



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

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*Stained glass at The Church of The Good Shepherd, Murrayfield, Edinburgh*

# DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

## DIOCESAN SYNOD



The agenda for Saturday 12 March will be finalised at the Standing Committee on Thursday 10 February, and the order of business will be published the following week.

We are pleased to say that Synod will be **in-person** at St Paul's & St George's in Edinburgh (Synod Eucharist at 8.30am) but will also be live-streamed (not Zoom) to enable people to watch the proceedings. Safety protocols will be issued with the agenda/invitations.

Please ensure that your charge's Diocesan Schedule has been submitted so that we send invitations to the correct Lay Representatives. We also wish to remind you that members who are unable to attend the meeting must submit apologies, so that our attendance records are up to date. Thank you.

## ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

We are delighted to see that we have **25 users** signed up to the various forums now. Questions already posted include:

- *Does anyone have tradespeople whom they would recommend?*
- *Church website: making it secure*
- *Thanking regular donors*
- *Renting out the Rectory*
- *Recovery and Resilience Fund*
- *Tax on trading income*



As well as fellow vestry office-holders answering questions, a few have been answered by diocesan staff/officers, such as Ian Lawson (Diocesan Treasurer). This may soon become an invaluable fount of knowledge! Here's the link: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/forums/>

**Why not join up and subscribe?**

## STAFF VACANCIES

Adverts for the two current vacancies can now be found online on the [vacancies page](#) of the Diocesan website. They are both part-time (18.75 hrs p/wk):

- Assistant Diocesan Administrator
- Communications Officer



In addition, the links are on our [Facebook page](#), so please share them if you are on Facebook.

## 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).



## 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/>



## DIARY

### THE BISHOP'S DIARY

**Thursday 10 February** Event with the Lord Mayor of London, London

**Sunday 13 February** Presiding at St Mary's, Dalmahoy

**Sunday 20 February** Presiding at St Ebba's, Eyemouth

### COMMITTEES

**Thursday 10 February** Standing Committee

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Saturday 12 March 2022** Diocesan Synod

## NOTICES

### NEW SEC ADVISORY GROUP COVID-19 GUIDANCE

**Friday 28 January – Sent to clergy, lay readers, vestry secretaries and diocesan secretaries**

*"A brief update on behalf of the Advisory Group, following the announcement by the First Minister on Tuesday [25 January]. Very little has changed at this point except as noted below: –*

- *In previous emails we have commented on the various changes to regulation in relation to facemask exemptions. In December, the "distancing" requirement for the face covering exemption*

for service leaders or choirs/worship bands was increased from 1m to 2m where no screen or partition was in place. With effect from today, the regulations have changed reducing that 2m requirement back to 1m. This change has been reflected in a minor alteration to the Government's Places of Worship guidance: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-places-of-worship/>

- A minor change has also been made to guidance in relation to organised activities for children. Government guidance has previously indicated that adults attending organised activities for children should wear face coverings when indoors, unless they are leading the activity. From Friday this week, face coverings will no longer be required for any adult taking part in organised activities when they are directly interacting with children under the age of 5.

Updated FAQs have been posted to the provincial website to reflect the change to the distancing requirement referred to above: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Version-13-28.1.22.pdf>

We appreciate that continuing restrictions are a cause of frustration for some, particularly when the regime south of the border is less strict. Although relatively minor, it is to be hoped that the above relaxations go a little way to enable a resumption of more usual activity – particularly for church choirs and worship bands. We continue to engage regularly with Government and represent issues and concerns raised with the Advisory Group.”

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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.

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## 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.”

## NOTICES (continued)

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Requiem Mass for **The Revd Canon Jack Denholm** will be celebrated on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 11am at St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Comely Bank, Edinburgh. This will be followed by The Committal at Warriston Crematorium.

## 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



# NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

The [latest Youth and Children Newsletter](#) is out now!

This edition features the diocesan Play Church, which is now continuing its inspiring pilgrimage around the diocese.

