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St Matthew's Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin

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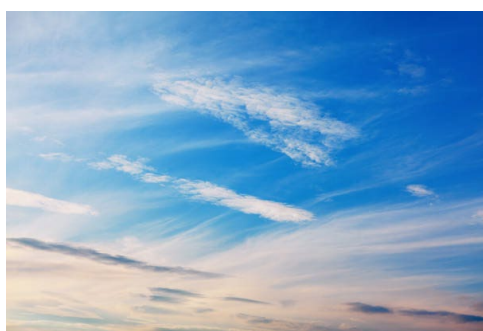
Diocesan Communications

Have you got news or stories from your church you'd like to share? If so, our Communications Officer Miranda would love to hear from you! Please drop her a line at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org to share your goings on.

We also have active Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for all the activities in the Diocese. Please do not hesitate to send Miranda your best pictures of anything you would like to be shared on our social media accounts, whether it be a coffee morning, charity fundraiser, or a special service e.g. blessing of pets.



We're now into September, when the church celebrates Creationtide, giving thanks for the beauty and wonder of God's natural world, and taking urgent action for climate justice. Is your church doing anything special to mark the season? And, does your church have a garden? If you've any news, stories or photos you'd like to share, please drop Miranda a line at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Follow The Diocese of Edinburgh on Social Media:



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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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- Buildings
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Diocesan Office Resources



DIOCESAN OFFICE



FINANCE



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

Save the date!

Responding to the Climate and Ecological Crisis: Green Christian On The Road Together in Edinburgh
A day of workshops, discussion and worship to encourage our communities, build common cause for creation & inspire ambitious change
22nd Oct, 10am-4pm, hosted by St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral.

Registration details to follow!



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

29th Sept Standing Committee

You can now fill in the C35 application directly in a PDF form!

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

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

21st Sept Ordination of Revd Lesley Penny to the Priesthood, St Cuthbert's, Colinton

25th Sept Ordinations of Val Cameron, Ross Jesmont & Janet Spence to the Diaconate, St Mary's Cathedral

1st Oct Ordination of Revd Claire Nicholson to the Priesthood, Holy Trinity, Melrose

2nd Oct The Collation of Revd Dr Stephen Holmes and licensing of Br Joseph Emmanuel at St Salvador's, Stenhouse

ADVANCE NOTICE

27th Oct Diocesan Synod at St Paul's and St George's, Edinburgh, starting with Synod Eucharist at 5:30pm.

NOTICES

Colin Heggie: RIP

We are sorry to announce the death of Colin Heggie, our former Diocesan Registrar, former Layclerk in St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Vestry Secretary of St John the Evangelist, Selkirk, who passed away peacefully on 19th September. The thoughts and prayers of the Diocese of Edinburgh are with his family. The memorial service will take place at 2:30pm on Tuesday 4th October at St Andrew's, Kelso, followed by refreshments at Ednam House, Kelso.

Daily Prayer: Can you help please?

The Liturgy Committee has been asked to revise the SEC Daily Prayer, and to help it with that process it would like to learn how Daily Prayer is part of our life today.

An online questionnaire is now available, and the committee asks that anyone interested can spare just five minutes to complete it, please. Submissions can be anonymous, unless the respondent wishes to be contacted.

In the introduction to the questionnaire, the committee says: "This is not intended to 'catch you out', or to find out who's not doing what! It is an attempt to be honest as we think about changes to Daily Prayer over the next few years, so that any change echoes the needs of the church."

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#).

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

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

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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

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

Bishop of Edinburgh
Lent Appeal

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2023

The Bishop of Edinburgh is inviting bids and nominations from people across the Diocese for what could be the focus of the Bishop's Lent Appeal in 2023.

Bishop John Armes sponsors a Lent Appeal each year with the funds raised shared equally between two charitable organisations. One at home within Edinburgh Diocese and the UK and one elsewhere in the world.

Over the past few years we have contributed to a wide variety of projects such as sewing machines in Papua New Guinea, the work of IJM, and of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel.

In our home diocese we have supported Waverley Care and Faith in Older People and St John and recently Fresh Start Borders, helping families move from homelessness to permanent tenancies.

Last year saw us supporting one charity, based at home and supporting those worldwide.

Although it may seem early, we would hope that you can help by submitting your suggestion by **Friday 18th November 2022**. This allows us time to contact the successful nominee to discuss their goals and expectations and allow for planning.

