, a mixture of office and homeworking will be considered

Gross Salary £11,143 per annum (£22,285 f.t.e.) • Includes a generous non-contributory pension.

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Diocesan Administrator to support our Diocesan Administrator and key diocesan officers in the finance and management work in the Diocese of Edinburgh, and to help us be the voice and face of welcome to the diocese. You will work very closely with the Diocesan Administrator help to make sure he is able to use his time as efficiently as possible.

The Diocesan Office has a small and very friendly team of staff in a pleasant office very close to Haymarket, and strive to provide an enjoyable, collaborative and sociable environment to get our work done. We are therefore very keen to get the right personality in the role to work within our team, as well as finding someone with the right skills. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job before applying you are very welcome to call Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator, on 0131 346 9084.



We are looking for someone with:

- A professional but friendly approach to work, and willingness to work flexibly in a team
- Strong administrative and organisational abilities
- Basic competence in financial and data management (or willingness to be developed)
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer skills – use of MS Office suite (or equivalent) to an intermediate level
- Prior experience in an administration role

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

Deadline for applications: Sunday 26 September 2021

Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 4th October (date tbc)

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

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SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE 2021-22



Events are being organised to celebrate the SEC's Season of Pilgrimage, which will take place over the next few months and lead up to a 'Big Walk to the Cathedral' for Pentecost 2022.

Information is listed below. Further details are available from Rev Willie Shaw (stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com) and the Season of Pilgrimage website <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/season-of-pilgrimage/>.

BANNERS DAY, SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2021, WALPOLE HALL, ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

People of all abilities, including beginners, are invited to share ideas for the creation of banners for the Season of Pilgrimage. These banners will be displayed at events such as the 'Big Walk to the Cathedral'. Please register your interest with Christina.france@talk21.com.

A proposed programme for Saturday 18 September is as follows:

9:30 am to 10:00 am Welcome, tea & coffee

10:00 am to 10:45 am Sharing each other's work

11:00 am to 11:30 am Cathedral group shares work to date

11:30 am to 12:30 am Formation of area groups to discuss ideas for pilgrimage banners and a plan of action

12:30 am to 1:00 pm Share ideas. Lunch (soup provided, but please bring your own sandwich).



PILGRIMAGE TO COP26 (DUNBAR TO GLASGOW), SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021

A pilgrimage between Dunbar and Glasgow will provide the opportunity to reflect upon the climate crisis ahead of COP26 in November. Full details will be available at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/season-of-pilgrimage/> and <https://artandecology.earth/pilgrimage-for-cop26>.

The pilgrimage includes a public engagement programme to accompany the walkers and encourage participation *en route*.

Participating organisations include the Deep Time Walk Project, Interfaith Edinburgh, Interfaith Glasgow, Interfaith Scotland, John Muir's Birthplace, North Light Arts and Scottish Dance Theatre.

The itinerary is as follows (please contact stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com if you are interested in walking any or all of this route):

- 17th Oct – Dunbar launch event from 2 pm
- 18th Oct – Dunbar to North Berwick
- 19th Oct – North Berwick to Aberlady Bay
- 20th Oct – Aberlady Bay to Portobello and Edinburgh
- 21st Oct to 24th Oct – Edinburgh Way Station (various events)
- 25th Oct – Edinburgh to South Queensferry
- 26th Oct – South Queensferry to Bo'ness
- 27th Oct – Bo'ness to Falkirk (via Grangemouth)
- 28th Oct – Falkirk to Kirkintilloch
- 29th Oct – Kirkintilloch to Glasgow
- 30th Oct to 31st Oct – Glasgow Welcome (various events)



Plans for two of the pilgrimage days have already been released:

