



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

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*Old Saint Paul's Church, Edinburgh*

## SAVE THE DATE: NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD

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

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for 2022 has now been uploaded to the 'Resources' section of the Diocesan website. It also includes environmental prayers and brief petitions for each day of the month.

The document can be accessed here:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2020/06/diocesan-cycle-of-prayer-2022/>. If you would like a printed copy, please contact [JMorris@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:JMorris@dioceseofedinburgh.org).

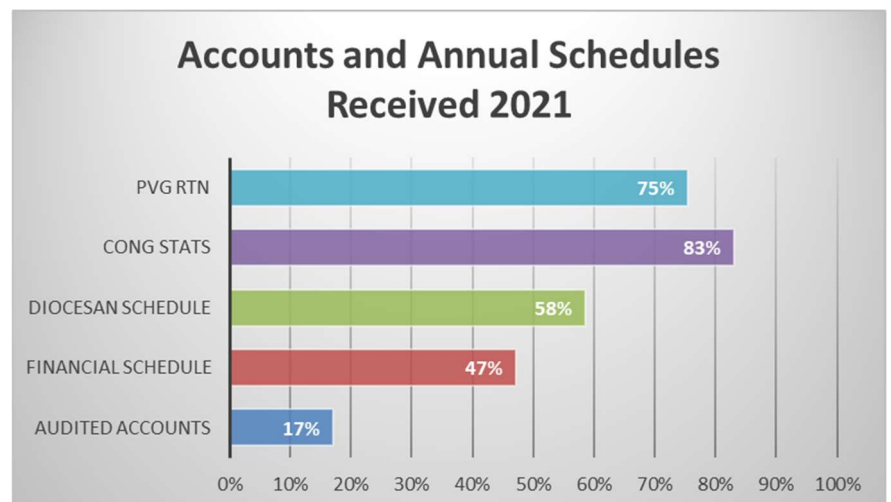


## ANNUAL FORMS

*"I love deadlines. Especially the whooshing sound they make as they fly past"*

The 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 deadline for the Annual Forms was one of those. Thank you to all of you who have completed yours – especially the charges with ALL returns completed:

- EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith
- EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours
- LASSWADE St Leonard's
- NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's



**However, we are still missing a total of 116 forms.**

The Congregational Statistics have now been sent to the General Synod Office, but with zero against those where we have not had a return. We are missing 22 Diocesan Schedules, so we will be inviting the Lay Reps currently on our database to the Diocesan Synod, unless we hear otherwise. The grid showing the returns received is included on the next page, so you can check what is missing. Do let us know if we have missed any though. It can happen!

*Thank you. Simon Filsell*

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2021/22							27/01/2022
	Charge	Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
I.01	St Mary's Cathedral		5 Jan 22	5 Jan 22		2 Dec 21	3 Dec 21
I.02	BALERNO St Mungo's		21 Jan 22		15 Dec 21	24 Nov 21	23 Nov 21
I.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's				16 Nov 21	6 Dec 21	16 Nov 21
I.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's					13 Dec 21	
I.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls		5 Jan 22	5 Jan 22		1 Dec 21	1 Dec 21
I.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's					1 Dec 21	3 Dec 21
I.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's				14 Dec 21	4 Jan 22	
I.08	DUNBAR St Anne's		14 Dec 21	14 Dec 21	13 Dec 21	13 Dec 21	27 Dec 21
I.09	DUNS Christ Church					2 Dec 21	2 Dec 21
I.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside		29 Nov 21	6 Dec 21		5 Jan 22	7 Jan 22
I.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield		29 Nov 21		25 Nov 21	22 Nov 21	16 Nov 21
I.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains		18 Jan 22		6 Dec 21	2 Dec 21	16 Dec 21
I.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's						8 Dec 21
I.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun		25 Jan 22	25 Jan 22	25 Jan 22	25 Jan 22	25 Jan 22
I.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle				29 Nov 21	24 Nov 21	1 Dec 21
I.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton		18 Jan 22		1 Dec 21	23 Nov 21	28 Nov 21
I.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton		14 Dec 21	14 Dec 21	29 Nov 21	29 Nov 21	29 Nov 21
I.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone		8 Dec 21	8 Dec 21		6 Dec 21	
I.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith		22 Nov 21	7 Dec 21	24 Nov 21	7 Dec 21	7 Dec 21
I.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street				8 Dec 21	7 Dec 21	
I.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road						20 Dec 21
I.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello				30 Dec 21	28 Nov 21	9 Dec 21
I.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours		5 Jan 22	5 Jan 22	5 Jan 22	5 Jan 22	7 Dec 21
I.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints		17 Dec 21	16 Dec 21			16 Nov 21
I.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank		10 Dec 21			2 Dec 21	6 Dec 21
I.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's				6 Dec 21	6 Dec 21	7 Dec 21
I.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place		8 Dec 21	8 Dec 21	7 Dec 21	6 Dec 21	2 Dec 21
I.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James		29 Nov 21	6 Dec 21			14 Jan 22
I.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse		6 Jan 22	6 Jan 22	29 Nov 21	29 Nov 21	29 Nov 21
I.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge		6 Jan 22	6 Jan 22	30 Dec 21	30 Dec 21	30 Dec 21