It also highlights new resources and ideas for youth and children's ministry: check out the growing seasonal collection on the diocesan website [here](#).

The Youth & Children Officer is always happy to talk through any ideas or questions you may have: you can contact Claire on 0131 346 9088 or 0747 372 8148. She works every week day except Wednesdays.

Claire Benton-Evans



## MISSION & MINISTRY: SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE

### SAT 26 MAY – BIG WALK TO CARBON NEUTRAL

**On Saturday 26 May, churches in the Diocese of Edinburgh are invited to 'pilgrim' to our Mother Church, St Mary's Cathedral.**

There are several walks planned from South Queensferry, Roslin and Portobello, and down the Water of Leith. There will be a walk around the grounds of the Cathedral for those who can't manage a longer walk.

These walks will meet at the Cathedral in time for lunch and worship. The afternoon will include workshops and speakers to help us on our Big Walk to Carbon Neutral, as we share resources, ideas, frustrations and joys.

More details to come. More details from The Revd Willie Shaw: [stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com](mailto:stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com).

### SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE-THEMED RESOURCES AND COURSES FOR LENT

These resources are available for use in churches and as individuals as we continue to reflect on this Season of Pilgrimage:

- **A Lent Course for the Diocese of Edinburgh** – these six week sessions centre around a different place of pilgrimage in or near our diocese. We think about the place, and then use Scripture to reflect on our own pilgrimages – both physical and spiritual. **Available here from 11 February:** <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/season-of-pilgrimage/>.
- **A course from CTBI** which offers seven weeks of exploration and reflection on pilgrimage. **Available here:** <https://www.lentpilgrimage.org.uk/>.



- What about reading **Laurence Bunyon's Pilgrim's Progress** and discussing that in Lent? There are some good modern editions available – for example this [one edited by Rhona Pipe](#).

Or use films to open discussion, for example:

- **The Way:** Starring Martin Sheen and Directed by Emilio Estevez. A Filmax Production. 123 mins duration. A Hollywood production that gives a reasonably accurate picture of walking el camino, albeit with four main 'larger than life' characters. The blurb on the DVD cover says: "Martin Sheen plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to France to collect the remains of his adult son (played by his real-life son Emilio Estevez), killed in the Pyrenees while walking. The Camino de Santiago, or 'The Way of St James'. Driven by a profound sadness, and desire to understand his son better, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage, leaving his old life in California behind. Armed with his son's backpack and guidebook, Tom navigates his journey along the 800km pilgrimage, but soon meets others from around the world, all looking for greater meaning in their lives."
- **Walking the Camino: Six Ways to Santiago.** An Umbrella Entertainment Production. Directed by Lydia Smith. 54 minutes duration. This is more a fly-on-the-wall documentary following six people walking el Camino Frances, so no big names stars in this film. The blurb on the DVD cover says, 'Walking the Camino' captures the trials and tribulations of six modern-day adventurers equipped with only a backpack, a pair of boot and an open mind on the epic 500-mile pilgrimage along Spain's 1200 year-old Camino de Santiago. A journey renowned for its enlightening, spiritually nourishing and physically challenging rewards, the six pilgrims must learn to cope with blisters, exhaustion, loneliness and self-doubt in order to triumph over the fears and prejudices that have become roadblocks in their own lives. Transcending corporeal concerns and celebrating the 'hero within', 'Walking the Camino' is a captivating insight into the human condition and explores what motivates people to step up and do extraordinary things." This [website](#) has a number of films to help people in advance of walking the Camino. You might find there a number that suit your situation, including [I'll Push You – A Wheelchair Camino](#), and [Phil's Camino](#) – a film about walking the camino without leaving your home.

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## WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING FOR THE SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE?

**Local Pilgrimage Events:** Please let us know what you're planning in your own church and we can advertise and share resources.

