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West Window of St Cuthbert's Church, Colinton, Edinburgh

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

MARCH 2022 DIOCESAN SYNOD

Please keep Saturday, 12 March, free in your diaries for the next Diocesan Synod. Exact timings and venue arrangements will be released shortly.

NEW DIOCESAN ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM LAUNCHED

We are very pleased to announce that 2022 sees the launch of a new support system for charges.

After a few months of work and piloting (thanks to our pilots!), there is now an Online Support Forum aimed at those of you with specific roles in your congregations to post questions and share experience and resources.

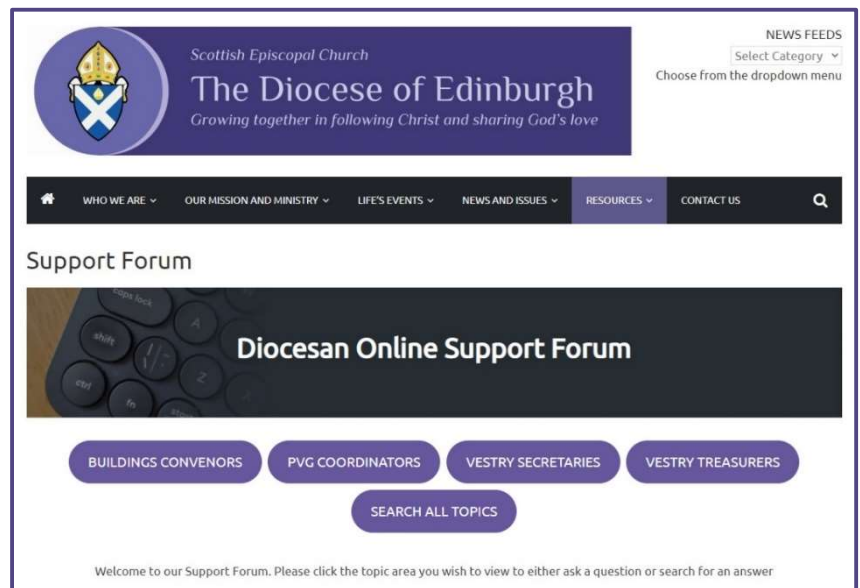
Here at the office, we are always very happy to help whenever we can, but there are only a few of us and, maybe surprisingly, we don't know everything! By posting questions on the forum, we hope that answers might be provided by your colleagues from across the diocese.

Whilst one new Treasurer might be struggling to get to grips with church finances, the other 52 Treasurers may well have the answer that they need. This is one of the great benefits of being a diocese and not 53 isolated and detached congregations.

The forum currently covers:

- Buildings Convenors
- PVG Coordinators
- Vestry Secretaries
- Vestry Treasurers

All these sections are being overseen by the Buildings Committee, the Diocesan Protection Officer and Diocesan Treasurer etc., so if we can provide the answer 'centrally' then we will.



If we can tap into everyone's knowledge, we will be much better informed.

So, head for the [Resources](#) section on the diocesan website and set yourself up with a log-in. You can then 'subscribe' to the topic your role relates to and be notified of questions and responses. There is also a search function, so you can find previous questions and answers. Robert Guthrie (Asst Diocesan Administrator) has produced an excellent help sheet, and there is a link to that on the front page of the forum (you don't need to have set up a login to access that).

The forum is not restricted to people in those roles listed above, just aimed at them. We hope this will help you all and give you a greater sense of not being alone in these important roles.

Simon Filsell, Diocesan Administrator

NEW DIOCESAN OFFICE STAFF

A very warm welcome to two new members of the Diocesan Office team.



First, **The Reverend Jane MacLaren**, who has been appointed to the role of Ministry Development Officer. Many of you will already know Jane well from her role as Ministry Coordinator over the past 12 months, but she now moves to this half-time, three-year role to “*support the ongoing development and wellbeing of all in authorised ministry in the diocese*”. Jane is also the Priest-in-Charge of St Philip’s & St James’ Church in Goldenacre, Edinburgh, and an Associate Tutor with the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

Second, **Joanna Morris**, who is the new Administrative Assistant (Mission &

Ministry). Joanna has recently moved to Edinburgh from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, having been a School Business Manager for the last five years. Joanna will be supporting the work of the Mission & Ministry Committee and, particularly, the work being done by Jane MacLaren. In addition, Joanna is taking on some of the mission and ministry work previously undertaken by Sam Campbell as the Bishop’s PA – such things as the Clergy Conference and the Prayer Cycle – so that Sam can focus on supporting Bishop John and Dean Frances. So, we welcome Joanna not only to the Diocesan Office but also to Edinburgh.



ANNUAL FORMS



The deadline for receipt of the Annual Forms was **Friday, 31 December 2021**. We still have quite a few missing, so could everyone get those to us as soon as possible, please?

Most importantly, the Congregation Statistics should have been completed by **Tuesday, 7 December 2021**, and we received a chase from the General Synod Office on Monday this week

– “A reminder that today is the deadline for sending me your completed Congregational Membership Numbers”.

We need to submit these by the end of this week, so your urgent attention to the statistics and the other forms would be hugely appreciated. Do let us know if you believe you have sent any in that have not been logged, and apologies if we have missed any. Thank you for getting these done.

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-forms/>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Province is now offering a limited programme of safeguarding training in the weeks of Monday, 24 January, and Monday, 31 January, by Zoom. Two separate sessions are planned, lasting one hour each, over six events in order to cover as many charges as possible across the Province.

- **Session 1 (week 1)** An introduction to the SEC Safeguarding Policy Principles and Commitments
- **Session 2 (week 2)** Safe recruitment and PVG

Booking will be through Eventbrite and the Provincial Protection Officers will soon be sending invitations to Clergy, PVG Co-ordinators and Vestry Secretaries, with a maximum of 75 participants per session. As soon as we have more details, we will put them on the website for you, on the Safeguarding page of the Diocesan Office Resources section:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-office-resources/>



DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sunday 16 January Presiding and preaching at the patronal festival of St Mungo's, West Linton

Tuesday 18 – Wednesday 19 January College of Bishops

Thursday 20 January Provincial Standing Committee

Saturday 22 January Training session for vestries and rectors

Sunday 23 January Preaching and presiding at St Peter's, Galashiels

Tuesday 25 January Ordination to the Priesthood of The Revd Dr Jaime Wright,
Old Saint Paul's, Edinburgh

Thursday 27 January Mission & Ministry Committee

COMMITTEES

Thursday 27 January Mission & Ministry Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12 March 2022 Diocesan Synod

NOTICES

NEW SEC ADVISORY GROUP COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Below is the SEC AG's **latest guidance message**, which was sent by email to all clergy, lay readers, vestry secretaries and diocesan secretaries on **Thursday, 16 December**.

“Following the announcement by the First Minister on Tuesday [14 December], we have been awaiting further clarity from the Government on exactly what new measures were being introduced which might affect congregational life.

Today, the Government has issued new legal regulations which come into force at midnight tonight and will therefore affect church services this weekend and beyond. It has also reissued its Places of Worship guidance, intended to reflect the new regulations. That guidance is available at:

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

One specific change in regulations applies to mask exemptions. The ‘distancing’ requirement for face covering exemption for service leaders or choirs/worship bands has been increased from 1m to 2m. The exemption still applies where screens or partitions are used. This is relevant where a group such as a choir or worship band are involved. Depending on numbers and the space available, the size of any such group may need to be reduced to comply with the increased 2m distancing requirement between members of the group and/or the congregation. We are advised by Government that the playing of instruments remains permissible but masks should be worn except where mask wearing is not possible owing to the nature of the instrument.

Church services can go ahead but the regulations require those responsible for a place of worship to have regard to the Government guidance about measures to minimise risk of exposure to coronavirus. They also include a duty to take such measures as are "reasonably practicable to minimise the incidence and spread" of the virus on church premises. This means that churches should consider the Government’s new guidance.