Dunbar – Sunday 17 October & Monday 18 October

Afternoon of Sunday 17 October

- Eco-themed activities are to take place in Dunbar across the John Muir Birthplace, the Dunbar Battery and Lauderdale Park (outdoor venues) in collaboration with groups including Northern Light Arts and Sustaining Dunbar.
- Pilgrims will be welcomed as they gather in preparation for the Art and Ecology Pilgrimage, walking for which begins in Dunbar on Monday October 18. Walkers from the Youth Christian Climate Network (YCCN) relay will also be arriving *en route* from Cornwall, the location of the G7 Summit, before heading to Glasgow.
- Alasdair MacIntosh has been invited to speak at Belhaven Parish Church Hall in the evening.
- St Anne's Church will be a Spirituality Hub with climate-focused prayer stations created by local Christians. The World Community for Christian Meditation will offer guided silent meditation sessions and, outside the church, a public reading of key findings from the recent IPCC report is being planned in order to draw attention to the scientific reality of global warming.

Monday 18 October

- Walkers are invited to gather in Dunbar at 9 am on Monday 18 October to walk the John Muir Way to North Berwick with others. If you are interested in joining the walk or participating in the event above, please contact Rev Diana Hall at rector.stannesdunbar@gmail.com.

Bo'ness to Falkirk – Wednesday, 26 October

- After spending the night at St Catharine's Church, pilgrims plan to gather at Bo'ness Foreshore before walking to the Kinneil Lagoons (an accidental, human-made habitat which is home to thousands of wintering birds).
- Pilgrims will then pray their way along the public road passing through Scotland's refinery at Grangemouth.
- Refreshments will be served at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Grangemouth, before continuing to the Kelpies. An interfaith gathering will take place at the Peace Pole in Helix Park. Christ Church, Falkirk, will offer a quiet place for evening reflection. Accommodation in Falkirk is being settled (**could you offer a pilgrim a bed for the night?**). Please contact Rev Willie Shaw if you are interested in walking/sharing with us

at any point that day (stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com).

DAY PILGRIMAGES

Ideas for day pilgrimages are currently being sought – please contact Rev Willie Shaw (stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com). Current plans include:

Feast of St Margaret (Saturday 13 November 2021, the Feast Day being 16 November)

- Starting at North Queensferry station and heading to Dunfermline Abbey for an act of worship. The group intends to visit St Margaret's Hope, St Margaret's Stone and St Margaret's Cave. Participants could travel home by rail.

Wells of Edinburgh – Holy and Otherwise (June 2022)

- Starting at St James' Balm Well, Liberton and heading to St Triduana's Well, Restalrig, taking in several others on the way. The precise date depends on the reopening of St Triduana's.

PILGRIMAGE CONFERENCE, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022

Zoom-based talks are planned for several evenings, ending in a day conference on Saturday 26 February. Talks will cover a range of historical, scriptural and spiritual themes. Details to be released.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO WALK, MAY 2022

This walk of the 73-mile (117km) Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela is being organised by Rev Nick Bowry, who is familiar with the route.

It is proposed that a group would depart on or around Monday 16 May, depending on flights from London Stansted to Santiago. There will be a 90-minute coach journey from Santiago to Ferrol completed on the day we arrive at Santiago airport.

The group would walk the route from Ferrol to Santiago over six days, with one night in Santiago at the end. The minimum duration would be eight days, but people could stay for longer if they wish not to be rushed when obtaining a certificate, which can involve long queues.

Accommodation would be in mixed hostel dormitories (c.€15 per night) as well as in low-cost hotels (c.€25-35 per night) *en route*. In Santiago, hotels are expensive (minimum €50 per night). Participants should allow €20 per day for food and drink, and they would have to walk with a rucksack. A forwarding service may be available (approx. €5 per day).

A briefing session is planned for October, with the making of firm commitments envisaged for the end of November 2021. Please register your interest with rector.pandwl@gmail.com

THE BIG WALK, 28 MAY 2022

Save the date! Groups will walk from South Queensferry, Balerno, Roslin and Musselburgh to St Mary's Cathedral, carrying pre-made banners and picking up other pilgrims on the way. There will be prayers and celebrations at the Cathedral. The event is particularly appropriate for Pentecost;



when the Spirit came at the birth of the Church, Christ's followers "were all together in one place."

