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St Catharine's, Bo'ness

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

In case you are new to the diocese, you may like to know that we have a website page with resources and answers to many of your questions at:

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

Subjects are:

- Diocesan Office
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Diocesan Office Resources



DIOCESAN OFFICE



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BUILDINGS



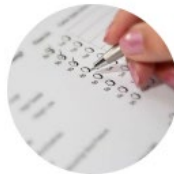
DIOCESAN SYNOD



SAFEGUARDING



BISHOP'S OFFICE



FORMS



VESTRIES



YOUTH & CHILDREN



Have a browse!

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 **47 users** signed up to the various forums.
Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- *Free energy efficiency engineers' visits*
- *Rector's Expenses*
- *Sources of Guidance for Churches on Heating of Buildings*
- *Insurance*
- *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/>

COMMITTEES

No upcoming committee meetings.

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

14 th August:	Preaching at St Mary's Cathedral
21 st August	Presiding at St Peter's, Linlithgow Presiding at St Columba's, Bathgate
29 th August	Lay Reader Day
3 rd September	Preaching at the Scottish Guild of Servers Mass, Christ Church, Falkirk
4 th September	Presiding at St Peter's, Peebles

NOTICES

Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New

St Matthew's Rosslyn Chapel have been gifted some new copies of Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New from Roslin Kirk and have a number (approx 100) of old copies (slightly frayed at the edges) and I wondered if you might know of anyone who could use them?

Many thanks in advance for any help you can give to find them a new home.

Shonagh Toulouse
shonaghtoulouse@icloud.com

Call for Stewards: 7th-14th August

Outside-In: A week-long Fringe event to co-create an artwork on the theme of discovering hope after loss and displacement.

St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AW

Call the Lead Stewart to volunteer your time for a morning or afternoon:

Sarah Tolley (Outside-In Project Team) 0759 393 16284

Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival 2022

Exploring the profound resonance between faith and art, the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival in the Fringe runs from Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th August 2022. All events will take place in church venues around the city centre. Highlights include **the music of James Macmillan, the paintings of Phoebe Anna Traquair and the poetry of Christine De Luca**. The programme has now been finalised with the addition of Divine Dance's 'John the Baptist and the Bees' at St Michael and All Saints', Brougham Street, Toll Cross. For information about the full programme and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/festival-2022.html>

Imogen Gibson, Communications Organiser, Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation

<http://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/>

Facebook [@EdSacredArtsFest](#)

Twitter [@SacredArtsFest](#)

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-serve-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

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

DIOCESAN NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

St John's Festival Pulpit 2022

Choral Evensong with Guest Preachers

Sundays, 6pm

Princes St & Lothian Rd

7/8

Prof

Jason Leitch

National Clinical Director (Scottish Government)

14/8

Craig Miller

Therapist

21/8

The Rt Rev'd

Kenneth Nowakowski

Bishop, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy London

28/8

Megan Douglas

Salaam Refugee Prgm. Edinburgh City Mission



Outside-In

A week of drop-in workshops
between the hours **10:30 - 16:30**
to co-create an artwork on the theme
of displacement & discovering hope
after loss, plus an exhibition by
community artists.

Lead Artist: Mousa AlNana

the longest journey is
the journey within

7-14
August
2022



CULTURE
EDINBURGH



Artlink

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
Palmerston Place,
Edinburgh EH12 5AW



Would you like to join our team?

Administrative Assistant required for a busy church and an ambitious vision for our building and congregation.

St Mark's is seeking an organised and efficient administrator for our fundraising campaign and for our congregational life.

Admin experience essential - and any fundraising experience would be highly desirable; there will be opportunities to develop these skills for the right candidate.

The post will be 6 hours a week, at £12ph.

It would be possible to do school term only working

Deadline for applications: 19 August 2022

Please contact:

rector@stmarksportobello.org

or 0131 629 1219 for details.



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



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



Holy Cross Church in Edinburgh is currently hosting the diocesan Play Church and has a new and flourishing ministry for toddlers and their grown-ups (*pictured*) called **Toddler Church**. This free event is an opportunity to explore Play Church and how 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!



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!

When: Saturday 27th August, 2-4:30pm. Hot drinks and biscuits provided.

Where: Holy Cross Church, Davidson's Mains.

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.

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





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Priest-in-Charge

A full time position, initially for five years
St Fillan's, Buckstone, Edinburgh

www.stfillans.org.uk

Remuneration: Scottish Episcopal Church Clergy Standard Stipend

Based in a district of southern Edinburgh, St Fillan's is at the heart of a large and growing residential area.

We are an inclusive, friendly, welcoming and faithful eucharistic congregation and our church building is widely used by the whole community.

We are seeking a priest with good leadership and communication skills who will lead, inspire and build the congregation, and embrace and develop opportunities for community engagement.