- **St Mary's, Grangemouth and St Catharine's Bo'ness** – both these churches have a day this autumn where we will visit sites associated with their history. For St Mary's that means the ruins of Dunmore Church, a visit to Christ Church, Falkirk, a trip to the Rectory (built on the site of the first tin kirk), and finishing at the church itself. In Bo'ness that means visiting medieval ruins at Carriden and Kinneil, a graveyard around a church that's been converted into, first, a cinema, a garage, and then a house, then on to the Town Hall, and ending at St Catharine's built 100 years ago.
- **St Mark's, Portobello** – services of pilgrimage and monthly pilgrimages in the autumn.



# To be a pilgrim: a day to explore ideas, history and spirituality of pilgrimage

Season of Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Edinburgh

A free day event open to everyone who is interested.

## Saturday 26 February

Holy Trinity, Haddington (Welcome from 9.15, Worship at 10am, finish at 3pm) and on Zoom (10-1.30)

With **Donald Smith** - Scottish Storytelling Centre and author of Pilgrim Guide to Scotland

And **Canon Peter Doll**, Canon Librarian and Vice Dean of Norwich Cathedral, who has been involved in setting up pilgrim routes in East Anglia.

This day will be a day of discussion, exploration and togetherness. Unless restrictions change, it will take place in person.

If you would like to hear the two speakers, a Zoom link will be available from 10-1.30 to enable this to happen.

**This event is free, but booking in advance is essential (whether you will attend in person or on Zoom). Register with eventbrite:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/to-be-a-pilgrim-tickets-247205467207>**

**Bring your own lunch; coffee / tea / soup will be provided in a Covid-compliant way**



# LATEST DIOCESAN NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 4

A great photo from the first Buggy Service for toddlers and their grown-ups @HolyCrossEdin (@secsynod / @EdinDioYouth) today!

All toddlers and their grown-ups welcome on Fridays throughout February at 10.30 am for story, songs and play!



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**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 3

Monday was King Charles the Martyr Day - essentially the 'Founder's Day' of our Diocese.

@stmaryscathedin hosted a commemorative service that was led by @BishopEdinburgh and organised by @amaliarius (@HolyCrossEdin). Thanks to preacher Prof Jolyon Mitchell @EdinburghUni.



You and 9 others



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 3

Have you seen the garden at @StMPorty, #Edinburgh?

Volunteers are redesigning it with companion planting to encourage wildlife and to discourage pests and diseases.

Some nice signs of light, beauty and hope!

@secsynod @ecocongregation @portobelloc @SophiaBMarriage @EdCiMi



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 3

Catch up with yesterday's 'Thought for the Day' on @BBCRadioScot, which featured The Revd Diana Hall (@pausingplace) from @StAnnesDunbar in the @EdinDiocese!

@LothianLoop @goeastlothian @eastlothianlife @elcourage @ELCouncil #Dunbar #EastLothian



**Scottish Episcopal Church** @secsynod · Feb 2

The Rev Diana Hall highlighted LGBT+ history month when she gave 'Thought for the Day' on BBC Radio Scotland programme Good Morning Scotland today [bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0...](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0...) @pausingplace @BBCRadioScot @LGBTHM

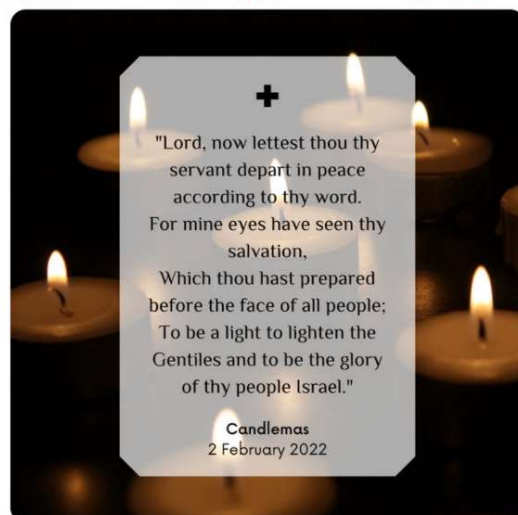


**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 2

Today is #Candlemas!

