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Scottish Episcopal Church

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St Adrian, Gullane

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

STAFF NEWS



We welcome Miranda Heggie as our new **Communications Officer**, starting next Monday (18th). The main components of the role are to:

- promote the diocese internally and externally
- develop and maintain our digital channels
- support your church's communications training needs

Miranda's role is only part-time (18.75 hrs per week) so we all have that in mind and will manage our expectations. However, her skills and experience are extensive, and we know she will make a big impact in the diocese.

DIOCESAN OFFICE – IN NUMBERS!

A few interesting statistics for you.....if you are interested!

1. We have **7** employees – 1 full-time and 6 part time (*one post is now vacant*)
2. There are **4** administrative staff and **3** specialist 'officers'
3. That equates to **103** hours of administration work and **63** hours of specialist work per week
4. In the last 30 days we received **3870** emails and **91** phone calls
5. In the last 30 days **127** transactions went through the main diocesan bank account – 88 debits and 39 credits

We don't yet have the statistics for how many times the kettle boiled, or how many biscuits were consumed. We will start counting. Numbers, not calories.



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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

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">Support Forum Diocese of Edinburgh (anglican.org) <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 Download</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <p>Energy-Footprint-Analyser Download</p> <hr/> <p>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</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 Download</p> <div></div>

ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **44 users** signed up to the various forums. Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- Insurance
- Rector's Expenses
- Data Protection Policy
- Church website: making it secure

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

20th July: Lambeth Q&A with the Youth and Children

26th July - 8th August: Lambeth Conference, Canterbury

COMMITTEES

No upcoming committee meetings.

NOTICES

Loneliness Awareness Week: A new befriending service comes to Edinburgh

Edinburgh City Mission is launching an exciting new befriending service, to help people aged 65 and older who are facing loneliness, called Two's Company Befriending. It will be a 1 to 1 befriending scheme that is run in partnership with Linking Lives UK. Through Two's Company these organisations want to mobilise the faith community to step up and combat loneliness.

Many churches around Edinburgh host cafes or weekly gatherings to help their community create connection, and the value of these initiatives cannot be overstated. However, the challenge comes in reaching the most isolated in the community who are not already connected to the church. This is where Two's Company Befriending can play a part. Through Two's Company, Edinburgh City Mission plans to partner with churches all across the city and connect them with the lonely, isolated older people directly in their communities. Volunteers will be able to do telephone befriending or in person home visiting once a week with one of these individuals and create hope and connection.

The volunteers and churches will be supported by Edinburgh City Mission who will provide the volunteer safeguarding and training, referral screening, and befriending match monitoring. Linking Lives UK will support this initiative by providing the framework and resources that they have developed from 20 years of setting up befriending schemes all across the UK. The hope is that through these partnerships and connections neighbourhood networks form in communities all across Edinburgh where individuals, health professionals, social welfare organisations, and churches work together to combat loneliness. In fact, Two's Company is launching in the Portobello community and is already seeing this first network start to form. Edinburgh City Mission hopes that this is just the start of what can happen all over the city.

Through Two's Company Befriending, Edinburgh City Mission and Linking Lives UK hope that the faith community in Edinburgh can be a leader in this effort and make a tremendous impact in the fight to end loneliness. To learn more about Two's Company Befriending or to get involved, please email **Julie Young**, Two's Company Project Coordinator, at julie@edinburghcitymission.org.uk

More about Edinburgh City Mission: <https://edinburghcitymission.org.uk>

More about Linking Lives UK: <https://linkinglives.uk>

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) 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

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

Nominations open for the UK's first National Church Awards

The first ever National Church Awards to celebrate churches and the people who use and look after them are now open for entries.

The categories for the 2022 awards are:

- Church architecture
- Church maintenance
- Church volunteers
- Church tourism

A special prize for the UK's 'Church of the Year' also forms part of the awards, being run by the National Churches Trust.

The National Church Awards are open to any church, chapel or meeting house in the UK and are free to enter. Nominations will be judged by a team of church and heritage professionals. Churches can enter for as many categories as they wish.

Winners will include churches from each of the four nations - England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - as well as UK wide.

The National Church Awards will culminate in a high-profile ceremony, including a glorious high tea, to be held at the historic Mercers Company Livery Hall in the City of London in October 2022.

Full details can be found at: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/awards2022

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

There is also funding available from the Heritage Fund:

www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/ps55million-awarded-convert-cathedrals-and-churches-across-uk

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

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.

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



CANON 35

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

- **West Linton, St Mungo** – New heating system
- **Jedburgh, St John the Evangelist** – Additional board for incumbents' names
- **Kelso, St Andrew** – Removal of 3 pews and replacement with chairs
- **Edinburgh St Mark's Portobello** – Installation of bike racks and bin store
- **Edinburgh St James the Less, Leith** – Installation of live-streaming cameras
- **Edinburgh St David of Scotland, Pilton** – Replacement of external signage
- **Dalmahoy, St Mary** – Installation of new heating
- **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
- **Edinburgh St Columba's** – Installation of defibrillator on external stonework

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

Assistance for Church treasurers

Can you help?

A number of churches in the Diocese are finding it hard to recruit treasurers. The main reason seems to be a perceived lack of skills within the congregation to:

- carry out basic bookkeeping tasks,
- use time-saving computer programs like Excel, and
- prepare year-end accounts for filing with the charity regulator, OSCR.

Is there anyone out there with these skills who would be prepared to help a local treasurer by maintaining the church's books and records? Ideally this would be done using the Diocese's preferred accounting package, ExpensePlus*, but an Excel-based option might be possible.