LONGER WALKS

St Cuthbert's Way: Melrose to Lindisfarne, Holy Island, March 2022 (6 nights/7 days, 61.5 miles/99.5km)

- This walk will be organised by Shepherds Walks Holidays. It is a supported walk, involving accommodation in B&Bs and local inns, and luggage being transported daily.
- Cost: £619.00 without packed lunches or £689.00 with packed lunches. A single supplement costs £240.00. The minimum booking is six people.
- Commitment must be made by the end of October. Please register interest by contacting stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com. If anyone wishes to come but is put off by the cost, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Fife Pilgrim Way, August/September 2022

- It is hoped that local accommodation such as church floors and individual homes would be used for this pilgrimage, making it cheaper. Please register interest by contacting stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com.

LOCAL PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

Every church is encouraged to develop its own form of pilgrimage, whether by walking, driving, cycling or travelling on public transport.

For example, St Mary's, Grangemouth, and St Catharine's, Bo'ness, will spend a day this autumn visiting sites associated with their history. Congregants from St Mary's will visit the ruins of Dunmore Church; drop in to Christ Church, Falkirk; take a trip to the Rectory (built on the site of the first tin kirk); and finish at the church itself.

Additionally, congregants from Bo'ness will visit medieval ruins at Carriden and Kinneil; a church graveyard which has, at different times, been converted into a cinema, garage and house; travel to the Town Hall; and end at St Catharine's, which was built 100 years ago.

SEC EXPERIMENTAL LITURGIES FEEDBACK

The SEC Liturgy Committee is seeking feedback on experimental liturgies and resources.

These include experimental rites for Lent and Holy Week, the Pastoral Offices, the experimental Collects and material for the Season of Creation.

Individual feedback forms for each resource can be accessed [here](#).

EXTERNAL NOTICES

PREPARATIONS FOR CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK

Challenge Poverty Week (CPW) will take place between Monday 4 and Sunday 10 October, and there are many ways for your Church to get involved.

More information will be available at a 'Get Involved' Zoom meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 15 September between 10 am and 11 am. [Click here](#) to register.

Resources are available at challengepoverty.net and include [activity toolkits](#), [lesson plans](#), [daily themes](#), [graphics](#), a [letter to politicians](#) and a [photo and video guide](#). Editable template graphics, suggested thematic social media content, a policy explainer handbook and daily GIFs and animations will be available nearer the time.

Churches can maximise publicity of their activities by adding information to the CPW online [activity calendar](#).

They are also encouraged to let the organisers at The Poverty Alliance know by [clicking here](#) or by emailing the Campaigns Officer at suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org.

Taking part in a press briefing is also a possibility: contact megan.mcgrath@povertyalliance.org by Thursday 16 September if you are interested. Any questions about CPW should be directed to suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR GREENER CHURCHES

As the SEC aims for net zero carbon emissions by 2030, churches may be interested to know that they could secure Scottish Government funding for renewable and low-carbon building solutions.

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) can provide churches with up to 100 per cent of funding in grants and loans for technologies including solar panels and heat pumps. Applications will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis, meaning that interested churches should act straight away. Visit <https://www.localenergy.scot/funding/lets-do-net-zero-community-buildings/>.

COULD YOU HELP PROTECT MISSING PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES?

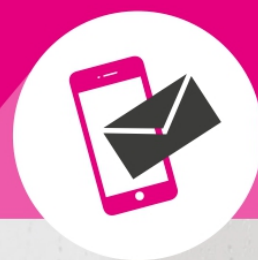
For 25 years, the UK charity Missing People has provided frontline emotional and practical support to people who have left home or who are contemplating leaving home, as well as anyone who has a missing loved one.