Candles are lit to remember the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, and when Simeon declared Him a Light to the World.

The Song of Simeon (below) is often sung FREE by choirs in @EdinDiocese. Visit @ChoralEvensong to hear it near you #Edinburgh



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To view these posts in full, head to our social media accounts!



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Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 2

New bike racks being installed @StAnnesDunbar! Just one way the churches in @EdinDiocese are helping communities go greener. #Edinburgh #EastLothian @secsynod

**StAnnesDunbar** @StAnnesDunbar · Feb 1

The installation of our new bike racks is finally underway! These will encourage church visitors to use pedal power! @EdinDiocese @CyclingUKScot @LothianLoop @SustransScot @newseastlothian @ecocongregation



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Feb 1

Some great photos of Sunday evening's #Candlemas Family Service @HolyCrossEdin! Have a look at the candles they made!

This Feb, all toddlers/their grown-ups invited to FREE Buggy Services (Fridays 10.30 am)! Featuring stories, parachutes and Agnes the hand-puppet...

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**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Jan 28

? What is pilgrimage?

Find out at 'To be a Pilgrim' at @HolyTrinityHadd 9.15am - 3pm on Sat 26 Feb! FREE EVENT

★ With Donald Smith @ScotStoryCentre and Canon Peter Doll @Nrw\_Cathedral

🍷 Bring lunch. Coffee/tea/soup available.

Booking essential: [bit.ly/3o1O7eT](https://bit.ly/3o1O7eT)



**Edinburgh Diocese** is at St John's Episcopal Church Edinburgh.  
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#DogsofEdinburghDiocese

St John's Episcopal Church Edinburgh, #PrincesStreet, recently welcomed a furry friend to Choral Evensong - Bonnie the Springer!

Why not listen to beautiful sacred choral music for FREE at Choral Evensong at St John's on Sundays at 6pm? ... See more



**Edinburgh Diocese**  
Published by EdinDio Comms · 2 February at 09:11

For hot drink, a slice of cake and some company, pop into St. Anne's Dunbar on Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon! Open to all!

# CUPPA, CAKE & CHAT



**TUESDAYS**  
**10 AM - 12 NOON**  
**St Anne's Church**

COME ON IN, THE KETTLE'S HOT!

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED,  
GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

[www.stannedunbar.org.uk](http://www.stannedunbar.org.uk)





**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Jan 25

@StMarysCathEdin and @ppc.edinburgh came together on Sunday to mark the #WeekofPrayerforChristianUnity.

A special service included prayers from the signing of the Saint Andrew Declaration, which strengthened ties between @churchscotland and @secsynod in November. #Edinburgh



St Mary's Cathedral and 9 others



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Jan 27

Congratulations to @jaimewrites42, ordained Priest on Tuesday at @OldSaintPauls in #Edinburgh by @BishopEdinburgh!

As a Burns Night bonus, a haggis was piped in after the service and was addressed in the Bard's traditional words. All the best, Jaime, from the @EdinDiocese.



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**Edinburgh Diocese**

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St. Anne's Dunbar and Sustaining Dunbar held their first FREE bike maintenance workshop on Saturday!

More workshops on Sat 19/2 & Sat 19/3!

Email ecogroup@stannesdunbar.org.uk or phone 07914 602123 to book!... See more



**St. Anne's Dunbar**

26 January at 11:32 ·

On Saturday we ran our first "FREE" Bike Maintenance workshop with Sustaining Dunbar. There were loads of easy tips, including how to de-crud and tune your gear... See more



**Edinburgh Diocese**

Published by EdinDio Comms · 3 February at 09:46 ·

St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church Kelso is surely one of the hidden gems of the Scottish Borders.

It's run by the Scottish Episcopal Church. Why not pop in at any time during the day?