Charge		Draft Accounts Received	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn			
I.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's					2 Dec 21	2 Dec 21			
I.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church					18 Jan 22	7 Dec 21	30 Dec 21		
I.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's					20 Dec 21	7 Dec 21	17 Jan 22		
I.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's					10 Jan 22	17 Dec 21	26 Jan 22		
I.38	GULLANE St Adrian's		14 Dec 21	14 Dec 21	20 Dec 21	7 Dec 21	14 Dec 21			
I.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity					2 Dec 21				
I.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's					2 Dec 21	2 Dec 21	25 Nov 21	27 Nov 21	28 Nov 21
I.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's		6 Jan 22	6 Jan 22		2 Dec 21				
I.42	JEDBURGH, St John's					11 Dec 21	10 Jan 22			
I.43	KELSO, St Andrew					9 Dec 21	10 Dec 21			
I.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,		25 Jan 22	25 Jan 22	30 Dec 21	1 Dec 21	2 Dec 21			
I.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's		2 Dec 21	2 Dec 21	8 Dec 21	6 Dec 21	27 Nov 21			
I.46	LIVINGSTON									
I.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity							30 Nov 21		30 Nov 21
I.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,							7 Dec 21	1 Dec 21	22 Dec 21
I.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,							20 Dec 21	20 Dec 21	13 Dec 21
I.50	PEEBLES St Peter's		20 Jan 22			2 Dec 21				
I.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,		6 Jan 22			25 Jan 22	13 Dec 21	1 Dec 21		
I.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's		8 Dec 21	20 Dec 21	9 Dec 21		26 Jan 22			
I.54	SELKIRK St John's		3 Dec 21	7 Dec 21	13 Dec 21	23 Nov 21	17 Nov 21			
I.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary				24 Dec 21	14 Dec 21	10 Jan 22			
I.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's				24 Jan 22	24 Jan 22	25 Jan 22	17 Dec 21		
I.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed		15 Dec 21	15 Dec 21	3 Dec 21	3 Dec 21	3 Dec 21			
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			53	53	53	53	53			
	Return Rate		<div><div></div></div> 60%	<div><div></div></div> 49%	<div><div></div></div> 62%	<div><div></div></div> 85%	<div><div></div></div> 81%			
	Outstanding		<div><div></div></div> 21	<div><div></div></div> 27	<div><div></div></div> 20	<div><div></div></div> 8	<div><div></div></div> 10			

## STAFFING

You will have seen, in the last edition, the news of Jane MacLaren and Joanna Morris starting with us.

However, we are very sad to announce that Robert Guthrie (Assistant Diocesan Administrator) is leaving us. This is NOT because he was looking to leave, but due to him receiving an unexpected job offer from the BBC. The job is in the Westminster Office of the BBC, in a communications role – an offer which he could not turn down.

