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Church of the Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh

DIOCESAN CARBON NEUTRAL GROUP – TOOLKIT RELEASED

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 is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk.



The SEC has now released 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. The toolkit is now available here:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/towards-net-zero-2030-toolkit-and-checklist/>

ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **31 users** signed up to the various forums now. Questions already posted include:

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



NEW TOPICS THIS WEEK:

- *Sources of Guidance for Churches on Heating of Buildings*
- *Maintenance and Building Work for your Church – Some Practical Considerations*

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/support-forum/>

Why not join up and subscribe?

If you wish to subscribe to the forum, you can do so here:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/forum-registration/>

CHRISM MASS



Bishop John's sermon from the Chism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 11th April is now available on the Diocesan website:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2022/04/bishops-chrism-mass-sermon-2022/>

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Fri 22th-Tues 26th April	Visiting Espoo Diocese, Finland
Weds 27th April	Attending Blessing for Ramadan at St Mary's Cathedral
Thurs 28th April	Provincial Standing Committee Attending Church of Scotland Moderator's Reception
Fri 29th April	Attending A celebration of the life of Archbishop Desmond Tutu at St Mary's Cathedral
Sun 1st May	Attending Patronal Festival of St James the Less, Penicuik

COMMITTEES

Thursday 5th May: Mission & Ministry Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd May - Diocesan Office closed (May Day Bank Holiday)

NOTICES

LATEST SEC ADVISORY GROUP COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The Advisory Group welcomes the First Minister's announcement this week that, from Monday 4 April 2022, the legal requirement for face coverings to be worn in places of worship, or at weddings or funerals, is to be removed.

Whilst the legal restriction for face coverings is removed from 4 April, the Government's guidance still encourages the use of protective measures to reduce risk including face coverings, hand hygiene, adequate ventilation and

similar measures. Activities within a place of worship which fall outwith an act of worship remain subject to any applicable guidance for the activity in question.

As indicated in the previous updates, the Advisory Group emphasises that it is for each congregation to consider how it navigates its journey into a less constrained future. Congregations should take decisions in the light of local circumstances and local risk assessment.

There may be a need to give reassurance as changes are introduced and to take account of the preferences of congregational members who are less ready to move at pace to resume pre-pandemic church life. For instance, some may prefer to continue to worship online, some may wish to continue to maintain a degree of social distancing while entering and leaving church and during worship. Some may still wish to continue wearing face coverings and should feel welcome to do so.

Donald Walker, Director of Communications, Scottish Episcopal Church

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

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
- **Edinburgh St Columba's** – Installation of defibrillator on external stonework
- **Kelso, St Andrew** – Removal of 3 pews and replacement with chairs

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH & CHILDREN OFFICER

The [latest Youth and Children Newsletter](#) is out now! This edition features:

- The appointment of a Play Church Shepherd for the Diocese
- "God's Year: Out of the Ordinary" The Provincial Youth Week 2022
- All-age resources for Lent and Easter
- How to talk and pray with children about war in Ukraine
- Opportunities for training and fresh inspiration!
- If you have news to share of your church's ministry with children, young people and families, please get in touch - I'd love to share it in my next newsletter.



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

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE



The **Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Office** has now moved to new premises – [click here](#) for contact details

The **Brechin Diocesan Office** has now closed as a physical office, and is now a 'virtual office' – [click here](#) for contact details

Here is the link to the current newsletter from the **Scottish Episcopal Institute** (SEI): <https://tinyurl.com/SEIMarch2022>

MISSION & MINISTRY: SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE

SAT 28TH MAY – BIG WALK TO CARBON NEUTRAL

On Saturday 28th 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.

To register please visit the Eventbrite website:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-walk-to-carbon-neutral-tickets-294436105317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

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:** <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 **John Bunyan'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:



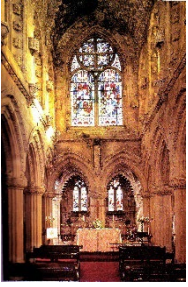
- **The Way:** Starring Martin Sheen and Directed by Emilio Estevez. A Filmax Production. 123 mins duration. A Hollywood production that gives a reasonably accurate picture of walking el camino, albeit with four main ‘larger than life’ characters. The blurb on the DVD cover says: “Martin Sheen plays 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 boots 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.
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ROSSLYN CHAPEL



Hello, I am the Learning and Outreach Co-ordinator at Rosslyn Chapel. We have a brand-new pilgrimage route to the Chapel, called "From Source to Sacred". It is a day-long walk from the village of Carlops to Roslin, and it follows the route of the stone from being quarried out of the ground near Carlops to its transformation into the Chapel building. This is the link to the pilgrimage page on our website:

<https://www.rosslynchapel.com/visit/pilgrimage-to-rosslyn-chapel/>.

