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The Crypt of Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Voting members of Diocesan Synod should now have received an email regarding the arrangements for this year's online Synod on Thursday, 21 October.

Please note that the 2022 Budget document has also been added to the agenda paper now.



TEST PILOTS TAKE OFF

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed our 'test pilots' for the Diocesan Online Support Forum.

Once the Forum has been trialled, it is hoped that other vestry officials from around the Diocese will sign up, share their knowledge and experiences, ask questions, and help others on a range of church administration matters.

Robert Guthrie

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DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sunday 17 October Licensing of Lay Readers, Holy Trinity, Melrose

Tuesday 19 October Installation of the Revd Aaron Jackman, St Peter's, Musselburgh

Saturday 23 October Ordination of Russell Duncan to the Priesthood,
Edinburgh Good Shepherd, Murrayfield

Sunday 24 October Confirmations at St Michael and All Saints, Edinburgh

Wednesday 27 October COP26 Pilgrimage, Bo'ness to Falkirk

COMMITTEES

No meetings until November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 21 October Diocesan Synod

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 November Clergy Conference

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](#).

CANON 35

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

- **Haddington, Holy Trinity** – Lighting Installation
- **Edinburgh, St Mary's Cathedral** – Lighting Installation
- **Dalmahoy, St Mary's** – Secondary Glazing
- **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

DIOCESAN NEWS

HISTORIC DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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Myriad treaties and declarations have had a profound impact upon Scottish history.

And next month a brand-new one will enter Scotland's history books during a special service at St Mary's Cathedral on St Andrew's Day.

The Saint Andrew Declaration, which will be signed on Tuesday, 30 November by the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, and the Rt Hon Jim Wallace PC QC (Baron Wallace of Tankerness – Moderator of the General Assembly of the

Church of Scotland), will see both churches formally recognise one another as part of the one Church of Jesus Christ.

Through a series of acknowledgements and commitments, the Declaration will lay the foundations for closer cooperation between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church of Scotland.

The Declaration is an initiative of the Our Common Calling Working Group, which brings together members of the Church of Scotland's Committee on Ecumenical Relations and the Scottish Episcopal Church's Interchurch Relations Committee.

Church leaders, clergy, congregants and anyone else with an interest in the ecumenical work undertaken between churches in Scotland is invited to celebrate the adoption of the Declaration in an online day conference on Tuesday, 30 November. More information is available [here](#).

Anyone is welcome to attend the official signing of the Declaration at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 30 November. The service will also be live-streamed.

BISHOP OF EDINBURGH MEETS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MODERATOR, HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES AND ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP

The Bishop of Edinburgh, The Rt Rev Dr John Armes, has had a busy schedule in recent weeks, involving meetings with major figures in faith-oriented and public life.

Last Friday, 1 October, +John met the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (the Rt Hon Jim Wallace PC QC, Baron Wallace of Tankerness) along with HRH The Prince of Wales and the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Metropolitan of Edinburgh and St Andrews (The Most Reverend Leo Cushley) at the Kirking of the Scottish Parliament.

+John also met with the Moderator on Wednesday, 6 October at the Scottish National War Memorial Service in Edinburgh Castle.

Furthermore, The Bishop of Edinburgh will attend a service of worship at St Giles' Cathedral on Wednesday, 13 October.

The service, which will be followed by a reception in Parliament Hall, will mark the official visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

The Moderator's visit is particularly significant, given that they only make an official visit to each region approximately every ten years.

The visit will provide the opportunity to meet with the ministers and elders who comprise the Presbytery, as well as with the Moderator. It will also provide a meeting ground for those engaged in political life and faith communities, and will promote valuable dialogue.





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EDINBURGH DIOCESAN OFFICE • 21A GROSVENOR CRESCENT EDINBURGH EH12 5EL

Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry)

18.75 hours per week (days & times negotiable)

Initially, a mixture of office and homeworking will be considered

Gross Salary £9,253 per annum (£18,505 f.t.e.) • Includes a generous non-contributory pension.

We are seeking to appoint an Administrative Assistant to support the work of the Mission & Ministry Committee and its principal officers, primarily our Ministry Development Officer, and to help us be the voice and face of welcome to the diocese.

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
- Some experience in arranging and managing events
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- Computer skills – use of MS Office suite (or equivalent) to a basic 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 24 October 2021

Interviews will be held during the week commencing Monday 1st November (date tbc)

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

SABS ARBA'EEN PEACE WALK

Every year, in the second month of the Islamic Calendar, on the 40th day after the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad), millions of Muslims undertake a pilgrimage.