We are delighted for him, on one hand, but very sorry indeed to see him leave us. He has the same sentiments and is sorely disappointed to be leaving our office team, and an organisation for which he has such belief and passion. It also means that he leaves his layclerkship in St Mary's Cathedral Choir. He finishes on Wednesday, 16 February, and moves down to London. We genuinely wish him well.

The final dots are being added to the Communications Officer job description, and we are hoping to be able to start advertising that post next week, all being well. Keep an eye out on the Diocesan website for details in our [Vacancies section](#), and send on the details to anyone you think might be interested. It will also appear on our social media channels.

## GRANT FUNDING

We have been informed that the UK government's Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme has been extended for another three years until 31 March 2025

(this is the scheme that gives a grant to cover the cost of VAT on repairs etc to listed places of worship). More details can be found here: <http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/>



## NEW DIOCESAN ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM LAUNCHED

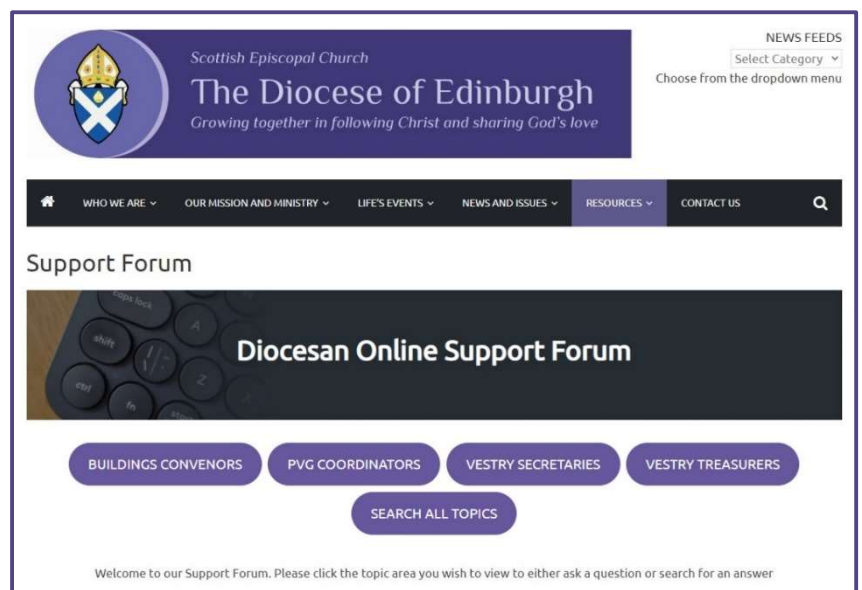
We are very pleased to announce that 2022 sees the launch of a new support system for charges.

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 and 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.

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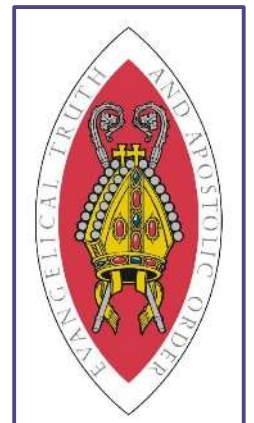
## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

**Thursday 27 January** Mission & Ministry Committee

**Monday 31 January** Chapter

**Tuesday 1 February** Royal Martyr Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral (11.30 am); Cathedral Board; Finance & Management Committee

**Thursday 3 February** Lambeth Conference preparations

## COMMITTEES

**Thursday 27 January** Mission & Ministry  
**Tuesday 1 February** Finance & Management  
**Monday 7 February** Buildings Committee  
**Thursday 10 February** Standing Committee

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 12 March 2022** Diocesan Synod

## NOTICES

### **NEW SEC ADVISORY GROUP COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

**Friday 21 January – Sent to clergy, lay readers, vestry secretaries and diocesan secretaries**

*“The Advisory Group has met following the announcement by the First Minister on Tuesday this week and draws the following to your attention: –*