The Advisory Group’s general advice is that churches should revisit their risk assessments and revert back to some of the practices and procedures which they were accustomed to operating at earlier stages in the pandemic, as suggested below. Some churches may have continued to operate such restrictions anyway, notwithstanding the greater degree of relaxation over the course of the last few months. However, if those earlier measures are no longer in place, the Advisory Group recommends as follows: –

- Church members should be strongly encouraged to take lateral flow tests before attending any act of worship.*
- Measures should be taken to avoid crowding – managing "pinch points" such as entrances, exits, queueing to receive Communion, queueing for church toilets etc. Whilst the new regulations do not require social distancing as such between church members sitting in the congregation, the Advisory Group recommends that consideration be given to reintroducing social distancing (minimum 1m) between households. Signage/tape can be used and pews/seats marked as before. There is no need to define a capacity as such (as applied at an earlier stage) but thought will need to be given to how many can safely be accommodated given these reintroduced tighter restrictions.*
- The general requirement to wear a face covering in churches remains in place, noting the change to exemption for service leaders/performers described above.*
- Where communal items are used, such as prayer books, previous practice might be followed, such as disposable liturgy sheets or personal copies of books held by individuals, as an alternative to disinfecting/quarantining.*
- As has been well publicised, the Government has been strongly encouraging work Christmas parties not to go ahead and also that social gatherings should be limited to a maximum of 3 households. Neither of these directly apply to churches but, applying these general principles, the Advisory Group recommends that congregations should consider discontinuing post-service refreshments (since they are a mask-free opportunity for multiple households to mingle) for the time being and also consider cancelling Christmas parties or similar social events involving multiple households. Decisions in relation to such matters should be based on local risk assessment.*

- There should be continuing compliance with the general requirements of face coverings, good hand and respiratory hygiene, and ventilation.
- The above measures apply to weddings and funerals as well as other church services.

The Government has also reissued its former guidance on organised activities for children which is available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-organised-activities-for-children/>

We appreciate that the introduction of new measures at this time and at very short notice is difficult for all concerned and the Group expresses its gratitude to clergy and congregations for their conscientiousness in taking all reasonably practicable measures to keep people safe.”

NOTICES (continued)

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with sadness that we bring news to you of the passing of three faithful ministers of the Gospel over the Christmas period:

The Revd Isobel Ryrie died peacefully on the evening Thursday, 23 December 2021. Isobel’s husband, Sunday, was with her, and her passing had been expected. She had been in hospital for several weeks and had advanced dementia. Isobel’s funeral was held on Thursday, 6 January.

Lay Reader Emeritus Bernard Hill died on Thursday, 29 December 2021. As you may recall, Bernard was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease around three years ago. Please hold his widow, Christine, and their family in your prayers.

The Revd Canon Jack Trimble died on Thursday, 29 December 2021, leaving his widow, Kay. Jack served in this diocese as a curate at St John’s, Princes Street, Edinburgh, and later as Rector of Falkirk. He also served in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, where he was a Cathedral Canon for several years.

CANON 35

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

- **Haddington, Holy Trinity** – Installation of Wi-Fi Camera
- **Edinburgh, St Mary’s Cathedral** – Renewal of Lighting

NEWS FROM THE BISHOP OF EDINBURGH

Bishop John Armes Retweeted

Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Dec 24, 2021
#EdinAdventCalendar DAY 24

"Who is my neighbour?"

Tune in to @BishopEdinburgh's Christmas Message.

"Christmas puts us on the spot. Are we serious about singing the angels' song? Because if we are, the next question follows close behind: Who is my neighbour?"

@secsynod



→ Bishop John pictured with The Very Revd John Conway, Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, after Nine Lessons and Carols.

← Re-watch Bishop John's Christmas Eve message:

<https://twitter.com/EdinDiocese/status/1474337054238461961>

Bishop John Armes @BishopEdinburgh · Dec 23, 2021

Attended a lovely service of Nine Lessons and Carols last night at @StMarysCathEdin.

Good to welcome many members of the local community who read lessons.

Pictured with The Very Revd John Conway, Cathedral Provost.

Wishing you all a peaceful, fulfilling and safe Christmas.



← Bishop John takes part in a virtual, Nativity-themed game of Pass the Parcel for the Christmas Day edition of Children's Chapel from the Scottish Episcopal Church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCfz-mWV3z4>



Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Dec 21, 2021
#EdinAdventCalendar DAY 21

Why is @BishopEdinburgh opening Christmas presents on social media and wearing his brightly coloured shirt?

To find out, visit @secsynod's YouTube channel on Christmas Day for a special edition of Children's Chapel from @EdinDiocese and @EdinDioYouth!

