



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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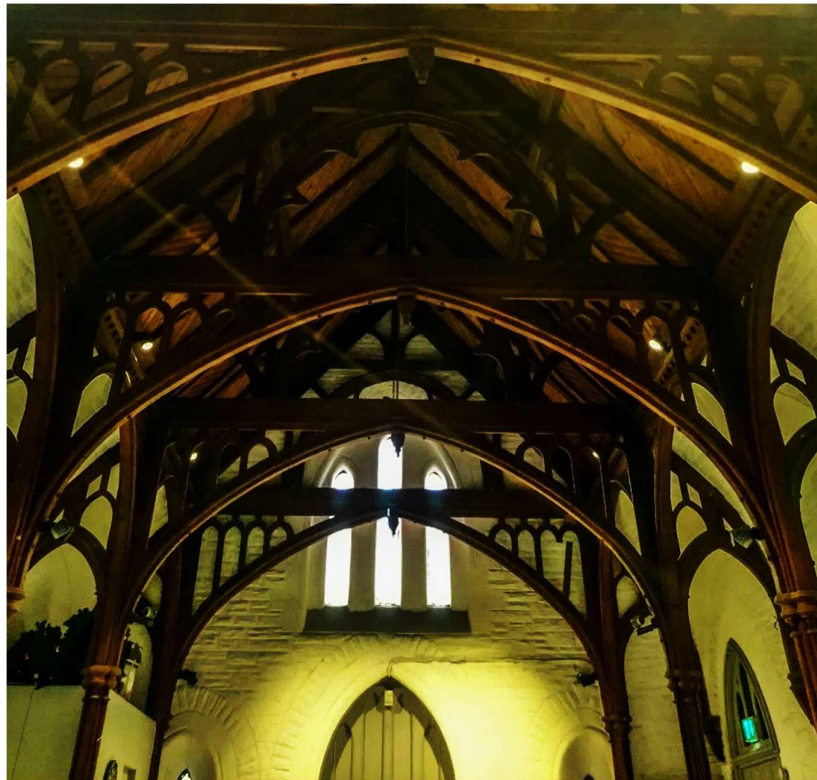
# *The Communicant*

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*Roof detail, St Andrew's Church, Newcraighall, Edinburgh  
(let to local charity, Craigmillar Now)*

# DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

## STAFF NEWS

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Miranda Heggie** as our now **Communications Officer** (18.75 hrs per week). Miranda has been working as a Press & PR Consultant in Birmingham, alongside managing Birmingham Contemporary Music Group's talent development programme. She is now moving back to Edinburgh, where she attended both school and university, in order to work for the [Just Festival](#) (which has close associations with St John's, Princes Street). She will start her work for us sometime in July, and I am sure you will see the direct effects of her communications work very soon. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to both the diocesan office team and the whole diocese.



At the same time however, we have one-in-one-out. We have mixed emotions in saying goodbye to **Claire Benton-Evans**, our **Youth & Children Officer**. Having taken on the role back in 2013, Claire has developed it hugely, and has brought many new innovations into this aspect of ministry – not least the ever-popular 'Play Church', which will be a lasting legacy. Claire now takes up the newly-created role of Youth & Children Officer for the Diocese of Brechin, but retains her role as Provincial Youth Coordinator for the SEC. We are very sorry to lose Claire, but know that she is not going far, and will still have contact with us, through our children and youth workers, in her Provincial role. We wish her every blessing in her new work.



*"It has been a joy working for the Diocese of Edinburgh. There is so much good work being done in our churches for and with children and young people: it has been a privilege to walk alongside all those who give their time, energy and creativity to this vital ministry. In my ongoing work as Provincial Youth Co-ordinator, I look forward to seeing how this ministry continues to develop and flourish. I am excited about building new relationships in the Diocese of Brechin, where I will be drawing on the rich and varied experiences of the last (nearly) nine years. I will miss you all."*

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## DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP – WEBPAGE PUBLISHED



The website of the Diocesan Environment Group is packed with ideas and resources to help the SEC become carbon neutral by 2030. The website can be found at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/net-zero-or-environment-or-carbon-neutral-or-climate-emergency/>

A snapshot of the website can be seen below. The group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at [bethany@psandgs.org.uk](mailto:bethany@psandgs.org.uk)

## SHARING STORIES

The journey towards net zero is a daunting prospect for all individuals and organisations globally. Sharing our concerns and asking questions can empower us, and encourage others, to take steps forward. Please do use the Diocesan Support Forum to share ideas and ask questions.

- Support Forum | Diocese of Edinburgh (anglican.org)

Let's hold on to the hope that God has called us to partner in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth today.



## RESOURCES

The Provincial Environment Group of The Scottish Episcopal Church has produced a toolkit to guide churches towards reaching net zero. We would encourage all charges to engage with this.

SEC Toolkit [Download](#)

We also strongly urge everyone to embrace the **Energy Footprint Analyser** to calculate your carbon emissions associated with heating and energy usage and submit your results by May 25th 2022.