- *The general tenor of the Government communication at present is more optimistic than it has been over the course of the last few weeks. The First Minister has announced some relaxation of the restrictions which were put in place shortly before Christmas as a result of the rising number of Omicron cases. The optimism is welcomed but the Advisory Group encourages clergy, lay readers and congregations to continue to be careful in the weeks ahead and to recognise that many in our churches will remain cautious.*
- *The previous baseline measures remain in place, namely the continuing requirement for face coverings to be worn in places of worship as well as good hand and respiratory hygiene and ventilation. Places of worship remain under a legal obligation to take such measures as are "reasonably practicable to minimise the incidence and spread" of the virus on their premises. That also means that churches should consider the Government's Places of Worship guidance. The Government has reissued its guidance today which is available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-phase-3-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship/> Dep[site it being an update there are in fact no material changes compared to the previous version.*
- *Generally, the Advisory Group considers it is appropriate from the beginning of next week to revert to a position broadly similar to that pertaining in early December, before the introduction of the Government's Omicron-related restrictions but please also note the detail of what follows. As ever, decisions should be made on the basis of appropriate local judgement and risk assessment.*
- *In December, the Government introduced a change to the regulations in relation to facemask exemptions. The "distancing" requirement for face covering exemption for service leaders or choirs/worship bands was increased from 1m to 2m where there is no screen or partition in place. At the present time, that 2m requirement remains in place, although we understand that Government is due to consider a possible review next week.*
- *In December, in the light of the Omicron cases, the Advisory Group suggested that post-service refreshments should be suspended. The Group now revises that advice and is of the view that refreshments can be reintroduced. However, masks should continue to be worn during refreshments except when individuals are eating/drinking.*
- *As far as social distancing within the congregation is concerned, no change has been made to the Government's Places of Worship guidance which continues to state Physical distancing is recommended during worship wherever possible, unless it interferes with a fundamental aspect of faith*

*specific practice. The Advisory Group notes that such a recommendation seems somewhat inconsistent with the approach being taken by Government in other areas – such as hospitality – and we are taking that matter up with Government. However, for the moment, the Government advice remains as mentioned. The Group suggests that congregations make a local judgement on the basis of risk assessment but is also aware that some church members may anyway be keen to maintain a degree of social distancing. There would, therefore, be merit in making at least some seating in churches available on a socially distanced basis and ensuring respect for those who are uncomfortable with closer physical contact - there may be many who would still not wish, for example, to shake hands or have other close contact.*

- *Church members should be strongly encouraged to take lateral flow tests before attending any act of worship and, similarly, should be encouraged to have their booster vaccination if they have not already done so.*
- *A revised version of the FAQs is likely to be posted to the provincial website next week to reflect these matters but we will wait until further news is available on the 2m requirement mentioned above.”*

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## **DOMESTIC SMOKE AND HEAT ALARMS (INCL. RECTORIES)**

Here is a reminder from the provincial Buildings Committee that, as notified in April last year, from February 2022 the Scottish Government is introducing new regulations covering smoke and heat alarms in domestic buildings, including rectories.

To summarise, there should be:

- One smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes
- One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
- One heat alarm installed in every kitchen

All alarms should be ceiling mounted and interlinked, that means when one alarm is activated all alarms will sound. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance (such as boilers, fires (including open fires) and heaters) or a flue, a carbon monoxide detector is also required which does not need to be linked to the fire alarms. Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/>. Battery operated systems can be purchased for around £250. Mains systems will need to be installed by a qualified electrician. Failure to install the system may invalidate building insurance.

## **NOTICES (continued)**

### **SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE**

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

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***It is with sadness that we bring this news to you:***



**The Revd Canon Jack Denholm** died peacefully on Saturday, 22 January 2022. Jack served in the Diocese of Edinburgh as a curate at St Peter's, Lutton Place, Edinburgh, and later as Rector of St Baldred's, North Berwick, and St Adrian's, Gullane, with his last stipendiary post being that of Rector of St Mark's, Portobello, Edinburgh. He also served in the Dioceses of Brechin, and St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. In retirement, when living in Silverknowes, Edinburgh, with his wife, Rosemary, Jack was also a Team Priest at St Ninian's, Comely Bank, Edinburgh. Jack was a friend to many throughout the SEC. Please remember him in your prayers, praying too for Jack's daughters, Ali and Jude, and the extended family. Jack's funeral will be held at St Ninian's, Comely Bank, details of which will be announced in due course.