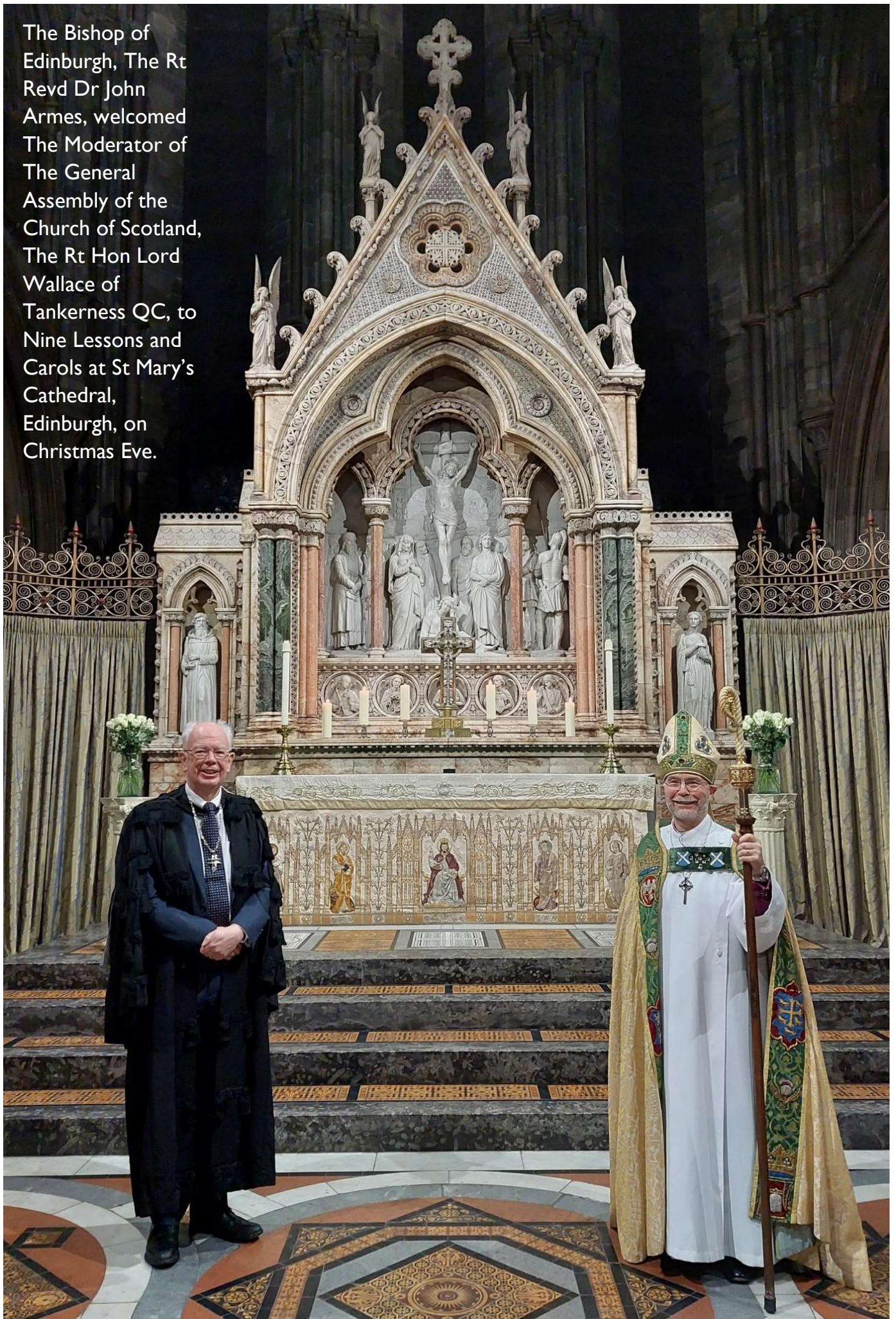


Twitter: @BishopEdinburgh



Facebook: Bishop John Armes

The Bishop of
Edinburgh, The Rt
Revd Dr John
Armes, welcomed
The Moderator of
The General
Assembly of the
Church of Scotland,
The Rt Hon Lord
Wallace of
Tankerness QC, to
Nine Lessons and
Carols at St Mary's
Cathedral,
Edinburgh, on
Christmas Eve.





← Re-watch last Sunday's Scottish Episcopal Church Online Worship, led by the Bishop of Edinburgh, and featuring The Revd Canon Dr Marion Chatterley, Vice Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and The Revd Susan Ward, Curate and Deacon at St Mary's, Grangemouth, and St Catharine's, Bo'ness.