This pilgrimage is a Walk between the Holy Cities of Najaf and Karbala, Iraq. The walk signifies peace, hope, justice and the loftiest human ideals.

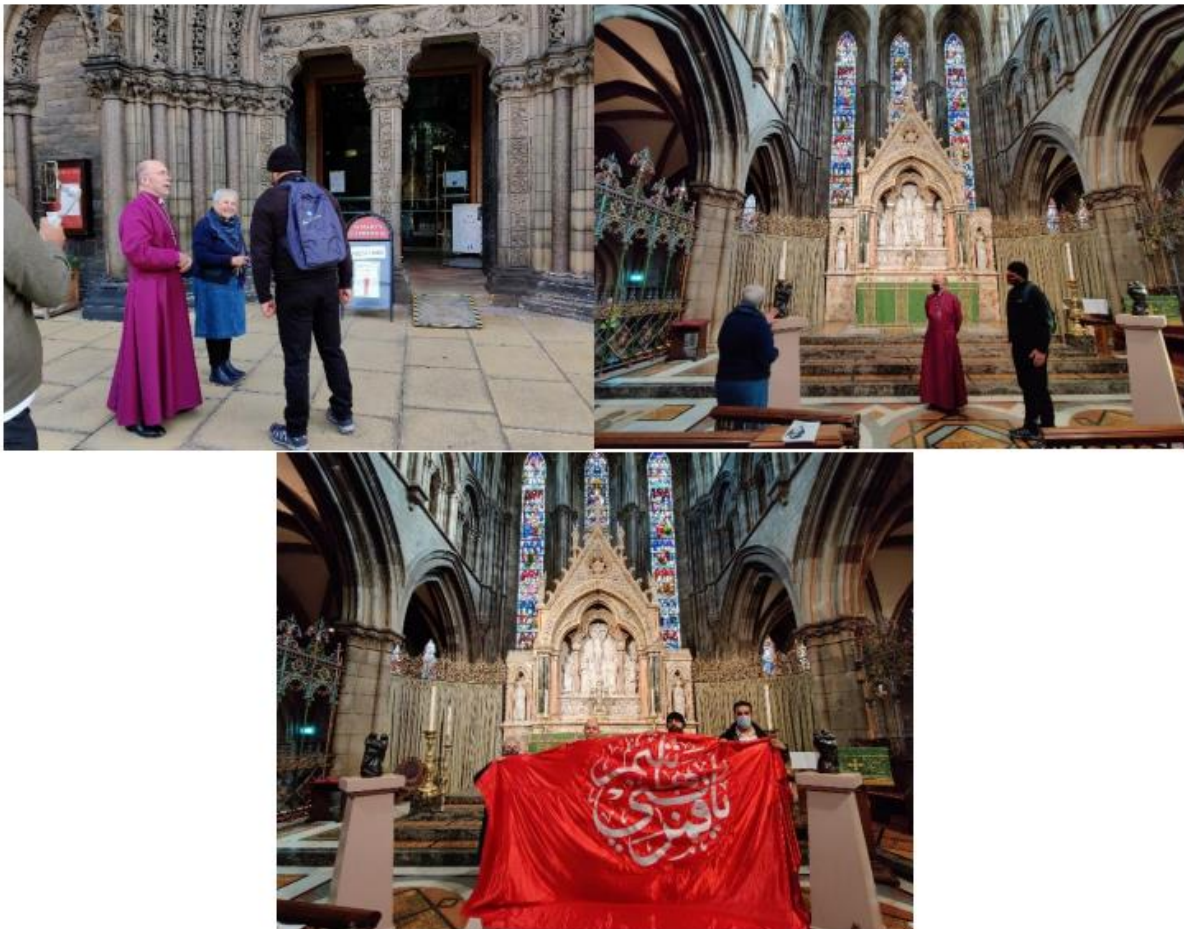
The Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society replicated that walk: The Arba'een Walk, here in Scotland on Tuesday 28th September, as a continuation of the Arba'een Walk that began in Glasgow in 2020.

The Arba'een Walk is an annual event which reaches out to communities in the spirit of care for each other.

SABS chose to recognise the rich diversity of organisations that they work with as stops along this commemorative walk, as places of great importance in communities of faith and none and civic groups.

This walk serves to raise awareness of shared commitment to serve their communities throughout Scotland.

This year, Brother Ameer was welcomed at the Cathedral by Bishop John and Vice-Provost, Revd Canon Marion Chatterley.



FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

Young people and youth leaders in the Scottish Episcopal Church are making international headlines!

I was invited to share our lockdown story in the Newsletter produced by the International Anglican Family Network: the latest edition shares stories of challenge, creativity, resilience and hope during the pandemic from around the Anglican Communion.

You can read it [here](#): the front cover features Harry, a young person from St Ninian's Comely Bank, leading prayer at this year's final worship of the Provincial Youth Week.

Special thanks go to John Rea of St Anne's Dunbar and IAFN Vice-Chair, for the invitation to share our Provincial Youth story.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK

Don't forget to apply before the end of the year to get a share of the 2021 grants!

These are designed to help churches with youth and children's projects that need a little financial help: as you make plans for Christmas, ask yourself whether a bit of extra cash would help a new idea get off the ground. You can download an application form [here](#).

Claire Benton-Evans

EXTERNAL NOTICES

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: STUDY ON AUTISM AND LITURGY

A University of Aberdeen academic is searching for people who (self-)identify as autistic/on the autism spectrum and who would be prepared to share their experiences of worship and liturgy for his new study.

Dr Léon van Ommen, who is a member of St Ninian's Church in Aberdeen, and the SEC Liturgy Committee, is keen to hear from people of all ages who are anywhere on the autism spectrum, whether verbal or non-verbal.

The project, which has been granted ethical permission by the University of Aberdeen, is based at the Centre for the Study of Autism and Christian Community.

Anyone interested is warmly encouraged to email Léon for more information:
leon.vanommen@abdn.ac.uk.

SUPPORT THE YCCN RELAY TO COP26

Young people from across the country will descend on Berwick-upon-Tweed, Dunbar, Edinburgh and Livingston, among other towns and villages in our Diocese, as part of the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) Relay to COP26.

The YCCN Relay started at the G7 in Cornwall in June and will finish at the COP26 conference in Glasgow.

People from around the Diocese of Edinburgh are invited to walk with the YCCN delegation or support them along the way.

More information is available on the [YCCN website](#).

Below is the local schedule for the Relay:

Thu 14 Oct: Holy Island to Berwick upon Tweed

Fri 15 Oct: Berwick upon Tweed to Eyemouth

Sat 16 Oct: Eyemouth to Cockburnspath

Sun 17 Oct: Cockburnspath to Dunbar

Mon 18 Oct: Dunbar to Haddington

Tue 19 Oct: Haddington to Monktonhall

Wed 20 Oct: Monktonhall to Edinburgh

Thu 21 Oct: Edinburgh

Fri 22 Oct: Edinburgh

Sat 23 Oct: Edinburgh

Sun 24 Oct: Edinburgh to Ratho

Mon 25 Oct: Ratho to Livingston

Tue 26 Oct: Livingston to Whitburn

Wed 27 Oct: Whitburn to Shotts

Thu 28 Oct: Shotts to Motherwell

Fri 29 Oct: Motherwell to Uddingston

Sat 30 Oct: Uddingston to Glasgow

ALLCHURCHES TRUST: THE IMPACT OF CHURCHES IN SOCIETY

The Allchurches Trust has added to its [website](#) some inspiring examples of projects for which it has awarded funding.

The Trust hopes to share the impact, best practice and learning from churches and charities who have been awarded funding.

SCOTTISH INTERFAITH WEEK 2021: TOGETHER FOR OUR PLANET

With the COP26 summit on the horizon, it's the perfect time for Scottish faith organisations to come together to raise awareness of the climate emergency and celebrate the Earth each of us calls home.

Churches throughout the Diocese can do exactly that during Scottish Interfaith Week, which will take place between Sunday, 31 October and Sunday, 7 November, with the theme 'Together for Our Planet'.

Interfaith events could take the form of a Q&A with local faith leaders and academics, an educational fair for all-ages centring on faith and the climate, a 'faith walk' linking together different places of worship in your community, an interfaith park-clean or tree-planting event in partnership with a social enterprise or your local authority, or even an interfaith sports match.

Churches can submit details of their events to the Scottish Interfaith Week [website](#).

A [digital toolkit](#) is available to download, which includes draft social media posts, graphics and promotional tips. [Posters](#) are also available, as well as a [long list](#) of suggested activities.

Young people can enter a [competition](#) which involves finding a way of making a particular religious festival more eco-friendly.

The University of Edinburgh will run an online '[Scriptural Reasoning](#)' conference allowing for the exploration of environment-related extracts. They will include a Christian text from The New Testament, a Jewish text from The Tanakh and an Islamic text from The Qur'an.

