



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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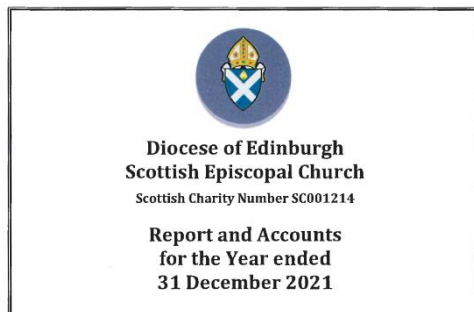
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*St John's, Princes St, Edinburgh*

# DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

## STAFF NEWS



## 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

**26<sup>th</sup> June:** Preaching and Presiding at St Mary's Cathedral

## 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 details of the National Church Awards, including awards for church architecture, maintenance, tourism and volunteers. Details can be found at the link below:

[www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/national-church-awards-2022](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards/national-church-awards-2022)

\*There is also funding available from the Heritage Fund:

[www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/ps55million-awarded-convert-cathedrals-and-churches-across-uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/ps55million-awarded-convert-cathedrals-and-churches-across-uk)

\*The National Churches Trust has also 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)

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Provincial Safeguarding Committee:

There will be three vacancies on the Provincial Safeguarding Committee after the conclusion of the General Synod this week. If you know of anyone within your respective dioceses with a suitable background, qualifications or experience in a safeguarding-related profession, and wish to submit a nomination or note of interest, please do get in touch.

***Donald Urquhart, Provincial Safeguarding Officer***

***Tel: 0131 225 6357 [protection@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:protection@scotland.anglican.org)***

## BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who kindly donated to the Bishop's Lent Appeal this year. The Welcoming sent the following message:

"We are delighted to hear about your successful appeal! Please extend our thanks to all the members of your congregation and other churches who arranged collections. It's a particularly busy time for us at the Welcoming with many new service users joining from Ukraine and other parts of the world, so the donation is gratefully received."

There is still time to donate to the Bishop's Lent Appeal! We wish to remit the Lent Appeal monies to the two beneficiary charities, so please send the funds to us, via your church treasurer, particularly for Gift Aid. Account details are below, and please include 'BLA' in the reference.

Edinburgh Diocesan Synod

Reliance Bank Ltd

Sort Code: 60-01-73

Account No: 00215170

## 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

**"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!**



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



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**

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**

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.

## Trauma Teddies

Some of you will know that there are a number of Welcome Hubs in Scotland for people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Under the Scottish Government's Super Sponsor Scheme, people do not need to



know where they are going to stay before they travel, and so the Welcome Hubs are providing a vital service in providing immediate access to accommodation when people arrive as well as other support and access to services. Esther Elliott from St Mary's Cathedral, in her role as Airport Chaplain, is involved with the Welcome Hub to the West of Edinburgh. The staff there have been giving out knitted "trauma teddies" to the children that have been arriving. Trauma teddies have been used for some time by the Police, the Red Cross, hospitals and other emergency response agencies as a way of providing comfort for children experiencing distressing and difficult situations. The Welcome Hub however has run out! Esther is therefore looking for monetary donations to buy some good quality teddies, all wearing a little welcome t-shirt, to give to the children at the Hub.

If you would like to make a donation for Trauma Teddies, please visit the JustGiving link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/edinburgh-teddies>

For further details of the scheme, please get in touch with Esther Elliott directly at [esther.elliott@wpcscotland.co.uk](mailto:esther.elliott@wpcscotland.co.uk)