Energy-Footprint-Analyser [Download](#)

Eco-congregation Scotland have many resources available including their **Greening Church Buildings guide**. If your charge is not already a member of Eco-congregation Scotland this can be a great way to start

## FUNDING

Funding is available to install low carbon or renewable energy systems at places of worship and community buildings. Please click the following link for further information:

CARES Let's do net zero community buildings

Stakeholder-pack [Download](#)



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### PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP – A REQUEST

*I have been tasked with producing a continuous loop photo/video presentation for the General Synod and would like to invite each Diocese to submit any photos or short video clips of eco events that have taken place in your congregations. The Group wishes to celebrate the wonderful work already going on across the Province by showcasing some of your Eco events and activities at General Synod. Whether it was Forest church, litter picking, community food projects, film nights, prayers in the park, COP 26, solar installation or a pilgrimage etc, please do share some of your special memories with us. May I be so bold as to ask for your input by **Wednesday 25th May** to allow time for collation and input by GSO IT staff? Please remember to add a caption or a list of acknowledgements for the material you send.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

*Kindest regards*

*Dr Valerie Cameron*

valeriecameron@hotmail.co.uk

## Retired Clergy Lunch

A Eucharist and lunch for retired clergy, clergy widows and widowers was held at St Mary's Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> May as a thank-you for their continued ministry and support for the work of the Diocese. It was attended by Bishop John and Dean Frances. The event was enjoyed by all.



## ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **36 users** signed up to the various forums. Questions already posted include:

- *Offering rectories to refugees*
- *Does anyone have tradespeople 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*
- *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. This may soon become an invaluable fount of knowledge!

### 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/>



# DIARY

## THE BISHOP'S DIARY

- 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Beating Retreat, Redford Cavalry Barracks
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Presiding at Confirmation's at St Salvador's
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Service for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, St. Cuthbert's, Lothian Road
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Moderator's Reception, St Cuthbert's, Lothian Road
- 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Thursday Topic – What does it mean to be an Anglican?
- 28<sup>th</sup> May:** The BIG Walk
- 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Meeting in preparation of General Synod

## COMMITTEES

No upcoming committee meetings.

## NOTICES

The Treasurer at St David's Church, Pilton, Edinburgh, is retiring this year, and they currently have no one with the skills to undertake this role. Anyone who might be interested in helping should get in touch with the Priest-in-Charge, Andrew Bain ([andrewbain99@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewbain99@hotmail.com)) or phone 07929 047896 to find out more about the work involved. The Vestry and congregation would be enormously grateful to anyone able to support them in this way.

Revd Canon Andrew Bain

Priest-in-Charge: St Salvador's, Stenhouse and St David's, Pilton, Edinburgh

The National Churches Trust has published some information about funding it provides to church buildings in need of repair and restoration. The website also has details about previous funding it has awarded to churches:

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/resources](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/resources)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Diocesan Office will be closed over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June.)

## CANON 35

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

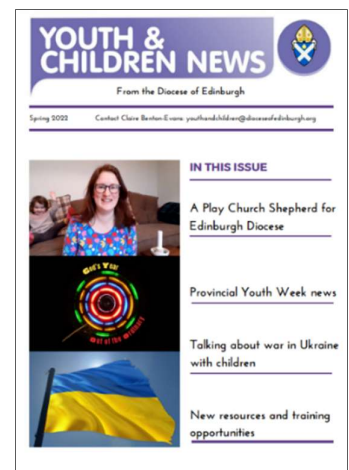
- **Edinburgh, St Cuthbert (Colinton)** – Replacement and Relocation of Speakers
- **Haddington, Holy Trinity** – Installation of Wi-Fi Camera
- **Edinburgh, St Mary's Cathedral** – Renewal of Lighting
- **Dalmahoy** – Installation of new heating
- **Edinburgh St Mark's Portobello** – Installation of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

If you would like to talk through any aspect of your ministry to children and young people, do get in touch with the Youth & 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.

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

- The appointment of a Play Church Shepherd for the Diocese
- 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.



**"God's Year: Out of the Ordinary" The Provincial Youth Week 2022 takes place at Glenalmond College in Perthshire (7-13 August 2022). Please see the website below for further information.**

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/provincial-youth-week-2022-out-of-the-ordinary/>



## MISSION & MINISTRY: SEASON OF PILGRIMAGE

### SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:stmarysandstcatharines@virginmedia.com).

## LATEST DIOCESAN NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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Fundraising support for your church from Ecclesiastical  
Webinar - fundraising for your church's capital project



### **Fundraising for your church's capital project**

**Register for your free place at our latest webinar to support your church -  
Thursday, 16 June at 2-3.30pm**

This webinar will guide you step-by-step through the process of fundraising for your church's capital project. Whatever size project you are raising funds for, our expert speakers will share their expertise to help make the process simpler and more successful. They'll also give top tips to help you make a plan, find donors and write a compelling case for support.

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

# REST AND BE THANKFUL AT

17-19 June  
Errol Park,  
Perthshire



Tickets  
from  
£21-110

Solas 2022 will, as always, be a delight - a festival with a difference, where art meets with justice and faith. This year we are, alongside everything else, presenting an expanded wellbeing strand, Rest and Be Thankful. There'll be something for everyone, including...

- An expanded yoga programme, ranging from the early morning start to the day, to children's yoga and a guided meditation.
- Gospel singing with Brian McGlynn, the unique spiritual sounds of Siskin Green and music for all ages from Fischy Music.
- A time to be quiet together, led by Pall Singh, fusing the spiritual traditions of east and west.
- The call and response of the Sikh Kirtan.
- A COP26 installation on God's 7 days of creation by Carol Marples, specialist in art and prayer.
- Reflections on finding hope in pain with Verene Nicolas and a health check for your gut microbiome with Dr Sheena Fraser.
- A panel grappling with the joys and tears of restoring a worshipping community post lockdown.
- A chance to learn the secrets of the Labyrinth and to experiment with Forest Church.

Come and join us - on your own or why not come as a group? This year groups of 10 or more adults can get 20% discounts.

To book visit:

[www.solasfestival.co.uk](http://www.solasfestival.co.uk)