The Glasgow Baha'i Community has organised a series of online '[Earth Reflections](#)', which will include prayers, tributes, music and poetry related to the Earth.

PROTECT YOUR CHURCH ROOF

Historic England has produced some useful guidance to help congregations prevent and recover from the [theft of metal from church roofs](#).

Whilst being aimed predominantly at English congregations, the guidance provides useful information for vestries in the Diocese of Edinburgh.

The "[Theft of Metal from Church Roofs: Replacement Materials](#)" advice note replaces Historic England's previous guidance from 2017, and provides information on cost-effective replacements of lead and copper roofs.

The new document states that terne-coated stainless steel (TCSS) is the most appropriate and longest-lasting solution, and outlines the reasons why synthetic, plastic-based materials are less preferable. It also sets out the differences between emergency coverings, temporary coverings and permanent replacement materials.

Heritage crimes can bring enormous financial and emotional challenges for church communities. In order to help reduce the risks of criminal damage, Heritage England has also produced the "[Theft of Metal from Church Roofs: Prevention and Response](#)" guide.

SCOTLAND'S PLACES OF WORSHIP FORUM

The non-denominational Places of Worship Forum (POWF) is kickstarting a nationwide conversation about the community value, strategic use and sustainability of active and inactive places of worship in Scotland.

Organised by Built Environment Forum Scotland, the POWF brings together national organisations that: own or manage places of worship; fund or could fund places of worship; give advice to places of worship; and have an interest in the sustainability of communities playing host to places of worship.

Its activities will centre on historic and modern places of worship, both of which boast immense social and cultural value. More details can be found [here](#).

VACANCY: ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The University of Edinburgh is looking for a full-time Associate Chaplain to join its world-renowned multi-faith and belief chaplaincy. Candidates should apply [here](#) by Tuesday, 12 October.

VACANCY: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS ASSISTANT, GENERAL SYNOD OFFICE

The Scottish Episcopal Church is seeking an assistant to the Church Relations Officer.

The role covers a range of administrative responsibilities and places a particular emphasis upon climate change and environmental matters, including the Church's goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.

Candidates can find more information [here](#) and should apply before 12 noon on Friday, 15 October 2021.

SEC PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP SEARCHES FOR MEMBERS

The Provincial Environment Group, convened by Bishop Ian Paton, will coordinate the SEC's work on attaining net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.

The Standing Committee of the SEC is searching for people to join the Group. They should be environmentally focused and keen on sharing resources with others who share similar priorities at both national and local levels.

Detailed climate expertise is not necessarily a requirement, as long as you have appropriate transferable skills. Candidates are invited to apply by Friday, 8 October 2021. More details can be found [here](#).

FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING, Thursday 14 October

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

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 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE CLICK [here](#)

Pilgrimage for COP26

17-31 OCTOBER 2021

PROGRAMME



17th

Dunbar launch event

2–4pm Children's workshops and performance by Rowanbank Theatre at Lauderdale park, readings from the 2021 IPCC report outside St Anne's Church with silent contemplation inside

4pm Meet at John Muir's Birthplace for a mindful walk to the harbour—led by Karen Gabbittas

4.45–5.30pm Poetry, music, readings and an exhibition in the Battery
Includes Keeper of the Soils ceremony devised by Natalie Taylor

5.30pm Lighting a warning signal at Dunbar Castle

5.30–6pm Informal walk to Belhaven Church Hall in the company of pilgrims

6–6.50pm Pilgrims' Supper. [Book here](#) (pending update)

7pm Pilgrims on the Storm: The Soil and Soul of Walking in to COP26
—a talk by Alastair MacIntosh. [Book here](#) (pending update)



Image: East Lothian Museums

18th

Dunbar to North Berwick

Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, John Muir's Birthplace, Dunbar

Themes: Getting to know one another and the bioregion we're walking through; finding the rhythm of our walk; considering the legacy of John Muir, a Dunbar-born naturalist, environmental philosopher, and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in America

Finish: St Baldred's Church, North Berwick (approx. 6pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: St Baldred's Church, North Berwick

19th

North Berwick to Aberlady Bay

Approx. 9 miles (14km)

Start: 9am, St Baldred's Church, North Berwick

Themes: Coastal walk; the ecology of place; deep immersion through a range of experiential and embodied practices; encountering the birdlife and other creatures who inhabit this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

Finish: Aberlady Bay (approx. 4–5pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: Wild camping, close to Aberlady Bay