Crucial to the activities of Missing People is its Safeguarding Briefing Network (SBN). The SBN consists of organisations with a safeguarding or community protection role, to which Missing People can send missing-person briefings in the hope that the individual in question will encounter that organisation's services. This is subtler than a public appeal showing the name and photo of a missing person.

If you feel it would be appropriate, please display these posters – one for children, the other for adults.

More information about the services Missing People provides to missing people, families and professionals is available at www.missingpeople.org.uk.

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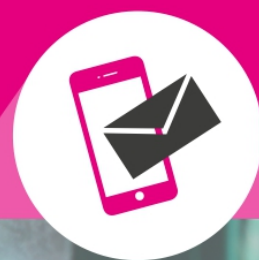
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SABBATICAL BURSARIES AVAILABLE

Stipendiary clergy can apply for Ecclesiastical's Ministry Bursary Awards until 30 September.

Awards are given to help finance sabbaticals and periods of extended study.

Applicants must have been ordained for at least 10 years and must not have taken sabbatical leave at any point over the last seven years. The scheme is open to bishops, deans and assistants.

Details regarding how to apply are available [here](#).

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: STUDY ON BEREAVEMENT AND COVID-19

NatCen is looking for churches to help source participants for a new study examining the impact of COVID-19 upon bereavement and grief.

The research organisation hopes its findings will broaden the mental health support available to bereaved individuals, improve funeral practices and reflect upon public-health messaging.

Recommendations will be presented to key stakeholders including government departments, bereavement organisations and funeral directors.

Participants would be invited to take part in two telephone or video interviews on their experiences. They would remain anonymous and any information given would be kept confidential. Participants would receive £15 for taking part in each interview.

Anyone who may be able to reach out to potential participants should contact alexander.martin@natcen.ac.uk or priya.khambhaita@natcen.ac.uk for a Participant Information Sheet. Potential participants would receive a non-committal call from an experienced researcher.

RING YOUR CHURCH BELLS FOR COP26

Churches are being called to ring their bells on the eve of the COP26 summit to raise awareness of the climate emergency.

Your congregation can join churches across Britain by sounding its bells between 6 pm and 6.30 pm on Saturday 30 October.

Whilst church bells have for centuries been used to warn communities of danger, they could also serve as a means of welcoming international delegates to the conference in Glasgow.

Churches interested in participating in the event, which has been publicised by climate practitioner [Edward Gildea](#), are encouraged to contact the [Central Council of Church Bell Ringers](#) (CCCBR) to formally express interest and let them know about their plans.

Congregations are also encouraged to contact local press and spread news of the event on social media.

Wouldn't it be great if every church and cathedral bell in Britain were to ring out a warning on the eve of COP 26?

Ring out for Climate!

RING OUT FOR COP 26!

Church bells have traditionally been used as warnings and this time the danger to humanity couldn't be greater.

This is indeed
Code Red
for Humanity!

Let our bells be our voice for
Climate Justice at COP 26!



**Ring at 6pm on Saturday
30th October for 30 minutes**
and tell your local press and social
media exactly why you are doing it!

What is COP 26 and why does it matter?

COP is the 'Conference of the Parties' and the 2021 meeting in Glasgow this November will be the 26th meeting. They started following UN conference in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, but despite all the conferences since then, our global emissions have continued to rise. From 5 billion tonnes in 1950, 18 billion in 1980, 23 billion in 2000 and 33 billion in 2020. We are speeding in the wrong direction!

At the Paris Agreement in 2015, countries agreed to try to keep global warming down to 2° or lower. Currently we are way off track to meet that target and the IPCC report this August was most forceful in outlining the irreversible effects that we will suffer and many are already suffering.

COP 26 in Glasgow really is the 'make or break' conference that will determine humanity's survival. So let's ring out our warning!

RING OUT FOR CLIMATE!