VisitScotland... See more



**St Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church Kelso**

30 January at 17:42 ·

Some beautiful pictures taken by Vickie Miller



**Diocese of Edinburgh** @EdinDiocese · Jan 27

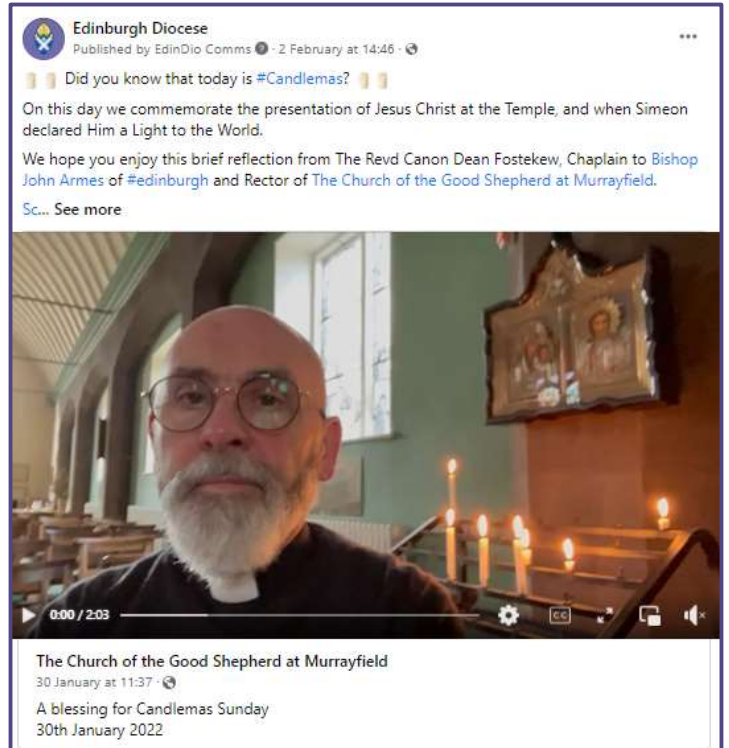
This #HolocaustMemorialDay, we remember the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, and attempt to learn lessons from humanity's darkest moments.

Watch Scotland's national memorial programme below, featuring @BishopStrange (Primus @secsynod).



youtube.com  
Scotland's Holocaust Memorial Day Programme 2...  
Welcome to the official National Holocaust Memorial Day Event for Scotland as we pay our ...





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## AROUND OUR DIOCESE

### VERGER VACANCY AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, EDINBURGH

"We have a vacancy for a full time Verger position at St Mary's Cathedral. This job would suit somebody who would enjoy a variety of responsibilities and who may have experience in building maintenance. We're looking for someone who's flexible, willing to take on a range of tasks and is interested in supporting the liturgical and day-to-day life of the Cathedral. This role offers a 4-day working week on a rota basis with another Verger, including alternate weekends. For more details please contact [office@cathedral.net](mailto:office@cathedral.net)."

St Mary's Cathedral



# 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

### GRASSROOTS FAITH COMMUNITY LEADERS INVITED TO SIGN OPEN LETTER TO CONDEMN NATIONALITY & BORDERS BILL

From [Safe Passage](#), an organisation that campaigns for and helps child refugees to access legal routes to safety:

*"I am writing to invite you to sign an open multi-faith leaders' letter to the Prime Minister, raising concerns about the Nationality & Borders Bill. Please accept our apologies if you have been contacted about this via another route, but we are working alongside the ecumenical ["Joint Public Issues Team"](#) to share this letter through our various faith networks.*

*As you may be aware, the Government is seeking to overhaul the way the UK asylum system works through the Nationality & Borders Bill. Whilst they claim that this will make the system fairer, there has been widespread criticism about how the Bill will in fact make the UK a more hostile place for those seeking sanctuary.*

*Faith leaders are uniting to tell Parliament that these changes are unacceptable. Previously, the strength of faith leaders speaking out together on issues of justice and peace has been clear, and we would like to show as strong a voice as possible on this crucial issue.*