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20th

Aberlady Bay to Portobello/Edinburgh

Approx. 9 miles (14km)

Start: 9am, Aberlady Bay (pending update)

Themes: Scotland's industrial heritage (including a tour of Prestongrange Museum); ecological regeneration and its social impact; food sustainability (including a film screening of Local Food Roots and a Pilgrims' Supper in Musselburgh)

Finish: St Mark's Church, Portobello (approx. 6–7pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: St Mark's Church, Portobello



21-24 OCTOBER | EDINBURGH WAY STATION

Accommodation for 25 pilgrims will be provided by St Mark's Church, Portobello (20th and 21st), St James, Leith (22nd and 23rd) and homestays (24th)

21st

Daily programme | 9am-8.30pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

9-10am Community action

Kinetika, Beach of Dreams—installation of 500 pennant flags. Location: Portobello beach, Groyne no. 3, opposite Portobello Swimming Baths, foot of Bellfield Street

10.30am-12pm Morning workshop

Labyrinth walking for climate justice and Capacitar self care practices for empowering strength and resilience—with Ali Newell and David Todd. Capacitar is a global organisation for self care addressing anxiety and trauma. Capacitar has recently published a self care manual to sustain climate activists. These will be made freely available at the workshop. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello

3-4.30pm Reworlding with Justin Kenrick

When John Muir was inspired to create the first national park in America, he was not only cherishing nature but also beginning a conservation movement that has inspired nature protection in some places and the eviction of indigenous peoples in others. Perhaps we are all John Muir now, in that we care deeply about nature, but can embody that care in ways that can cause harm. If so, how can we learn from this legacy?

Drawing on learning from indigenous peoples struggles, the experience of colonisation in Scotland and abroad, and from Aboriginal Dreamtime, this talk and workshop will sketch pathways back into our ability to appreciate and transform our worlds. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello

Book [here](#) (pending update)

5.30-6.30pm Pilgrims' Supper

A 'between events' opportunity to meet and eat. Location: St Mark's Church, Portobello. **Book [here](#)**

7.30-8.30pm Songs around the campfire

Join Jane Lewis, from Protest in Harmony, Edinburgh's radical street choir, to learn songs of hope and transformation for a sustainable future. Location: Portobello beach, Groyne no. 3, opposite Portobello Swimming Baths, foot of Bellfield Street



Image: Protest in Harmony

22nd

Daily programme | 9am-10.30pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

9-11.30am Hope's Walk

A walk from St Mark's church, Portobello to St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, West End Raising awareness of the climate and ecological crisis. Led by young climate activists carrying pennant flags created by Kinetika's Beach of Dreams project

12.30-5.15pm Sources of Hope

An afternoon of workshops and discussion at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral with a focus on young climate activists (open to all ages). Includes the following events below:

12.30pm Welcoming walkers from Portobello

Including Pilgrimage for COP26 and YCCN Relay and learning more about the Beach of Dreams flags

1.15pm Pilgrims' Lunch

2.15-5.15pm A selection of workshops for all faiths and none

- A short talk and film screening about Beach of Dreams
- A creative writing and art workshop to source ideas and designs for future pennant flags responding to the Pilgrimage for COP26
- Capacitar self care practices for empowering strength and resilience
- An introduction to the YCCN Relay
- Christian meditation with an environmental focus
- Just Scripture workshop with Christian Aid

5.30-6.15pm Evening prayer at the Cathedral with a Climate Justice theme

Drawing on the day's exploration (open to all faiths and none)

7-10.30pm Climate Pilgrims' Cabaret Ceilidh

An evening of food, music, song, poetry, and craftivism; includes a tour of Phoebe Anna Traquair's mural in the Song School (initial inspiration for Pilgrimage for COP26). Location: Walpole Hall, in the grounds of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. **Book [here](#)**



Image: Maki Johnston



23rd

Daily programme | 12-6pm

(with the option to join and leave at different points in the programme)

Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice in collaboration with Edinburgh Interfaith Association

"Pilgrims of different faiths and beliefs from across the UK and Europe are joining together to walk for climate justice. Join us as we welcome them in Edinburgh at our different places of worship united behind our belief in the sacredness of our planet and our commitment to climate justice."

Part one

12-1.15pm Silent Rebellion with Earth Holders

Meditation/silent contemplation on our interconnectedness with all of creation; expressing love for the Earth and all life. Location: The Mound, outside the National Galleries.