Sarah Chapman

EXTERNAL NOTICES

CHANGE IN A TIME OF CHAOS

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

Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 19:30

Climate – are *We* prepared to Change?

With Professor Jim Skea

Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III

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



The final speaker in the 'Change in a Time of Chaos' series of webinars is Professor Jim Skea of Imperial College London, and the Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III, which recently released their report on Climate Change 2022: Mitigation of Climate Change.

Prof. Jim Skea will speak about issues arising from this report which provides an updated global assessment of climate change mitigation progress and pledges, examines the sources of global emissions, and identified the steps which governments, communities, and individuals all need to take now if we are to avoid damaging climate change.

When the IPCC Working Group III report was launched Jim Skea warned: "It's now or never, if we want to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, it will be impossible."

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UoL3poseRqytbTrPP45EWA

Little Earthlings Toddler Group



Saturdays 10am-12pm

30th April

14th May

28th May

11th June

25th June

9th July

- ◇ Session for toddlers and grown-ups in the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.
- ◇ Songs, movement, crafting and play inspired by the natural world. (If it's raining we meet in the Chapter House.)

Our vision is to sing,
make and play around
the core activity of cre-
ating a toddler-friendly
community garden!

Cost: currently run on a donations basis

Recommended minimal donation set at £3

(The more people can realistically afford,
the better!)

For further information please contact

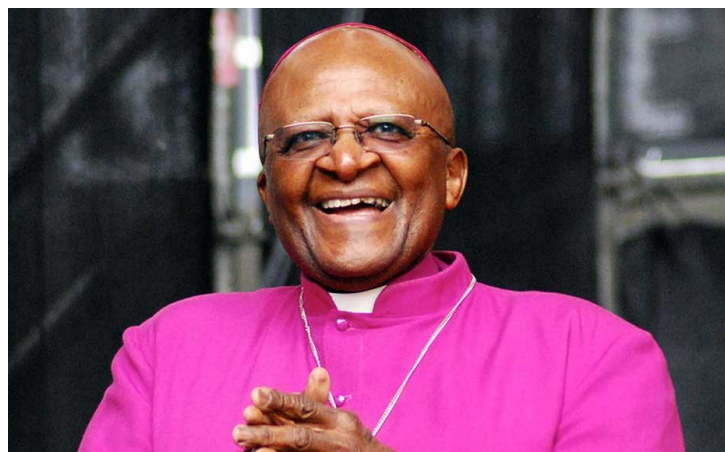
sarahjgittins@gmail.com

Celebration of Desmond Tutu

29 April 2022 - 29 April 2022

A celebration of the life of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

All are welcome to come along for a celebration of Desmond Tutu which will include Rev John Bell leading songs and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Lord Jim Wallace, speaking. There will be representatives of different faiths and denominations involved. A workshop prior to the event led by John Bell from the Iona Community will be held in the Cathedral from 5-6 pm to learn South African Freedom songs which will be sung during the celebration. Sign-up to the workshop on Eventbrite.



For more details, contact the Edinburgh Interfaith Association by emailing info@eifa.org.uk

Friday 29 April, 7- 8pm, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AW





Quiet Garden Movement

sharing outdoor space for wellbeing and the inner journey



Celebrating 30 Years

Quiet Garden Movement Northern Annual Gathering 2022

**St Columbas by the Castle Episcopal Church, 14 Johnston Terrace
Edinburgh Lothian EH1 2PW**

Saturday 18th June 2022

10am – 3.30pm

For further details and to book please email Jenny Paton- Williams

jpatonwilliams@gmail.com or visit our website

<https://quietgarden.org/events/>

Further details and programme

<https://quietgarden.org/gardens/st-columbas-by-the-castle/>

The Lantern Group invites you to ...

A Morning for Quiet Reflection

Seed Planting

- Sprouting & Growing
- Scattering the Seed



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Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Please phone 01368 850604 or email: janet.mckinnell@btinternet.com and indicate whether you will be at St Ebba's or will join us online the following week.

The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.

Saturday 7 May 2022

St Ebba's Church, Eyemouth

10.00am to 1.00pm

Coffee, tea and biscuits provided. Please bring sandwiches for a shared lunch at the end.

Saturday 14 May 2022

Online via Zoom

Room will open at 10.00am
for a 10.15 start

Link will be sent to those
who register (see above)
a couple of days before.

Bring your own coffee/tea!



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The Gifford Lectures

Heroism for a time of victims

A series of six lectures by

Professor Susan Neiman

Director of the Einstein Forum

2–12 May 2022

at 5.30pm

Lecture Theatre A,
40 George Square,
Edinburgh EH8 9JX

Gifford lectures are free to attend
but ticketed. To book tickets visit

www.ed.ac.uk/gifford-lectures

Enquiries: **GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk**