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St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh

STAFF NEWS



We are pleased to announce that Ceri Bareford (left) has now started as the new **Assistant Diocesan Administrator**. Ceri also works part-time for the Edinburgh homeless charity Cyrenians at the Social Bite Village, so will combine the 2 jobs within her week. We welcome her to the office team.

Unfortunately, we did not take forward any of the applications for the **Communications Officer**, so that post remains vacant for the timebeing. We will try to keep some of the basic work going, but please continue to bear with us if we cannot cover everything we would like to just at the moment.

ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **29 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*



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?

DIOCESAN SYNOD



Bishop John's Address (text) is now available in the "Diocesan Synod" section of the Diocesan Office Resources webpage:

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

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Monday 11 April	Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral
EASTER SUNDAY	Attending the Easter Vigil, Old Saint Paul's Presiding at Choral Eucharist, St Mary's Cathedral
Friday 22-26 April	Visiting Espoo Diocese, Finland

COMMITTEES

None

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15th & Monday 18th April - Diocesan Office closed (Good Friday/Easter Monday)

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/>

Bishop of Edinburgh

Lent Appeal 2022

Once again this Lent, I invite you to focus your giving on just one worthy cause. ***The Welcoming***, is a charity that combines our international and domestic concerns.

We often hear of refugees and asylum seekers. Sometimes they are spoken of in the most denigrating terms, yet for centuries Britain has been looked to as a place of safety and welcome for those fleeing oppression. This has been of immense benefit to our economic and cultural well-being. *The Welcoming*, as its name suggests, is dedicated to enabling those new to our country to thrive.

We have, over the past year, witnessed terrible scenes as Afghans fled Kabul and migrants faced shipwreck and drowning in the English Channel. I would ask you to be generous this Lent, not simply because outcasts and strangers always hold a special place in God's heart, according to the bible, but also because the future of the human race and of this planet depends on us learning that love knows no boundaries of race, religion or nationhood.

+John



The Welcoming supports refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to feel at home in Edinburgh. Supporting New Scots to learn English, secure employment and access local services, offering opportunities for friendship, health and wellbeing, and sustainable living.

The Welcoming also connect locals and New Scots through social and cultural exchanges, and a thriving volunteering programme.

Our vision is of a diverse and inclusive Scotland, where everyone feels welcome and can achieve their potential. We have a twenty-year legacy of supporting new arrivals in Scotland. Our free English classes, friendship groups, one-to-one befriending service, and employability support are vital for many New Scots who face the challenge of building lives in a new country.

We are asking for your donation so that we can continue providing our support to New Scots in Edinburgh. You can help make your Edinburgh a more welcoming place for refugees and migrants.

Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2022

The Welcoming's vision is of a diverse and inclusive Scotland, where everyone feels welcome and can achieve their potential. The charity has a twenty-year legacy of supporting new arrivals in Scotland to thrive.



In 2021, The Welcoming was involved in supporting newly arrived Afghan families, assisting EU citizens with Brexit, campaigning against the Anti-Refugee Bill, and promoting the Together With Refugees campaign. The charity won the Ashden Award for Greener Communities at COP26 for supporting New Scots to live more sustainably. Volunteers at The Welcoming also won awards at the Inspiring Volunteer Awards, including the Team award and Conservation/Environment award. The charity consistently adapted their services throughout the pandemic to meet the needs of New Scots, including running English classes, friendship groups, one-to-one befriending, and employability guidance online.

www.thewelcoming.org

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Donations should be made payable to your local church

*If you are eligible for GIFT AID, contact your treasurer, to maximise your contribution.
For any information please contact the Diocesan Office on 0131 538 7044*

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.”

R.I.P

The Revd (William) Fergus Harris died on 30th March. After a curacy in St Andrews, he became Chaplain to Edinburgh University and, in 1971, Rector of St Peter's, Lutton Place, Edinburgh. His funeral will take place at St: John's, Perth at 2.30pm on Tuesday 19th April.

Born in Hawick, **The Rev Moira Paterson** died on 4th April. Moira was ordained in the Aberdeen Diocese as a Deacon in 2010 then as non-stipendiary priest and was an assistant priest in the Cathedral in Aberdeen. Sadly whilst still in her 50s she was diagnosed with Alzheimers and following the death of her husband (Rev Maxwell Paterson in 2015) she returned to the Scottish Borders to Weens nursing home at Bonchester.

Details of her funeral will be sent out once available.

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 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.

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH DOING FOR THE SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE?

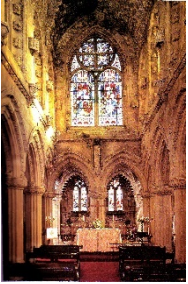
Local Pilgrimage Events: Please let us know what you're planning in your own church and we can advertise and share resources.

- **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

EASTER at HOLY CROSS

2022

Love Wins - follow Jesus through these dramatic days in Jerusalem

10.4 PALM SUNDAY

10.30am

eucharist - enter jerusalem with jesus - receive palm crosses - listen to the passion story

13.4 HOLY WEDNESDAY

7.30pm

tenebrae – waiting in darkness as jesus is betrayed – dramatic music by tallis & victoria

14.4 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm

evening eucharist of the lord's supper - the stripping of the altar - wait in vigil

15.4 GOOD FRIDAY

2pm

listen to the passion story - pray for all - venerate the cross - receive holy communion

16.4 EASTER VIGIL

9pm

two hour vigil – light and darkness – story of salvation – first eucharist of easter

17.4 EASTER DAY

10.30am

joyful eucharist of the resurrection of jesus

All welcome

Palm Sunday and Easter Day also have a quiet 9am Eucharist

Holy Cross is a Christian church. Everyone is welcome here, whether you are a person of faith or not. We hope that any contact you have with us will be a positive experience. Holy Cross is an inclusive church. There is no discrimination on the basis of gender, disability, race, age, sexual orientation or social class.

'For freedom Christ has set us free'

Galatians 5:1



TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Davidson's Mains
Wednesday 13th April, 7.30pm

The service of TENEBRAE

with the Tallis Lamentations and Victoria Tenebrae Responses
sung by the Cantores Sanctae Crucis, directed by David Coney



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.”



MALCOLM GOLDSMITH LECTURE 2022

We are writing to invite you to attend the Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture which will be held on Thursday, 12th May 2022 by Zoom at 4.30.

We are delighted that **Dr Kathryn Mannix and the Rt Rev Richard Holloway** will be presenting the lecture which will focus on ***Tender Conversations: how can we navigate conversations about sorrow, fear, and loss?***

Dr Mannix will give a presentation encompassing the experience of illness, death, separation, and other difficulties is part and parcel of getting older. Despite this, we often find ourselves at a loss when we come to talk about these issues with our families or friends. Sometimes, older people want to put their own minds at rest by helping their supporters understand their wishes, but those supporters are very reluctant to engage in the conversation, preferring to change the subject or to say, '*Things aren't that bad yet!*' Other families find that although the supporters feel increasingly concerned that they *don't* know their relative's wishes, their sick or older relative declines to talk about it, asking people not to interfere or stating that this is not a subject they want to talk about.

Let's think about these important, emotional, and necessary conversations. Let's think about how the attitude we take into the conversation can change the way it unfolds. Let's consider how to begin, how to be a companion while someone considers their difficulties and their strong emotions, and how to ensure that our conversation finishes in a way that is safe, satisfactory and leaves open the invitation to talk again in the future. Let's think about how simply by being a good listener, we can help people to process their worries and feel less alone with their sorrows.

We will think about how listening underpins compassionate action and consider ways to create communities of compassion where all can be listened to and heard.

This will be followed by a conversation between Kathryn and Richard

We know that the things people most want to say to their loved ones towards the end of their lives are '*I love you,*' '*Thank you,*' '*I'm sorry, please forgive me,*' and '*I forgive you.*' Richard has some very important things to say about forgiveness and resolution. Then there will be time for Q&A and discussion

Please reserve your place through the Eventbrite link
please click [HERE](#) to reserve your place

Maureen O'Neill, Director, Faith in Older People

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