<https://www.facebook.com/360799793890/videos/3015990378620955>

→ Bishop John presents John Allan from Christ Church, Morningside, Edinburgh, with a St Cuthbert Award. It recognises his 80 years of service in the Church's choir and community.



← Bishop John (second left) attended a service for the signing of the St Andrew Declaration at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 28 November, which brings the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church of Scotland closer.

DIOCESAN NEWS

FOLLOW THE DIOCESE ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER

Send your images/text to rguthrie@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Above – SEC Children’s Chapel came from the Diocese of Edinburgh on Christmas Day.

Catch up here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCfz-mWV3z4>

This month has been a good one for Diocesan social media.

We had a successful online Advent Calendar over 1-24 December. This showcased many of the wonderful things going on around our Diocese. We have had engagements from Historic Environment Scotland, The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, The Deputy Provost of Edinburgh City Council, The National Galleries of Scotland, the former UK High Commissioner to Ghana, The Cathedral Music Trust, The Choral Evensong Trust and the Scottish Refugee Council, amongst others.

 Bishop John Armes Retweeted
Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Dec 22, 2021
#EdinAdventCalendar DAY 22

This Christmas, @SoulFoodEdin & @MustardSeedEd will be offering nutritious Grab & Go takeaway meals and respite to anyone dealing with homelessness, poverty or loneliness.

Details below on where to receive a meal (COVID measures in place).

@secsynod

Soul Food Christmas Meals

Monday 20th, 5:30pm City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square	Monday 27th, 5:30pm City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, 25 Nicolson Square
Thursday 23rd, 5:30pm Mustard Seed, 170 Easter Road Trickett Meadows	Thursday 30th, 5:30pm Mustard Seed, 170 Easter Road
Friday 24th, 5:30pm Central Church, 2 West Tolbooth Ticket required	Friday 31st, 5:30pm Central Church, 2 West Tolbooth
Sunday 26th, 5:30pm St John's Church, 1 Dundee Street	



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We're so grateful to students from @SRUC Oatridge College, who recently volunteered to trim the trees at St Mary's Church, Dalmahoy. They are also building two benches and will visit twice per term. Thanks everyone!

@SRUCStudy @secsynod @SChurchesTrust @HistEnvScot #Dalmahoy





Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · 2h

As today is [#HeritageTreasures](#) Day, we're celebrating some of the beautiful and historic churches in [@EdinDiocese](#).

We're featuring St Adrian's ([#Gullane](#)), St Peter's (Lutton Place, [#Edinburgh](#)) and St Andrew's (Kelso).

Which of the 53 churches in our diocese is your favourite?



Scottish Episcopal Church and 9 others



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Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: [@dioceseofedinburgh](#)



Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Dec 18, 2021
[#EdinAdventCalendar](#) DAY 18

"In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago."

A lovely photo of [@HolyCrossEdin](#)!

[@secsynod](#) [@histenvscot](#) [@secretedin](#)



Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Jan 7

On this day last month, St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh, hosted the "Post-COP 26: Celebration or Wake?" Zoom talk, attended by [@IanMurrayMP](#), [@SarahBoyack](#) MSP and [@CllrCMiller](#).

Thanks for their insight as churches across [@EdinDiocese](#) take action to go greener.

[@secsynod](#)



Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Dec 16, 2021
[#EdinAdventCalendar](#) DAY 16

"Advent Joy doesn't deny the reality of our lives. It acknowledges the dark, yet celebrates the beauty of light in its midst."

Today, [@pausingplace](#) from [@StAnnesDunbar](#) looks for light in the darkness.

[@tracey_thorn](#): [youtu.be/maRckqQDJnA](#)
[@secsynod](#)



Diocese of Edinburgh @EdinDiocese · Jan 5

These 'happy place' collages were created by some new Scots who have come to Edinburgh from Syria.

They were welcomed at a recent event with St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lutton Place, Edinburgh, and [@EdCiMi](#) - with much pizza!

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EUCHARIST FOR THE 'FOUNDER'S DAY' OF OUR DIOCESE

The Revd Dr Stephen Holmes, Rector of Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh, is the new Scottish Chaplain to the Royal Martyr Church Union. In this capacity, he is helping to organise the 'Charles the Martyr' Mass on Tuesday, 1 February, at St Mary's Cathedral. Details below.