For more information or an informal discussion please contact The Very Revd Frances Burberry (Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh) on: 0131 315 0404 or e-mail: dean@dioceseofedinburgh.org We look forward to hearing from you.

Congregational profile, person specification and application form are on the St Fillan's website www.stfillans.org.uk

The appointment is subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record Disclosure (Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007).

Closing date: Monday 12th September 2022
Interview date: Saturday 24th September 2022

Registered Charity Number SC012371

FAITH HOPE & CLIMATE CRISIS



WHAT CAN WE DO?

ST ANNE'S CHURCH DUNBAR
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
2.00 – 5.00PM

SPEAKERS

* MARK HUXHAM PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL
BIOLOGY NAPIER UNIVERSITY

* THE REVEREND DAVID MUMFORD

* DISCUSSION * QUIET REFLECTION *

* TEA, COFFEE & CAKE *

ALL WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT :
ecogroup@stannesdunbar.org.uk

Musselburgh Community

cook club

Something to
eat
Someone to eat
with

When?: **Every Wednesday 4-5:30pm**

Where?: **St Peter's Church Hall, High St,
Musselburgh EH21 7AD**

Cost?: **FREE!**

**“Building community
through hospitality and sharing”**

*Musselburgh Churches Together in partnership with the
Cyrenians & Musselburgh Area Partnership*



Need help with your church's energy efficiency?

A programme funded by the Royal Academy of Engineering pairs volunteer engineers with small groups from community buildings to understand what changes they should make for their building's future

<https://heathack.org/>

Ramboll (big engineering/architecture consultancy) has a couple of engineers in Edinburgh that want to volunteer as part of their CSR programme. They're currently paired with a couple of secular buildings that have applied, but if any Edinburgh churches are interested, please get in contact.

One company's engineer is particularly interested in understanding the issue of ventilation versus energy efficiency in these buildings.

info@heathack.org



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.

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](#)



Pews and Pew Runners available

St. Andrew's Kelso has a large number of pew runners to give away to anyone who would like them. They are a bit worn, but still do the job.

There are 16 short ones and 9 long ones, plus a few extras.

We may have a few pews for sale as well, as seen in the photos:



If you would like any of the items, please get in touch with Bob King.
The items can be collected in early August.

The Rev'd Canon Bob King
01573 225163
rectorofkelso@gmail.com

St Andrew's Rectory
6 Forestfield
Kelso TD5 7BX
01573 224163
www.standrewskelso.co.uk

Army Cadet Force (ACF) Chaplaincy – are you called?

ACF Chaplaincy is a wonderful opportunity to work with youngsters aged between 12 and 17 and the Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAV's) of all ages. The ACF is not a recruitment agency for the Army but is one of the biggest youth organisations in the UK.

You will receive basic training, be expected to wear a uniform and be allocated to a battalion (like a diocese). Your commitment is as big or small as you wish, but you are expected to attend annual camp each year.



I have been involved for nearly seven years and it is a huge privilege to journey with these youngsters. Each year I attend a two-week annual camp, in various parts of the country, to support folk of all faiths and none. In that time, I listen, I talk, I support, I have fun, I cry, I get exhausted! There are opportunities for you to participate in

whatever the cadets do, (water sports, rock climbing, orienteering etc. etc.) or you can just wander and sit, sharing Haribo (moralibo) – other sweets are available - to give a boost where needed. Numbers vary, but this year approximately 300 cadets and CFAV's attended at Altcar.

We were told at General Synod to “build relationships with youngsters”. This is a perfect opportunity to do so. Please get in touch if you would like to know more:

Revd Nicki McNelly, stcuthbertsrector@gmail.com or 07825 440580.

There are other opportunities available within the Royal Army Chaplains' Department (RACHD) and you can find more information at:

<https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/royal-army-chaplains-department/>

Remembering Hiroshima: Upcoming peace events



This coming week marks the **77th anniversary** of the US attack on the Japanese cities of **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**. Below are **a list of events**, many of which Peace & Justice (Scotland) is involved in, to mark the Hiroshima and Nagasaki anniversaries:

1. Consequences: Art and activism in the nuclear age

When: 16 August - 3 September 2022. Monday - Saturday, 10am - 5pm (except 27 August) **Launch event:** 19 August, 6pm

Where: Out of The Blue Drill Hall, 36 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8RG
Free and open to all

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/consequences-art-and-activism-in-the-nuclear-age-exhibition-launch-tickets-385837068057>

2. Film premiere: A guided tour of the unacceptable

When: 9th August, 7.30pm
Where: Pianodrome, 5-7 Regent Street, EH7 5BL

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-guided-tour-of-the-unacceptable-tickets-383922641957>

3. The Mistake: a play by Michael Mears

When: 5th-27th August
Where: The Space, on North Bridge, Edinburgh

<https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/mistake>