01-12 NOV 2021
GLASGOW

COP26

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A PLAYLIST FOR LIFE

Over two decades of research have shown that listening to meaningful pieces of music helps people living with dementia recall fond memories and experience positive emotions.

Playlist for Life, a National Lottery-funded charity founded by broadcaster Sally Magnusson, is therefore encouraging those with dementia, their loved ones and their carers to create a mixtape of personally significant tunes.

Here is a video which introduces the concept and provides instructions for creating playlists:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMSaqD3ArHw>.

Churches are invited to spread the word and can request free resources including leaflets, booklets and starter sheets by clicking on this link: <https://www.playlistforlife.org.uk/apply-help-point/>. Training and webinars are also available from Playlist for Life.

More details are available from Peter Fairbrother, Playlist for Life Local Organiser for Edinburgh and South-East Scotland (07476 315785 or peter.fairbrother@playlistforlife.org.uk).

WORK PLACE CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND TRAINING MODULES

After a successful training programme earlier in the year, Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland (WPCS) is offering a series of modules to those interested in providing an employment-oriented ministry.

Modules on offer throughout September, October and November include an 'Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy', 'Engaging in Organisational Cultures', 'Building Resilience in the Workplace', 'Active Listening', 'Trauma in the Workplace', 'Confidentiality and Safeguarding', 'Supporting People through Redundancy' and 'Bereavement'.

Anyone interested in finding out more about WPCS or becoming a volunteer chaplain is invited to visit

<http://www.wpcscotland.co.uk/index.php/news/autumn-21-chaplaincy-training-programme>, where online EventBrite booking forms are available.



WPCS' ecumenical team of chaplains has supported Edinburgh-based employees for ten years.

After completing training earlier in the year, WPCS added 23 new workplace chaplains to its roster.

Additionally, as part of the Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland initiative, 12 new Veterans Chaplains will complete their induction in early autumn, allowing them to support ex-services personnel and their families.

Jointly hosted by St Leonard's and St Mary's Churches

Harvest Fair

Harvesting Midlothian's creations

St Mary's Episcopal Church, Dalkeith Country Park

Saturday 2nd October 10am-2pm

Free Admission

*Local
Crafts*

Local Produce

*Children's
activities*

Books

Model Train

Home Baking

Refreshments

Music

St Leonard's Lasswade SC014151

St Mary's Dalkeith SC001677



SCOTTISH CHURCHES CHINA GROUP AUTUMN PLENARY

The SCCG will hold its autumn plenary at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church (25 Nicolson Square, EH8 9BX) on Thursday 16 September.

Wendy Alexander, Vice-Principal (International) at Dundee University, has agreed to speak at the plenary.

Ms Alexander and her family are linked to the SCCG and have a history of involvement with the former Christian Medical Missionary Hospital in Shenyang. Ms Alexander is currently involved with the creation of a permanent museum at the hospital in Shenyang.

The schedule for the SCCG plenary is as follows:

- 1100 – Arrival and Coffee
- 1115 – Welcome and summary update about SCCG work
- 1140 – Wendy Alexander: 'From Shenyang to Scotland and Back: Connections Old and New'
- 1220 – Q&A with Wendy
- 1230(1245) – Finish



Places can be reserved using Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sccg-autumn-plenary-tickets-166053188557>) or by contacting patriciajohnston185@gmail.com.

An ecumenical organisation formed in 1983, the SCCG works on health and education projects with partners in China. It is particularly involved in supporting people on the autism spectrum, school-age children with additional needs, those in dementia care and the elderly.

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE SEMINAR - Death, Dying and Bereavement: How do we develop compassionate support

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 2.30 (BY ZOOM)

This seminar will highlight important initiatives to support people experiencing grief, loss, and bereavement. There will be examples of local compassionate communities and an opportunity to share ideas.