ROYAL MARTYR CHURCH UNION

MARTYRDOM OF KING CHARLES I (30 JANUARY 1649)



11.30 am, Tuesday 1 February
St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

SOLEMN SUNG EUCHARIST (1637 rite)

Celebrant: The Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Revd John Armes

Preacher: Professor Jolyon Mitchell, University of Edinburgh

King Charles I founded the diocese of Edinburgh in 1633 and gifted a fine new Book of Common Prayer to the Scottish Church in 1637 so this is, in a sense, the 'Founder's Day' of our Diocese.

Everyone is most welcome.

For further details (including possible bookings for lunch), please contact: David Roberts, robertssopwellnunnery@btinternet.com
01727 856626

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

In this Epiphany season, you might find time to catch up on some of the online offerings that were created in the Diocese this Christmas.

It's a joy to see such creativity and imagination in the ways we have found to share the Nativity story during another Covid Christmas. Here are some highlights you may have missed:

- Provincial Children's Chapel, led by Edinburgh Diocese: <https://www.facebook.com/scottishepiscopalchurch/videos/605350074081299>
- A delightful and moving 'Mum TV' crib service replacement from St Anne's Dunbar: you can catch up with the interviews at your leisure... including one or too less 'all age' appropriate comments, but no songs in this exclusive, adult version! <https://youtu.be/Aw-QoLXZZik>
- A (socially distanced) Nativity recorded by the young members of St Mary's Cathedral's Sunday Club: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jp8g5WrZZVU>



A Happy New Year to you all!

Claire Benton-Evans

LIVINGSTONE INITIATIVE EIGHT YEARS ON

The Diocesan Office received this message from The Livingstone Initiative, regarding one of the charity's projects that was supported in the 2013 Diocesan Lent Appeal. Anyone interested in following up this communication or in making a further donation should contact Belinda Hodge directly by using the details at the bottom of this page.



"As you may recall the Diocese of Edinburgh very kindly supported The Livingstone Initiative when we were marking the Bicentenary of the birth of David Livingstone back in 2013. We are now pleased to report substantial progress on the school, which is being built by the community in Chama, and with a variety of other projects, as set out on the accompanying document.

We also attach a short drone video of the new school roof and we have updated the main video about the vision for the school. Links to both these videos are attached below and within the document.

As you will see from the document, we are close to being able to open St Mary's Anglican Secondary School for Girls in Chama, north-eastern Zambia. The construction of the school is taking time, but this is because the community themselves are building it and because of the annual rains, they are restricted to six months dry season a year. The Pandemic, too, has hindered work, but we are getting there.

We are now launching a new appeal - *Fitting Out the Classroom Block* - as we need to raise some further funds to finish the initial works. We calculate we need to raise a further £21,000 to fund the following:

Installation of 17 Door frames + doors; 41 window frames + windows, burglar bars and door gate grills, hardwearing flooring, ceilings and interior decoration for the classroom block, desks and chairs.

Funding for expert advice on practicalities and agriculture at the school

Administrative expenses for securing partners and funding, project management and administration.

Some additional funding is being raised in Zambia and the Zambian Government will be supplying all the teachers and paying their salaries and accommodation and supplying textbooks.

We remain very grateful to you and the Diocese for the generous support you have given, but I am wondering if there is a chance that the Diocese might consider further help, so that we can get the school open.

I would be very happy to answer any questions you may have and I hope to hear back from you.”

Belinda Hodge

Chief Executive Officer

The Livingstone Initiative

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EXTERNAL NOTICES

Want to be a Volunteer Chaplain to workplaces in your community?



WPCS are inviting you to attend an
Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy session (Zoom)
on Tuesday 1st February – 10.00am to 12noon

The session will include:

- What is workplace chaplaincy?
- The role and structure of **Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland**
- How do chaplains operate within organisations?
- How do chaplains promote individual and corporate wellbeing as part of Christian service?
- An introduction to further training

To book a place – contact: Liz Mackie, Administrator
liz.mackie@wpcscotland.co.uk





Holy Cross Children's Ministry

What's on...



Buggy Services



Fridays in January at 10:30

Short, informal services for toddlers and their grown ups. Songs, stories and activities. Time to play afterwards (with hot drinks and cake for the grown ups). Every Friday in January.

