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St Baldred's Episcopal Church, North Berwick

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD



All the information for Synod this Saturday is published and you can download everything from:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-march-2022/> (on the main menu under “Resources”)

It takes place at St Paul’s & St George’s in Edinburgh starting with Synod Eucharist at 8.30am, but it will also be live-streamed (not Zoom) to enable people to watch the proceedings.

Could we 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 **27 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?

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

Friday 11th March – Prayers for Ukraine at New College Edinburgh

Sunday 13th March – Preaching & Presiding at Christ Church Duns

15th-16th March – Faith & Order Board at Kinnoull

16th-17th March – College of Bishops at Kinnoull

Thursday 17th March – attends a collaborative SEC/Church of Scotland Event led by the Rev Lorenzo Lebrija (*Founding Director of TryTank, The Episcopal Church, USA*)

Monday 21st March - Inter-Church Relations Committee

COMMITTEES

None

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12 March 2022 Diocesan Synod

NOTICES

LATEST SEC ADVISORY GROUP COVID-19 GUIDANCE

18 February – Sent to clergy, lay readers, vestry secretaries and diocesan secretaries

- While there is no immediate change to the current regulations, we await the publication next week of the Scottish Government's revised Strategic Framework which we expect will lay out the Government's view on how we adapt to living with Covid on a long-term basis. The Advisory Group continues to make representations to Government to address the inconsistencies of regulation now applying in different parts of the UK. We expect that Government to move soon in the direction of further reducing regulations.
- In the meantime, the Group is aware that the beginning of Lent is approaching and has considered the question of the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday. If a church wishes to offer imposition of ashes, a local judgement needs to be made on how to do this safely. There are options that a cleric/church might consider. Face coverings must be worn by all coming to receive ash and by the person imposing. The person imposing ash might sanitise the fingers being used between each imposition, noting that this might be clumsy and messy given the use of the ash. Dry ash (which is often used anyway) could help. If the person imposing ash does not wish to sanitise between each imposition a little ash could be offered for each person to impose on themselves whilst a prayer is said. If there is anxiety about any public health or liturgical aspect of imposition, it is entirely appropriate for a church to omit imposition of ash. The regimen we are now entering is one where, after following remaining hard requirements like face coverings, common sense should be used to manage the mitigation of virus spread.

- The Group is aware that whilst many are hoping for a return to greater normality in the foreseeable future, there are also those who are feeling apprehensive about such a move. The Group has previously encouraged us all to be sensitive to the needs of others and draws your attention to the Government's "Distance Aware" scheme which provides a way of enabling those keen to keep a social distance from others to make that known. Churches are asked to acquaint themselves with the scheme if they are not already and to make congregational members aware of it – both for those who might wish to wear a "distance away" badge or lanyard but also to make sure that others respect the wishes of those wearing such a badge/lanyard. Further details are available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-distance-aware-scheme/>
- The Group continues to encourage all to be fully vaccinated, boosted and to take regular lateral flow tests – and not attend services or other church activities in person if a test proves positive.
- Finally, the taking of contact details of those attending worship has been voluntary, though recommended, for churches during the pandemic. The Scottish Government has loosened its guidance on this in relation to places of worship and the Advisory Group is of the view that churches may discontinue the practice of collecting such information, if they wish.

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>

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. 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."



Thursday 24th March 2022
10:00am to 3:30pm at Prestonfield Golf Club

CMD Day for all Clergy and Lay Readers

Those of us who lead churches know only too well how much we rely on Volunteers: from Vestry to Verger we need them in every aspect of church life if we are to thrive. This CMD day will enable us to get together in person, re-connect after the pandemic, and consider various aspects of how we work with volunteers including:

- A practical overview of good practice in volunteer involvement
- How to build teams on firm foundations
- How to manage and motivate our volunteers
- Succession planning
- How to ensure we have round pegs in round holes
- How to have difficult conversations when things aren't going to plan

We are delighted to welcome Karen Filsell as our facilitator for the day. Karen has worked in the volunteer sector for many years most recently as the manager of over 650 volunteers at St Columbus Hospice. She has sat on national committees within the volunteer sector and knows the SEC well.

Working with and managing volunteers is a big subject to cover in just one day and we want to make sure that you get as much as possible out of it. We want to tailor the event to focus on those aspects which are relevant for you as well as sharing examples of good practice.

