



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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*The Big Walk arrives at St Mary's Cathedral*

# 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 varied emotions in saying goodbye, but God-speed, 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 & 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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Report and Accounts  
for the Year ended  
31 December 2021

## DIOCESAN ACCOUNTS 2021 PUBLISHED ONLINE

The final audited accounts for 2021 are now available online on our website:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-office-resources/> (click on "Finance")






## 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/environment/>

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	RESOURCES	FUNDING
<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support Forum   Diocese of Edinburgh (<a href="http://anglican.org">anglican.org</a>)</li></ul> <p>Let's hold on to the hope that God has called us to partner in bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth today.</p> 	<p>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.</p> <p>SEC Toolkit <a href="#">Download</a></p> <hr/> <p>We also strongly urge everyone to embrace the <b>Energy Footprint Analyser</b> to calculate your carbon emissions associated with heating and energy usage and submit your results by May 25th 2022.</p> <p>Energy-Footprint-Analyser <a href="#">Download</a></p> <hr/> <p>Eco-congregation Scotland have many resources available including their <b>Greening Church Buildings guide</b>. If your charge is not already a member of Eco-congregation Scotland this can be a great way to start</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>CARES Let's do net zero community buildings</p> <p>Stakeholder-pack <a href="#">Download</a></p> <div></div>

## ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **38 users** signed up to the various forums. Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- *Data Protection Policy*
- *Church website: making it secure*
- *Insurance*

### 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

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** Presiding at St John's, Edinburgh

**9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June:** General Synod

**19<sup>th</sup> June:** Presiding at St Peter's, Peebles

## COMMITTEES

The next Buildings Committee will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

## 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.)

# GENERAL SYNOD

The Scottish Episcopal Church will hold the 2022 meeting of the General Synod on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Electronic versions of the papers are now available for you to download from the provincial website at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-general-synod/>

## 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/>



# LATEST DIOCESAN NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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



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Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

**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](#)**



# DISCOVERY EVENING

Wednesday 6th July 2022

7pm - 9:30pm

Online

Book your place at

[churcharmy.org/discover](https://churcharmy.org/discover)

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# The Nine Gifts

A Meditation for Pentecost, in music  
and words, on the Fruits of the Spirit.

**St. Vincent's Chapel**

**Sunday 5 June**

**6.30pm**

Coro da Chiesa with  
Paul Stubbings, Organ.  
Director, Les Shankland

Retiral Collection





## **END THE WAR IN UKRAINE – NATIONAL MARCH AND RALLY – SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**



We are inviting you to join our Rally to mark 100 days since the illegal invasion of Ukraine on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June from 12pm.

Since the Russian Invasion on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February thousands of people have died or been wounded and millions of Ukrainians have been displaced in the largest refugee crisis since the second world war. Many Ukrainians have now arrived in Scotland.

The economic impacts of this war are reverberating around the world causing fuel and food prices to spiral and leading to an economic crisis in the UK and globally.

The war must end. We invite you to join us at the National March and Rally where we will be marching through Edinburgh and having speakers, music, and prayers for Ukraine.

The details of the March and Rally are below:

When:           - **12pm – 3pm, Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June**  
Where:         - **Assemble - Russian Consulate at 58 Melville Street from 12pm**  
                    - **March through Edinburgh**  
                    - **Rally - Scottish Parliament at 2pm**

### **Confirmed Speakers:**

- Alex Cole-Hamilton - Leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats
- Cammy Day - Leader of the City of Edinburgh Council
- Cristina Iscenco - Conductor and Founder of the City of Edinburgh City Orchestra.
- Zhenya Jenny Dove – Ukrainian activist
- More speakers to be confirmed.

Representatives from all political parties in Scotland have been invited to speak and join the march and rally as have representatives from Ukrainian organisations in Scotland, Scottish churches, Trade Unions, and community groups.

**We would be very grateful if you would share the details of this event with members of the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

We hope you can join us then.

Alex Foulkes

**On Behalf of Help Ukraine Scotland**

<http://helpukrainscotland.com/>