Story Time



Fridays in February, 10am-12noon

For toddlers/pre-schoolers and their grown ups. Come and relax in the church, read our books, do some crafts and play. Hot drinks and cake for grown ups. Some quiet time in the winter – every Friday in February.

Family Services



Sundays at 4pm (see dates below)

Half an hour of stories and songs followed by refreshments.

30th January: Candlemas

27th March: Mothering Sunday

12th June: Pentecost



Every Sunday

You're always welcome to join us for our regular 10:30 service on a Sunday morning. We have a children's area with books and toys, and you won't be told off for being joyful or grumpy or needing to move around or eat some snack. Tea/coffee, juice and biscuits are served in the hall afterwards.

Play Church

In January and February we're hosting Play Church, a portable, child-sized altar with dressing-up clothes and robes to give children the opportunity to learn playfully about worship, liturgy and ministry. If you're with a children's organisation or a school and are interested, please get in touch.

Keep an eye on our Facebook @HolyCrossEdinburgh & church noticeboard for extra events & services. Please get in touch with any questions or ideas. Izzy Holmes, Children's Minister:
families.hce@gmail.com

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY AT INTERFAITH SCOTLAND

Interfaith Scotland will host an intimate and participative event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2022 on Thursday, 27 January, at 6.30 pm. The event will feature a candle lighting ceremony.

You are invited to join either in person ([register here](#)) or online ([register here](#)).



Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

27 January, 6.30-8.30pm

'One Day.....'



HOW WILL YOUR CHURCH MARK THE PLATINUM JUBILEE?

The following information may provide inspiration for churches planning to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

"Churches, Christian charities and youth organisations are working together to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a community challenge."

The challenge is to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by serving others. **In honour of the Queen's 70 years of service, HOPE**

Together has suggested 70 Acts of Service - drawing on [Stewardship's 40 Acts](#). These are 70 simple ways to make a positive difference as individuals and as community groups.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says, 'To honour the Queen's 70 years of service, let's serve others and make a difference in our communities. Choose a handful of acts, or complete one a day for 70 days, it is up to you! Gather your friends, family, and community together to make a difference in your street, village, town or city, and let us know your plans.'



[Download the 70 Acts of Service ideas here.](#)

What and when?

The Platinum Jubilee 4-day Bank Holiday runs from 2-5 June 2022. Visit www.theplatinumjubilee.com for all the ideas and resources needed for communities to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service. Read what's planned - and PASS IT ON!

Who?

HOPE Together is working with a wide range of partners to help churches around the Commonwealth to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

Platinum Jubilee Highlights

Our Faithful Queen - a gift book using rarely seen prayers The Queen prayed as she prepared for the Coronation will be published by HOPE Together and Biblica in January 2022 to buy and to give away.

A Happylands animation and book 'The Girl Who Grew Up To Be Queen' for under 5s is to be published by HOPE Together in partnership with The Entertainer and Hope for Every Home.

A new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and written by contemporary hymn writers Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and Rend Collective for choirs to sing as part of the celebrations, which was released on 10 January 2022.

A competition for choirs from around the Commonwealth to sing 'Rise Up and Serve'.

A YouTube video featuring choirs singing the new anthem, from the team that brought together 'The UK Blessing' during lockdown, with executive producer Les Moir. This will be available to share on social media and play at events as part of the celebrations.

70 Acts of Service – the invitation to communities to celebrate by serving others with 70 community service ideas drawing on Stewardship's 40 Acts

On Her Majesty's Service for 11-14s – youth organisations, schools and uniformed organisation are involved (Pais, CofE, Youth For Christ, YouthScape, The Message, Prayer Spaces In Schools. Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade). Resources include ideas for action and videos to use - available in January.

Your Street Party Planner – ideas and plans for fun-packed community events developed in collaboration with the Methodist Church.

www.theplatinumjubilee.com - a dedicated website with all the ideas and resources you'll need to bring your community together to celebrate.

Banners, posters and other Platinum Jubilee branded resources will be available from CPO
- www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee

The Platinum Jubilee – Celebration of Faith & Service logos can be downloaded from www.theplatinumjubilee.com

As the 4-day Bank Holiday ends at Pentecost, our partners [Thy Kingdom Come](#) are also providing a Cheeky Pandas film, song and book for primary school children – with resource packs for home/church/school and community events.”