This could be a voluntary role, assisting just one congregation, or potentially a fee-based role dealing with a number of churches.

To discuss options, please contact the Diocesan Treasurer, Ian Lawson, on 07722 161691 or by email to treasurer@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

*ExpensePlus is a simple accounting package specially designed for churches that facilitates bookkeeping, reporting, donor records and gift aid claims. For more see [Church & Charity Accounting Software | ExpensePlus](#)



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

Reflective Events for Summer 2022
www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk



At the moment we are having difficulty recruiting volunteers to work in the Abbey Centre on Iona, this is due to unexpected withdrawals and a large number of people struggling to obtain the necessary Visas.

I wonder if you would be able to forward the information below to Churches in your diocese and ask them to “advertise” our vacancies in their Churches.

I hope that you are able to help us, and thank you for your assistance and support with this.

Kind Regards
Karen Turner
Support Services Administrator
The Iona Community

Volunteering Opportunity

Ever thought of joining the team on Iona?

We have a few short-term volunteer spaces, for specific roles, at Iona Abbey this summer.



You'll find details on our website
www.iona.org.uk/about/vacancies

The Abbey team welcomes guests from many countries to Iona each week to explore issues of common concern - including the environment, peace-building, poverty & inequality, racism, refugees, inclusion & diversity, interfaith dialogue. We work together, we worship together and we share meals as part of our common life.

We look forward to hearing from you
Get in touch with us, VolunteerApplications@iona.org.uk if you'd like to find out more.



Braeburn Home's Summer Fete

Saturday 23rd July
2pm - 4pm

Fundraising for art and activities for our residents

Art and cake stalls, BBQ,
ice-cream and cakes for sale.
Raffle, tombola and a chance to win
a homemade cake.

**At Braeburn Home,
35 Inverleith Terrace**



Company No. SC327458
Charity Number SC039330

Carmelite spirituality

The Vigil of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday 15 July, 7pm-8pm

at the Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel,
South Queensferry



An evening of Carmelite spirituality celebrating the patronal feast of the Priory Church, led by Fr Stephen Holmes and Br Joseph Emmanuel SSF. Eucharist, short talk, silent prayer and singing of the medieval Carmelite chant 'Flos Carmeli'.

Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel, Hopetoun Road, South Queensferry EH30 9RB

Contact: Stephen Holmes, rector.hce@gmail.com

Scottish Evensong

Saturday 23 July, 5pm

at Holy Cross Church, Davidson's Mains

Evensong from the Scottish Book of Common Prayer sung by the *Cantores Sanctae Crucis*, directed by David Coney, using Scottish music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries



followed by a short talk:

‘Dúthchas: the Scottish Christian Tradition’

by the Revd Dr Emsley Nimmo, Rector of St Margaret's in the Gallowgate, Aberdeen, & President of the Scottish Episcopal Gaelic Society.

*All welcome - for more information contact the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes:
rector.hce@gmail.com - Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh EH4 5BS*



Passing the Baton

***Befriending one person at a time
back into the community***



Wednesday 24th August, 2pm – 5pm in person
Wednesday 28th September, 7pm – 9.30pm on Zoom

Free volunteer training for Churches in Edinburgh
Contact Bethany on 07969 771659 or Ptb@bethanychristiantrust.com
www.bethanychristiantrust.com

Play Church & Toddler Church Training Event

Led by Izzy Holmes, Children's Minister at Holy Cross Church and Play Church Shepherd

When: Saturday 27th August, 2-4:30pm.

Where: Holy Cross Church, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh.

What is it? Holy Cross Church is currently hosting the Diocesan Play Church and has a new and flourishing ministry for toddlers and their grown ups, called Toddler Church. This free event is an opportunity to explore Play Church and learn about ways to use it in your church, and to learn about our weekly Toddler Church - the thoughts behind it, what happens in a session, the practicalities of working with this age group, and a demonstration of the 'liturgy' we use at the end of each session. Get ready for some parachute games! Hot drinks and biscuits provided.

Who is it for? Anyone who is interested in learning about or hosting Play Church, or is thinking about starting or refreshing their church's children and family ministry. Clergy, Lay Readers, Lay Worship leaders, Children's ministry workers and volunteers. Post-pandemic, this is one way to grow your church from the bottom up!

How to get there: By Bus: The church is about 20 minutes from Princes Street. Lothian Buses 21 and 41 stop at the top of Main St opposite Ye Olde Inn. Number 43 stops on Queensferry Rd near the top of Quality St. By Car: There is a car park in front of our hall, accessed via East Barnton Gardens. Free on-street parking is available nearby and there is a large car park behind Tesco's.

Contact: To book or for any questions, email Izzy: families.hce@gmail.com





ADVANCE NOTICE:

The General Meeting of the Mission to Seafarers Scotland will take place on **10th September in St Catharine's Bo'ness**. More details will follow but, as we will have some catering we need to get an idea of numbers so could we ask you to reply to info@mtss.scot if you will be attending.

This is a general invitation, and not restricted to our volunteers and known supporters. If you would like to come along and meet the Trustees or simply find out more about our work, you would be made very welcome.

Below is the brief agenda:

- 10.00am Welcome
- 10.05am Prayer
- 10.07am Finance report
- 10.20am Chaplain's report
- 10.30am Chairman's report
- 10.45am Questions and answers
- 11.15am Eucharist
- 12.15 Buffet lunch approx
- Depart by 2pm

David Graham-Service

Chair & Treasurer

Mission to Seafarers Scotland