*You can read the text of the letter here, adding your name and details to the form at the bottom to sign the letter by **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February**: <https://forms.gle/Pkafxn6JywUVWIE86>.*

*National and grassroots leaders from faith communities across the UK are being invited to sign. The letter is being coordinated by an ecumenical Christian group called The Joint Public Issues Team, who will be in touch with more information, should you wish, if you sign.*

*The letter will be sent to the Prime Minister to coincide with the Bill being debated in the House of Lords over the coming weeks. We are currently asking people not to share the letter on social media, but rather by direct correspondence to potential signatories. We will share the letter more publicly at the right time."*

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### FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP WITH FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE

**Faith in Older People and Anna Chaplaincy - Join us for a **FREE** online seminar on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 4.30pm – 6.00pm**

The pandemic has shone a spotlight on the complex needs of older people. One organisation that's seen a rise in numbers of people wanting to help those in the older age category is Anna Chaplaincy.

Anna Chaplains - named after the faithful widow 'Anna' who appears in Luke's gospel - are community-based.

Independent research shows 'Anna Chaplains are present with older people, their families, and care staff in a multitude of ways: as friends, pastors, and ministers; sharing conversation, hopes, fears, prayers and laughter. They're in family homes, communities and clubs, church groups, care and nursing homes, through joy and loss, life to death. To those they serve, they are quite simply, essential.' (Impact Report 2021 <https://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk/impact-report-2021>)

The Anna Chaplaincy network is now more than 200-strong and is now in Scotland, with network members in South Lanarkshire, Nairn and Orkney.

Anna Chaplains (male and female) often pursue a vocation to work in their own communities on reaching retirement-age themselves, finding renewed meaning and purpose in local ministry.

If you'd like to find out more, take part in a joint webinar on April 6 from 4.30pm – 6pm with Faith in Older People and the Anna Chaplaincy team, led by Pioneer of the movement and former broadcaster, Debbie Thrower.

**Sign up for your free place via Eventbrite [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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## BIG BETHANY SLEEP OUT IN EDINBURGH

**From Bethany Christian Trust:**

“Following the unprecedented success of last year’s virtual Sleep Out, we’re super excited to announce that our Big

Bethany Sleep Out is returning on the 11th of March with both in-person and at-home formats as a hybrid event! Will your church join us this year?

With an in-person event at Edinburgh City Chambers alongside the option of taking part online - wherever your church members are across the country, they can come together for a great cause! We think that this event could be perfect for youth groups or older kids groups who may enjoy raising funds together for a goal.

Many people experiencing homelessness or precarious housing situations have struggled to find a safe space to self-isolate or socially distance throughout the pandemic. While it’s one very uncomfortable night for us, for many it’s a daily reality. Could members of your church give up their warm and



comfortable beds to honour men, women and families who use Bethany services and raise vital funds for our work this year?

Your church's support could have a huge impact on people's lives, for example:

£40 could provide an emergency food package for someone starting a new Universal Credit claim, including food, laundry detergent, toiletries and sanitary products for female tenants

£75 could provide regular, safe one-to one support for people in our emergency shared accommodation, helping them access more permanent accommodation following the crisis

£250 could provide a deposit to move into a private tenancy, securing their accommodation for 6-12 months and creating a safe refuge for vulnerable people that would otherwise have to go to a hostel

It doesn't matter where you Sleep Out, all that matters is you are supporting some of the most vulnerable people by coming together this year! The at-home sign up deadline is the 28th of February to ensure your event pack reaches you in time.

Please share this opportunity with your church and if you would like to fundraise as a team, there is the option to do this through the registration. Your church can sign up here [sign up here](#) to secure your space and if you have any questions, please email [events@bethanychristiantrust.com](mailto:events@bethanychristiantrust.com)

Where will you Sleep Out this year to support some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland?"