This event is free for all clergy, retired clergy and lay readers. Please share this invite. Numbers are limited. Please register as follows by Wednesday 16th March:

- email Joanna Morris: jmorris@dioceseofedinburgh.org to say you are coming
- Tell us what you are hoping to learn during the day, and the trickiest issue / biggest problem you are facing at the moment regarding volunteers
- Let us know any dietary requirements – light lunch, teas and coffees will be provided
- On-site parking, see map [HERE](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Rev. Jane MacLaren – Ministry Development Officer, Diocese of Edinburgh

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
- **Dalmahoy** – installation of new heating
- **Edinburgh St Mark's Portobello** – installation of bike racks and bin store
- **Edinburgh St James' Leith** – installation of live-streaming cameras
- **Edinburgh St David's Pilton** – replacement of external signage

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

- Are you wondering how to help children and young people in your church respond to the **news from Ukraine**? There is a growing collection of all-age resources on the Diocesan website [here](#).
- Are you looking for some **new ideas for Lent and Easter** for families in your church? Check out the Seasonal All-Age Resources collection [here](#). It grows every week, so watch this space!



If you would like to talk through any aspect of your ministry to children and young people, do get in touch with the Youth and Children Officer, Claire Benton-Evans on her direct office line (0131 346 9088) or work mobile (0747 372 8148). Claire works every week day except Wednesdays.

Claire Benton-Evans

PLAY CHURCH @HOLY CROSS CHURCH, EDINBURGH

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

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.

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.

LATEST DIOCESAN NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

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."

St Mary's Cathedral

Choral Scholarships - Opportunities at St Ninian's Comely Bank

The Vestry of St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Comely Bank, Edinburgh is looking for some young talented singers to come and join our choir. We are looking for one or two sopranos, one alto and a bass from age 14 and above. A love of singing and good sight-reading skills would be helpful. For successful applicants the requirement would be 40 services per year, this would include evensongs and extra Christmas services. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6-7.30pm. The scholarship fund would pay £1000 annually to each successful applicant. If you, or any young adult you know of might be interested and would welcome this opportunity, please contact our Director of Music, Jane Ruuskanan. Jane would love to hear from you and can be contacted at music@stninians-edinburgh.org.uk

EXTERNAL NOTICES

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP WITH FAITH IN OLDER PEOPLE

Faith in Older People and Anna Chaplaincy - Join us for a **FREE online seminar on 6th 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](#).

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!

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

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

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.

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."



PEACE TO UKRAINE

Ecumenical

Prayer Vigil for

Peace

hosted by Christian communities
around Edinburgh

Saturdays

12noon-12:30pm

**05.03.: St John's Church
Princes St & Lothian Rd**

St John's Scottish Episcopal Church, EH4 2BJ, SC012836

Church of St John the Evangelist, Princes Street, Edinburgh

St John's Theology Symposium 2022

Theologies of Violence and Peace in Ukraine-Russia,
with reference to the Visual Arts, Film and Literature.

with

Professor Jolyon Mitchell

Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues

New College, The University of Edinburgh

The Cornerstone Centre at St John's

Saturday 19th March 2022

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Teas or coffees will be provided:

For lunch: please either bring your own, or go to the café downstairs

There is no fee to attend, but places are limited

If you wish to attend, please apply to

office@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk

Professor Jolyon Mitchell, PhD, FRSA, specialises in Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding, with particular reference to the arts and media, at the University of Edinburgh. Educated at the Universities of Cambridge, Durham and Edinburgh, Professor Mitchell worked as a Producer and Journalist with BBC World service before moving to Edinburgh. He has served as President of TRS-UK (the national association for Theology and Religious Studies in the UK, 2012-18) and is currently Director of CTPI (the Centre for Theology and Public Issues) at the University of Edinburgh.

Jolyon is author of a wide range of books, chapters and articles, including *Promoting Peace and Inciting Violence: The Role of Religion and Media* (Routledge, 2012); *Martyrdom: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP, 2012); *Religion and War* (OUP, 2021) and *Media Violence and Christian Ethics* (CUP, 2007). His most recent co-edited books are on *The Transformations of Tragedy* (Brill, 2019) and *Peacebuilding and the Arts* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2020). He is currently finishing books on religious theatre (OUP, 2023) and *Religion and Peace* (Wiley Blackwell, 2022). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), and has worked with Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious leaders, as well as Palestinian and Israeli journalists, on a peacebuilding project in Jerusalem and beyond.