Book [here](#) (pending update)

Part two

1.30-6pm Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice. Various locations (see below)

1.30pm Official launch of Interfaith Pilgrimage for Climate Justice (New College, Mound Pl)

2pm St Mary's Catholic Cathedral (York Place)

2.20pm Edinburgh Baha'i Centre (44 Albany St)

2.40pm Annandale Street Mosque (43-45 Annandale St)

2.50pm Body-based meditation led by Ali Newell (Hopetoun Crescent Garden)

3.30pm St Paul's, Church of Scotland (Pilrig St), with representation from Eco-Congregations Scotland

4pm Edinburgh Hindu Mandir and Cultural Centre (St Andrew Pl)

4.20pm St James, Scottish Episcopal Church (11A John's Pl)

4.40pm Kagyu Samye Dzong Buddhist Temple (25 Bernard St)

5-6pm Guru Nanak Gurdwara (1 Sheriff Brae)

Includes a short service: 'Sacred Earth: spiritual reflections on the importance of our planet and a call for climate justice', followed by langar (a free community meal)

Book [here](#) for the meal (pending update)



Image: Edinburgh Quaker

24th

Deep Time, Grief and Wonder: A day to slow down and reflect

11am-1.15pm Interfaith Service for Climate Justice

Held at St James, Leith – followed by a meal for the pilgrims and other participants

2.30-5pm Deep Time Walk using the [Deep Time Walk App](#)

Meeting outside Parliament under the covered walkway

5-7pm Deep Time, Grief and Wonder workshop

Reflect on the Deep Time Walk. Location: Central Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House

7-9pm Pilgrims' Supper

For Deep Time Walkers and Quaker hosts. Includes a Quaker Epilogue—a short period of reflection to draw the day to a close

Book [here](#) for workshop and meal (pending update)

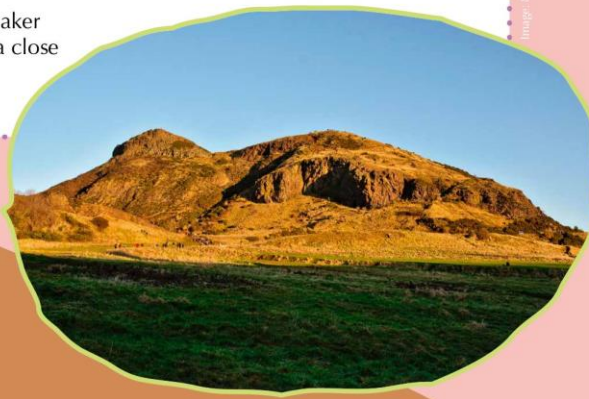


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RECOMMENCE OUR JOURNEY TO GLASGOW

25th

Edinburgh to South Queensferry Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, Leith

Themes: The Five Elements—a walk in five stages responding to the five elements of East Asian medicine: Metal, Earth, Water, Wood, and Fire

Finish: Forth Bridge Memorial, opposite toilets, South Queensferry (approx. 5pm)

Evening event: N/A

Accommodation: Priory Church, South Queensferry



Image: Jess Parker

26th

South Queensferry to Bo'ness Approx. 9.5 miles (15km)

Start: 9am, Priory Church, South Queensferry

Themes: The complex layering of social and ecological landscapes and histories; includes "the best bird habitat on the Forth"

Finish: Foreshore (at the Yellow Buoy near the Union Street car park), Bo'ness (approx. 4.30pm)

Evening events: Film screening of Anote's Ark at The Hippodrome, Bo'ness (in collaboration with Take One Action). Meet at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

Book [here](#) (pending update)

Accommodation: St Catharine's Church, Bo'ness



Image: Scotland By Camera

27th

Bo'ness to Falkirk (via Grangemouth Refinery)

Approx. 10 miles (16km)

Start: 9am, Foreshore (at the Yellow Buoy near the Union Street car park), Bo'ness

Themes: Industrial landscapes and ecological regeneration; mindful engagement with Grangemouth Refinery; interfaith gathering at the Peace Pole in Helix Park (3.30–4pm) – includes Stitches for Survival and Freedom of Mind community choir singing Karine Polwart's 'Enough is Enough'

Finish: Falkirk Trinity Church, Falkirk (approx. 5pm)

Evening events: Christ Church will offer a quiet place for reflection in the evening (7–9pm)

Accommodation: St Francis Xavier's Hall, Falkirk

28th

Falkirk to Kirkintilloch Approx. 15 miles (24km)