**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.

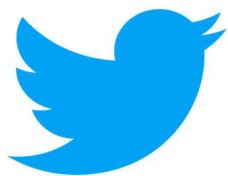
## CANON 35

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

- **Edinburgh, St Cuthbert (Colinton)** – Replacement and Relocation of Speakers
- **Haddington, Holy Trinity** – Installation of Wi-Fi Camera
- **Edinburgh, St Mary's Cathedral** – Renewal of Lighting

## FOLLOW THE DIOCESE ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM & TWITTER

Want to feature? Send your images/text to [rguthrie@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:rguthrie@dioceseofedinburgh.org)



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

## EUCCHARIST 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 EUCCHARIST (1637 rite)

*Celebrant:* The Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Revd John Arnes

*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

## FROM THE DIOCESAN CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP

“As many of you will be aware, the SEC has made a pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030. This means we are all embarking on an exciting, important, but daunting journey.

To help the diocese tackle this challenge, a Diocesan Carbon Neutral Group has been formed. This group met on January 18th and will continue to meet monthly as we seek to encourage and support the diocese.

**To help this group communicate well with all charges within the diocese, please could a contact name and email for the eco rep within your congregation be sent to [bethany@psandgs.org.uk](mailto:bethany@psandgs.org.uk).** If you do not yet have an eco rep, we encourage you to seek out anyone on your vestry, or in your wider congregation, who might consider taking on this role.

The SEC is soon to release a toolkit, guiding churches as they reduce their carbon emissions and respond to the climate crisis. The Diocesan Carbon Neutral Group will support charges as we all follow this toolkit in the months and years ahead, communicating and sharing resources so that nobody is left attempting to reinvent the wheel.”

## 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



# Holy Cross Children's Ministry



## What's on...

### Buggy Services



Fridays in ~~January~~ (now February due to Omicron) 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~~ (now March due to Omicron), 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.

30<sup>th</sup> January: Candlemas

27<sup>th</sup> March: Mothering Sunday

12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:families.hce@gmail.com)*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:liz.mackie@wpcscotland.co.uk)



## TWO SEPARATE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATIONS

NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SCOTLAND 2022

### ONE DAY

An Evening of Remembrance

JANUARY 26TH, 2022 FROM 6-7 PM  
ONLINE EVENT



← Firstly, in association with the Scottish Government, Edinburgh Interfaith Association will also mark Holocaust Memorial Day with an online National Holocaust Memorial event on Wednesday, 26 January, at 6 pm. [Register here.](#)

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→ Secondly, Holocaust Memorial Day will also be marked during an intimate, contemplative and participative event led by Interfaith Scotland 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](#)).



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## EDINBURGH SACRED ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

The Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival (<https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org>) is back this year from 14th - 20th August and it's bigger and better than ever.

The Festival will celebrate sacred music, paintings, poetry and drama.

Participating venues include [Old Saint Paul's Episcopal Church](#), [Sacred Heart Jesuit Church](#), [Canongate Kirk - The Kirk of Holyroodhouse and Edinburgh Castle](#), [St Vincent's Chapel](#), [St Mary's Catholic Cathedral](#), and [Mansfield Traquair](#) Centre, home to the stunning murals by Phoebe Traquair.

Follow [Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival](#) on Facebook and Twitter @SacredArtsFest for updates on the 2022 programme!

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## CHURCHES AND MENTAL HEALTH

**The Allchurches Trust seeks to better understand the ways the Christian community can respond to increased mental health needs throughout society.**

Churches are invited to respond to a [short survey](#), which is of greatest relevance to:

- local churches and charities providing, or planning to provide, support or social groups that aim to promote better health and wellbeing;
- organisations that help to train, equip and resources churches in better mental health awareness, mental health first aid and the establishment of health and well-being groups;
- and organisations providing personal mental health and wellbeing support for clergy and other key church leaders/workers.



Many churches across the Diocese of Edinburgh will meet these criteria!