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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.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK?Q\\_DL=0mv7eOmNMDN6KU2\\_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK\\_CGC\\_EuwUaloODr5BRsL&Q\\_CHL=email](https://allchurches.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK?Q_DL=0mv7eOmNMDN6KU2_0NZI3i6GgRTpJGK_CGC_EuwUaloODr5BRsL&Q_CHL=email).



# 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.

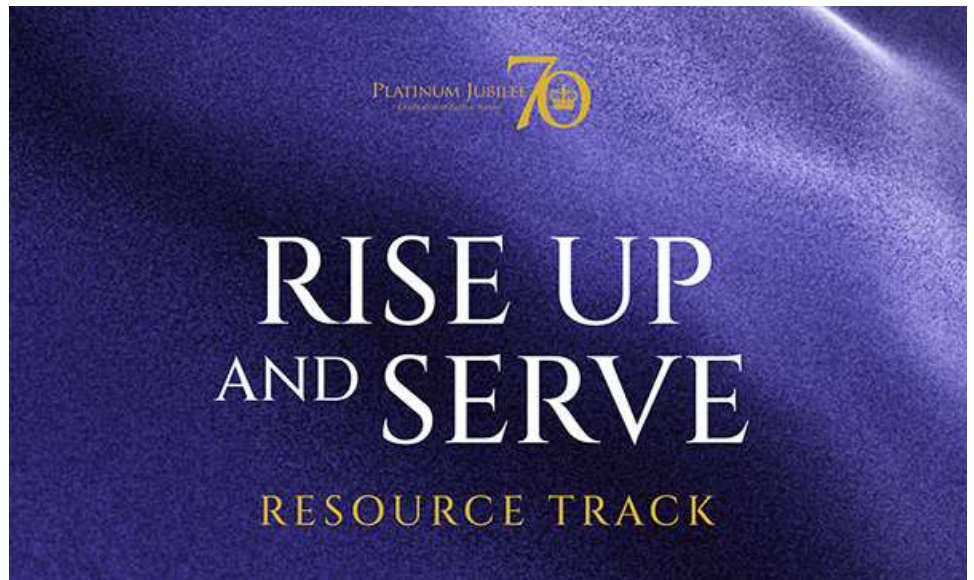
The lyrics, music and resource track are available at [theplatinumjubilee.com/sing](https://theplatinumjubilee.com/sing), so choirs can start to practise this new song for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to honour the Queen's 70 years of faith and service.

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.

**DUBLIN CITY INTERFAITH FORUM AND  
EDINBURGH INTERFAITH ASSOCIATION PRESENT:**

# **LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL? – HOPES AND CHALLENGES AS THE PANDEMIC NEARS ITS END?!**

**IN THIS EVENT WE WILL EXPLORE THE CHALLENGES OF INTERFAITH  
WORK IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD  
(A UNITED NATIONS INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK EVENT)**

## **SPEAKERS**

**ASHKAN ZIAIE  
(BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF EDINBURGH)**

**ASHKAN WILL TALK ABOUT HIS WORK IN LEITH, ENGAGING FAMILIES OF  
ALL BACKGROUNDS IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OPEN TO ALL, WHICH ARE  
ALSO HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THESE ACTIVITIES CONNECT  
PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS, WHO MAY PREVIOUSLY BEEN STRANGERS, AND  
BUILD STRONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP.**

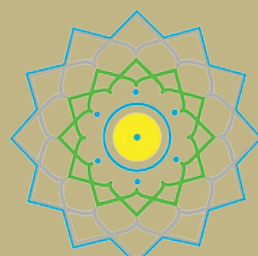
**SWAMI PURANDANDA  
(SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF THE RAMAKRISHNA CENTRE IN  
DUBLIN IRELAND)**

**SWAMI WILL DISCUSS THE CHALLENGES TO FAITH COMMUNITY  
LEADERSHIP IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD.**

**FEBRUARY 7TH 2022**

**6 - 7.30 PM**

**ZOOM**



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