Start: 9am, Bandstand, Callendar Square, Falkirk

Themes: Dividing and Connecting. Following the central Scotland canal system we walk under the Antonine wall, built about 140 AD by Roman colonisers to divide and subdue the people of the land. We then encounter the Falkirk wheel, built about 2000 years later to connect rather than divide

Finish: Townhead Bridge, Kirkintilloch (approx. 5–5.30pm)

Evening events: N/A

Accommodation: Pending update

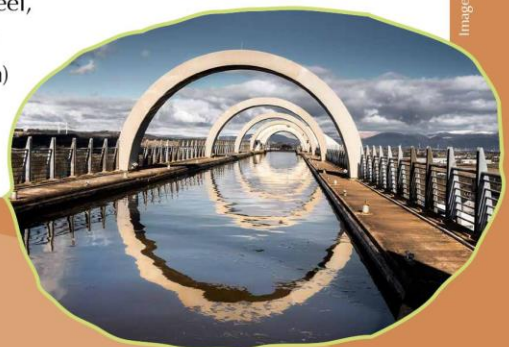


Image: Neil Williamson



29th

Kirkintilloch to Glasgow Approx. 11 miles (17.7km)

Start: 9am, St Mary's Parish Church, Kirkintilloch

Themes: Thresholds and arrivals; the value of bioregional perspectives and practices for responding to the climate and ecological crisis

Finish: Gurdwara Singh Sabha (pending update), Glasgow (approx. 4.30–5pm)

Evening events: N/A

Accommodation: Self-organised homestay, Glasgow ([book here](#))



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30–31 OCTOBER | GLASGOW ARRIVAL

30th

Pilgrims' Procession and International Gathering including Walker and Bromwich's Serpent of Capitalism

12.30pm Gather at the Briggait, 141 Bridgegate, Glasgow G1 5HZ

12.45pm Pilgrims' Lunch

1.45pm Walk to Glasgow Green

2pm Meet with other pilgrims from across the world who have walked and/or otherwise travelled to Glasgow to participate in COP26

2.30pm Start to assemble; brief speeches; flag installation

3pm Pilgrims' Procession starts—through the McLennan Arch, along Clyde Street, into Enoch Square, up Buchanan Street, turning right along Bath Street and into George Square

4–5pm Short statement by indigenous leaders from Columbia and other visiting pilgrims; final action to transform the Serpent of Capitalism



Image: Mark Pinder

31st

Reflection

1–3pm Meeting for Reflection

Open to all pilgrims who've walked with the Pilgrimage for COP26. Includes silent reflection, the opportunity to share our experience of walking with Pilgrimage for COP26 and a follow-up discussion to establish ongoing collaborations. Location: Glasgow Quaker Meeting House
Book [here](#) (pending update)

4–5pm Public discussion: What is a pilgrimage, today?

An 'in-conversation' event with the artists Walker and Bromwich and Jonathan Baxter
Part of the [Encampment of Eternal Hope](#) in collaboration with [Possible Dialogues](#)
Location: Briggait, 141 Bridgegate, Glasgow G1 5HZ. **Book [here](#) (pending update)**

Image: Peter Danson



Please consider signing up for one of the below pilgrimages

Feast of St Margaret (Saturday 13 November 2021, her 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. Contact Rev Willie Shaw at stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com to register your interest.

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.

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 needs to be made by the end of October. Please register interest by contacting Willie Shaw at stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com.

Further walks are being planned. Please see <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/season-of-pilgrimage/> for details.

Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture 2021



The Rev Dr Michael Hull



2021 SEI Lecture: To Filioque or Not to Filioque

The 2021 SEI Lecture, the sixth in the annual series, will be given by the Revd Dr Michael Hull, SEI's Director of Studies.

To Filioque or Not to Filioque: The Warrant of Holy Scripture will be hosted by the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway and held in the University Chapel, Glasgow University (Gillmorehill Campus), on Thursday 28 October at 5pm.

Registration, whether for attendance in person or online via Zoom, is via [this Eventbrite link](#). Registration will close at 9 pm on Monday, 25 October 2021. On this occasion, there will be no reception following the Lecture due to Covid restrictions.

Despite the best laid plans of East and West, the filioque controversy continues, not only between Constantinople and Rome, but within many Reformed churches where the Nicene Creed is received and believed neither for its conciliar (synodical) nor for its historical (traditional) pedigree but for the warrant of Holy Scripture. Reformed attempts to heal the East–West breach crystallised in the World Council of Church's 'Klingenthal Memorandum' to the end that the West should drop the filioque, but few Reformed churches have done so, even if they offer options.