Access the survey here:

[https://allchurches.francequaltrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK?Q\\_DL=0mv7eOmNMDN6KU2\\_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK\\_CGC\\_EuwUaloODr5BRsL&Q\\_CHL=email](https://allchurches.francequaltrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK?Q_DL=0mv7eOmNMDN6KU2_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK_CGC_EuwUaloODr5BRsL&Q_CHL=email).

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## **NATIONAL PLATINUM JUBILEE CHOIR COMPETITION**

### ***From HOPE Together:***

Choirs are invited to record a specially written Platinum Jubilee anthem to be released on YouTube featuring choirs from around the world.

The competition, supported by Premier Christian Radio, will bring together choirs from around the Commonwealth.

The new anthem 'Rise Up and Serve' has been commissioned by HOPE Together and partners, and written by song writers Graham Kendrick, Mal Pope and the contemporary worship band Rend Collective.

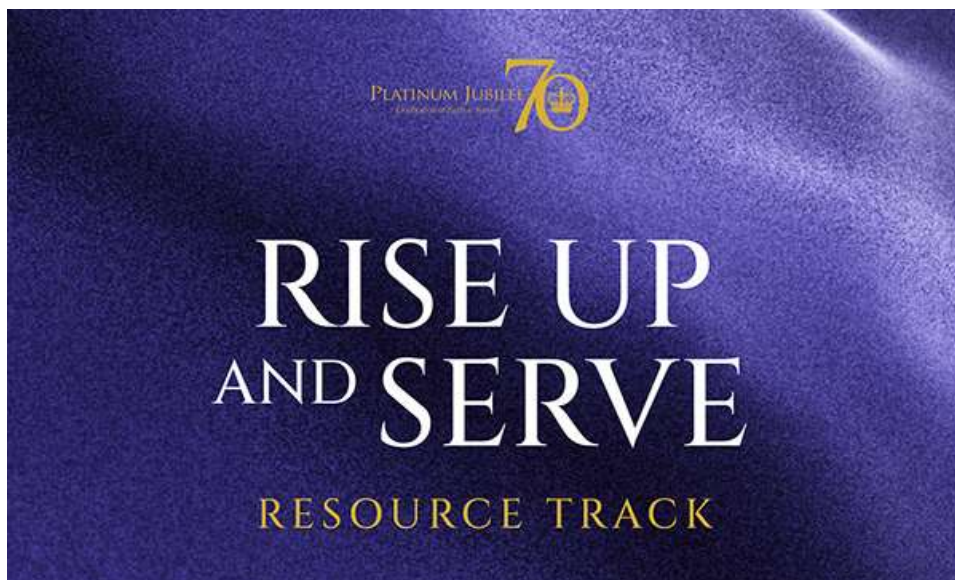
The lyrics, music and resource track are available at [theplatinumjubilee.com/sing](https://theplatinumjubilee.com/sing), so choirs can start to practise this new song for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to honour the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

Competition winners will be chosen for the YouTube video, which will feature choirs from around the Commonwealth singing the new anthem. The video will be produced by Les Moir from the Word & Worship Trust who played a significant role in bringing together The UK Blessing, which has been watched by nearly 5 million people.

Churches are also invited to bring their communities together to sing the anthem at street parties and special events over the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

Recording guidelines are available to download from [theplatinumjubilee.com/sing](https://theplatinumjubilee.com/sing).

The competition deadline is Monday 7 March 2022.



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## **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cpo.org.uk/queen-platinum-jubilee)

*The Platinum Jubilee – Celebration of Faith & Service logos can be downloaded from [www.theplatinumjubilee.com](http://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.”*



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## Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (SECMA)

### SECRETARY

Part-time: 14 hours per week over 3 days

Salary: £9.70 per hour

Applicants must have a working knowledge of desk-top publishing and have an interest in supporting development projects in the third-world.

Duties include production of the twice-yearly SECMA magazine and other publications, as required, servicing the SECMA committee and management of the office. The applicant must be well motivated, flexible and able to work unsupervised in SECMA's Edinburgh office.

Further information and an application form from [secma@live.co.uk](mailto:secma@live.co.uk) or from  
SECMA, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EE.