About this event

This seminar will give examples of compassionate communities and provide ideas of what could be in place. We will hear about:

- Good Life; Good Death; Good Grief - a project developed by the Scottish Partnership on Palliative Care

- End of Life Aid Skills for Everyone (EASE) This is a free course run by Scottish Partnership on Palliative for people who want to be better equipped to help friends or family who are caring, dying, or grieving. EASE online is designed for members of the public and the course welcomes adults of all ages, experiences and walks of life. The course helps us to be confident in discussing end of life matters. listening and having difficult conversations.
- Two presentations describing the background and development of compassionate communities - North Berwick and Inverclyde.

It will be a stimulating and thought-provoking afternoon.

PLEASE CLICK [here](#) to book your place via Eventbrite

THE ANNA CHAPLAINCY - Tuesday September 28 at 2.30pm



The first Anna Chaplain, former broadcaster and Licensed Lay Minister Debbie Thrower, works for The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) as the founder and pioneer of this work, while remaining a part-time Anna Chaplain in Alton. BRF is responsible for the promotion and development of Anna Chaplaincy, which sits squarely within all that the charity does to inspire, equip and enable people in their churches and communities. Debbie Thrower invites greater participation in Scotland in Anna Chaplaincy for Older People. 'It is gaining traction in many

parts of the UK', she writes, 'as an effective way of supporting people post retirement and benefitting from the gifts and skills of people in later life. It is time to see more such work in Scotland'.

What is Anna Chaplaincy?

We live in a world of accelerating demographic change. It is good news we are living longer but with longevity come challenges. Anna Chaplaincy for Older People is a tried-and-tested approach to ministry among people in their later years. More and more of those in the older age category themselves are sensing a calling to this ministry of offering spiritual care. Church leaders are finding out how Anna Chaplaincy can shape their support for this growing cohort of people in the 'third and fourth ages' of life. Anna Chaplains are good listeners showing how to be more responsive to people with complex needs as well as considerable gifts from a wealth of lived experience. We will give an overview of the aims of the Anna Chaplaincy, with Debbie Thrower and the team, drawing together all sorts of people and groups who have expressed an interest in Scotland to highlight opportunities and plan the ways forward.

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WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

A workshop designed specifically for clergy and people in authorised ministries

Rev Canon Dr Marion Chatterley, Vice-Provost, Cathedral Church of St Mary's Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church) and Associate of Faith in Older People

Thursday 14 October 2021

This workshop will offer support and tools to enhance confidence in having pastoral conversations about death and dying. Using a model from the field of bereavement to explore emotional, psychological, and spiritual responses and building on the experiences of the participants, the day

will resource those who attend to go deeper in their pastoral encounters with people who are actively addressing their own mortality.

The programme assumes a degree of personal sharing and therefore participation is restricted to clergy and others in authorised ministries within churches.

REGISTRATION IS VIA EVENTBRITE - COST £30.24

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EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE EQUIPMENT SEEKING NEW HOME

Staff at Faith in Older People are clearing out their office and would like to donate some surplus office supplies to a new home.

Contact info@fiop.org.uk if you would be interested in any lever-arch files; easels (as good as new!); or a new wide-screen monitor.

DO YOU HAVE AN ELECTRIC ORGAN?

St Mark's, Portobello, would like to know if anyone has a Wyvern organ which needs to be repaired or serviced.

Staff from the repair company need several churches in Scotland before they head north.

The company offers a handful of different electric organs (see here: <http://www.ormatronixorgans.co.uk/index.htm>), and St Mark's knows of three in need of some TLC.

If you would be interested, or if you simply wish to make yourself known, please contact Michael Graham, Director of Music at St Mark's Portobello (music@stmarksportobello.org).

PASTORAL COORDINATOR VACANCY

St Joseph's Services, an organisation which helps people with learning disabilities live life to the full, is searching for a Pastoral Coordinator.

More information is available at: <https://goodmoves.com/vacancy/a4s3z0000sfbo4aan-pastoral-coordinator>. Anyone interested should apply before Sunday 12 September.