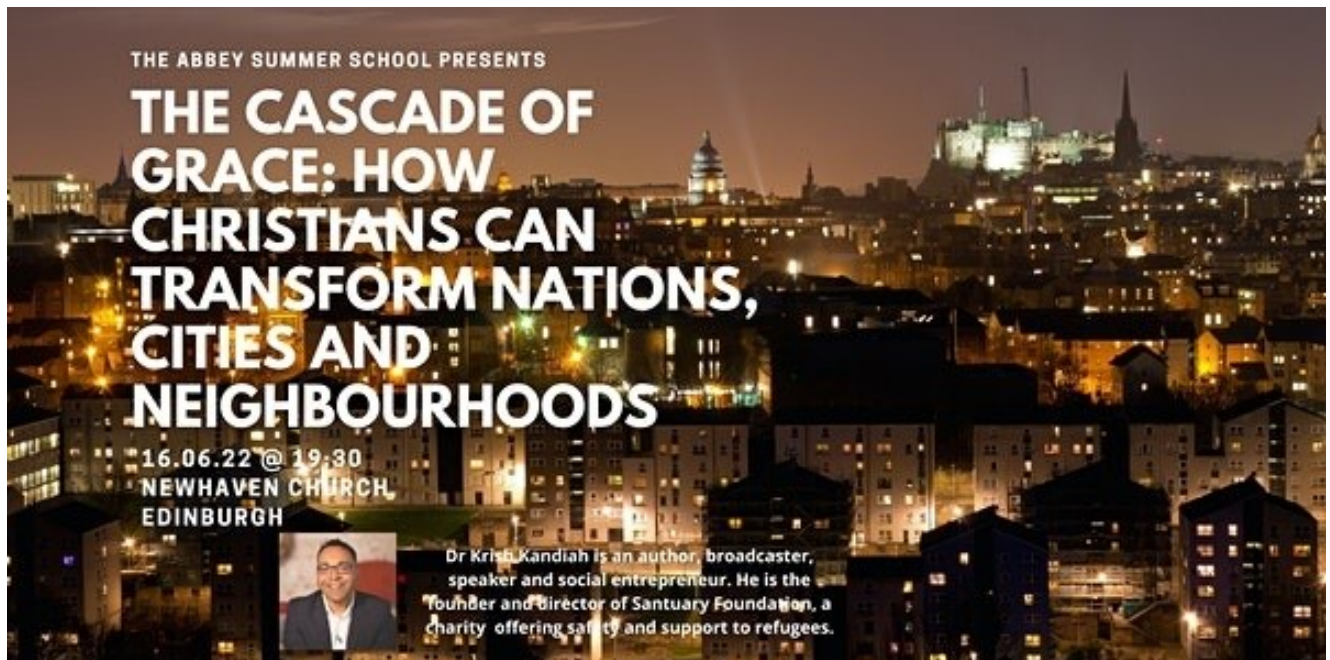


**Cascade of Grace: How Christians can transform nations, cities and neighbourhoods.**  
**Thursday 16th June, 7:30pm @ Newhaven Church, Edinburgh.**

Join us for an engaging talk by Dr Krish Kandiah, author and broadcaster and social entrepreneur, as we explore the hope and opportunity of the church's vocation to share God's radical hospitality to all nations. Come and be inspired to imagine how the church might fulfil its never-changing calling to demonstrate the love of God in word and deed to all people; here in our own towns and cities.

Book your free ticket at:

<https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-christians-can-transform-nations-cities-and-neighbourhoods-tickets-341359885607>



# 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)



# Summer 2022



## Opening Up to Summer

**A Quiet Afternoon with Walk**

**Saturday 25th June, 1.30-5pm**

**St Salvador's Church, Stenhouse**

Can we be open to the possibility of good things? And what might be unlocked if we did? An invitation to reflect on themes of growing, flourishing and encountering the God of good gifts. Includes time spent walking at leisure in nearby Saughton Park. Cost: £15. See website for details.

## See How The Flowers of the Field Grow

**A Summer Retreat, Home or Away  
Available until September**

This retreat to do in your own time touches on themes of resting and healing, growing and flourishing, and offers a space to be still and simply BE. The five audio reflections plus additional printed material are suitable to use in individual quiet time, a dedicated time at home or on holiday, or on retreat. Package costs £25, see website for details.



Email: [info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk)

Reflective Events for Summer 2022  
[www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk](http://www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk)



# 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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