Little has changed from the ninth century when a pope approved of the filioque doctrine yet advised against using the word in the Creed. What is the warrant of Holy Scripture? Should Christians filioque or not?

The Rev Dr Michael Hull is Director of Studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute (Edinburgh), the training agency for authorised ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Dr Hull also tutors in biblical studies and Christian doctrine at SEI, acts as the Editor of the Scottish Episcopal Institute Journal and ministers as an associate priest at St Vincent's Chapel (Edinburgh). He earned his doctorate in biblical theology at the Gregorian University (Rome) and has published in the field.

A native New Yorker and now adopted Scot, Dr Hull came to SEI and moved to Edinburgh in 2015, after sixteen years as a professor of Sacred Scripture at St Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers, NY), whilst serving in a variety of ecclesiastical and pastoral roles in New York.

Gifford Lectures: Networks, Nodes and Nuclei in the History of Christianity, c.1500-2000 with Prof David Hempton, Harvard University



Historians of Christianity, even when innovative in theory and method, have mostly written within national, denominational, or institutional frameworks. Yet many of the most important changes and developments within Christianity have been transnational in scope, trans-denominational in character, and not easily contained within institutional or hierarchical structures.

What difference would it make to reimagine the history of Christianity in terms of transnational networks, nodal junction boxes of encounter and transmission, and a greater sense of the core memes and messages of religious traditions and expressions? That is the principal question to be explored in the following set of lectures.

[Lecture 1. Towards a theory of Transnational Religious Change](#) (Monday 4 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

[Lecture 2. Religious Networks in the Reformation Era](#) (Tuesday 5 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

[Lecture 3. Religious Networks in the Age of Empire in New Spain and West Africa](#) (Thursday 7 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

[Lecture 4. The Protestant International: Pietism, Premillennialism and Pentecostalism](#) (Monday 11 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

[Lecture 5. Women's Networks: Opportunities and Limitations](#) (Tuesday 12 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

[Lecture 6. "Only Connect" : Networked Christianity in the Digital Age](#) (Thursday 14 Oct 2021, 5.30-6.30pm)

Venue: The Playfair Library, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL.

The lectures may be followed by questions. Latest finishing time is 7pm.

This event is open to all but tickets need to be booked in advance. Tickets for individual lectures can be booked [here](#). Contributions to discussion about the series at the [Gifford Lectures Blog](#) are welcomed.

David Hempton is the Alonzo L. McDonald Family Professor of Evangelical Theological Studies, John Lord O'Brian Professor of Divinity, and Dean of Harvard Divinity School. He held prior appointments as Professor of Modern History and Director of the School of History at Queen's University Belfast and distinguished University Professor at Boston University. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and Honorary Member of the Royal Irish Academy. He has delivered the Cadbury Lectures at the University of Birmingham and the F. D. Maurice Lectures at King's College London.

CHANGE IN A TIME OF CHAOS

A Series of Science & Faith webinars with St Columbas-by-the-Castle

Wednesday 6th October at 19:30

What does Jesus think about the ecological crisis?

With Professor Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh

St Columbas-by-the-Castle Episcopal Church, Edinburgh. SCO16571



By **Professor Mark Harris** - Edinburgh University

What does Jesus think about the ecological crisis?

If there is a distinctively Christian perspective on ecological ethics, then we might expect that the Four Gospels would play a foundational role. However, although there is a great deal of theological thinking about our present ecological crisis, little of it engages with the teachings of Jesus. This talk will explore the reasons for this surprising neglect, especially Jesus' intense interest in the coming kingdom of God, which is both a problem and an opportunity for environmental thought.

Mark Harris is Professor of Natural Science and Theology at Edinburgh University where he runs the Science and Religion programme. Mark has been active in physics for many years and in 1997 was one of the discoverers of "spin ice", in the field of the physics of magnetism. He is also an Anglican priest, who previously worked in university chaplaincy at Oxford, and cathedral ministry in Edinburgh. His current research interests include the relationship between the physical sciences and theology, the impact of science on modern views of the Bible, and the theological reception of quantum mechanics. He is a Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion and has served as Chair of the Science and Religion forum.

Please register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yAsweSFpSdS_Eczb2hn6YQ



A little rule for beginners

A monthly group for anyone interesting in exploring the insights of
Benedictine spirituality
for our daily living and discipleship today

Saturdays: 25th September; 30th October; 27th November

10:00 am

Meeting on Zoom – email for link

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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!

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