Closing date for applications; 28/02/2022.





## Annie Naish's News

January 2022

I can't believe that it's 2022 and I have been with Mercy Ships for 5 months. Apologies that this update is so long overdue. I began writing before Christmas but was then too busy with work to finish and send it until now. When I arrived in Gran Canaria back in August the ship (the *Africa Mercy*) was out of the water in a dockyard for renovations. and so for while I commuted daily between two complete contrasts. Evenings staying in a hotel in a commercialised, semi-naked, boozy beach resort and daytimes on the ship in a dirty, noisy, industrial dockyard where identity cards, hard hats and protective clothing were compulsory.



*Dry Dock*



*Home!*

After about a month the ship went back in the water and everyone returned to living on board full-time. I am delighted to have a single cabin, which I have enjoyed making home, especially with treasures gathered from a whole 'boutique' full of other peoples unwanted goods (spot the fairy lights and cushions!). My cabin is a very welcome sanctuary at the end of each busy day, although I will soon have to share the tiny shower/toilet cubical with a neighbour.

Two months after I arrived, we sailed to Tenerife with a truly fabulous experience of a whole day at sea. Since then we have been moored in a harbour at the back of beyond, an industrial wasteland with a power station and sewage treatment plant, and nothing else. The winds are chilly and ferocious here, so the ship rocks, creaks and shudders constantly, but I love the wave-machine effect it creates in our tiny swimming pool! We hope to leave here at the end of January to go to Senegal and return to our main mission as a fully equipped and staffed hospital ship, training medical professionals and offering free surgeries for specific, treatable conditions.



*Worship on the bow when sailing*

Most days I feel that my life on board is truly bizarre. A typical Thursday (for example) might be making cappuccinos in the café in the morning, fighting a (pretend) fire in the afternoon, and organising a creative community gathering in the evening. Prayer meetings, church services, counselling type conversations and leading devotions for various departments (sometimes at 7.45am!) are interspersed with highly complicated preparation of a dive team (essential for keeping the inlets and outlets under the ship functioning). We have had a number of serious pastoral emergencies to cope with, incredibly intense when in a community cooped up in a small space together. Also in this past week we have our first cases of covid on board which means the whole ship is now locked down, and no one is allowed off the ship until we get to Senegal in February.



*Chaplains PJ, Janetta and me*

Since I began I have had a complete change of colleagues in the chaplaincy team, but I now expect to work with the two other chaplains for at least the next 6 months. Currently our community is about 180 adults and 20 kids from about 40 different countries, but every day new people are arriving and in the next month we will increase to around 350 adults as medics arrive to staff the hospital. Whenever I walk past the wards or operating theatres I am struck by just how much there is to be done to prepare for Senegal. Our 'in-country' team are already there working with the government to establish the safest Covid protocols possible and identifying patients for surgery and medics for training.

As I look back, some of the highlights so far are:

- Seeing the profound transformation of a couple of people who came aboard with no Christian faith, and then became disciples of Jesus through their experience of our community.
- Hearing life stories and testimonies of people from all over the world and making new friends.
- Recognising just how apposite my skills and experience are for this role.
- Swimming under the moon and stars and walking in the strange wilderness of Tenerife.

Some of the challenges (and prayer points):

- Getting over-busy and over-tired because the work is relentless.
- Coping with individual and community stress, and pastoral crises when they occur, with the right balance of wisdom and compassion.
- Helping support people whilst we have covid cases on board, the challenges this creates in building community, and concerns about further outbreaks preventing us from sailing to Senegal
- Working in a tiny team alongside two very different people.
- Ensuring the dive team is trained, kitted out and functioning before we get to Senegal.

Thank you so much for all your interest, prayers and support. If you would like more regular updates I am re-launching my blog and will write brief updates here: <https://annienaish.wixsite.com/ship-to-shore-blog>. The prayer tab is protected by the password prayforannie so I can share more personal things.

I am really missing friends and family back home so it is lovely sharing my adventures with you and thinking of you reading this.

Belated best wishes and prayers for you to be blessed in 2022.

Much love,

*Annie*



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