Nominations should be no more than a single A4 side of information about what they do although web links can be included. Where appropriate, please do let us know of any personal involvement with your nominee or a note about how you know of them and if available, the contact details of the charitable organisation itself.

Please send your suggestions for the attention of Bishop John at
BishopsPA@dioceseofedinburgh.org

CANON 35

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

- **Jedburgh St John the Evangelist** – Installation of defibrillator
- **Dalkeith St Mary the Virgin** – Installation of CCTV cameras
- **Linlithgow St Peter's** – Church sound system
- **Penicuik St James the Less** – Installation of live-streaming camera
- **Edinburgh St Michael and All Saints** – Removal of chancel platform
- **Edinburgh Christ Church Morningside** – Temporary/trial – lectern steps/rail
- **Edinburgh St Cuthbert's Colinton** – New electronic organ
- **Edinburgh St Salvador's** – Creation of Peace Garden
- **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

St
Martin
in
the
Fields

What Am I Living For?

The Search for Meaning

St Martin-in-the-Fields
Autumn Lecture Series 2022

In partnership with **CHURCH TIMES**



For tickets: www.smitf.org/lectures

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3 Staff Vacancies at St Mungo's Church, Balerno

St Mungo's is a large contemporary and family-focused Word and Spirit Church located principally in the suburban village of Balerno in southwest Edinburgh but with a second location in Livingston.

Our vision is to Be Love and we place a high value during our gatherings on sung worship, Bible-based teaching, prayer ministry focused on the renewing work of the Holy Spirit and outreach.

We are a church with multiple ministries serving the communities of both Balerno and Livingston in the areas of community outreach; youth and children's work; pastoral care and counselling.

We are looking to fill the following 3 posts:

1. Livingston Youth and Children's Worker [21-25 hours per week]; Salary is c.£33,000-£35,000 [pro rata] depending on experience.
2. Operations Co-ordinator [Permanent post: 28- 35 hours per week, depending on candidate]; Salary is £22,000 to £28,000 [pro rata] depending on experience.
3. Team Administrator [Permanent post: 20 hours per week]; Salary is c.£25,000-£28,200 [pro rata] depending on experience.

** All positions receive benefits including a pension scheme with 10% employer contribution, 7 weeks' annual leave [5 weeks + public holidays] and a training and development budget.*

Full application packs can be downloaded from the vacancies page on our website [<https://stmungos.org/vacancies>] and more details available by contacting recruitment@stmungos.org.

St Mungo's is a Christian organisation and all posts carry an Occupational Requirement in line with Equality Act 2010. Applicants should have and be able to evidence an active Christian faith and commitment.



Word and Spirit



Worship and Prayer



Family



Kingdom

EDINBURGH INTERFAITH KEY NOTE LECTURE & AGM

Topic: Freedom of Religion and Belief and its place in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER: THE REV BONNIE-EVANS HILLS

Our key note lecturer will be the Rev Bonnie-Evans Hills who recently was awarded the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and interfaith Cooperation from the Archbishops of Canterbury for "her decades-long passionate dedication to building interfaith relationships at local, national and international level for the sake of a better world."



EDINBURGH CITY CHAMBERS
SEPTEMBER 29TH 5-7PM





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Youth & Children Officer

25 hrs per week (3 days)

3-year contract

We are seeking to appoint a Youth & Children Officer to support clergy, youth and children workers, and their congregations in meeting the needs of children and young people, and to support young people directly in their engagement with the church. The postholder will also be responsible for leading the development of youth work within the diocese as part of the larger Mission & Ministry Team.

The Diocesan Office has a small and friendly team of staff in a pleasant office very close to Haymarket, working within a supportive and collaborative environment. We are therefore very keen to get the right personality in the role to work within our team, as well as finding someone with the right skills. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job before applying you are very welcome to contact The Revd Dr Sophia Marriage, Convenor of the Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee (sophia.marriage@stmarksportobello.org)

We are looking for someone with:

- Previous training in, and experience of, work with children and young people.
- A strong spirituality which places young people as integral to the life of our church and a vision of the inclusion of young people in our church communities and in social action
- A Christian faith which welcomes diverse congregational and theological traditions

Closing Date: **Friday 30th September 2022**

For full details go to <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/vacancies-2/>

Pray with us

Sat 1st October

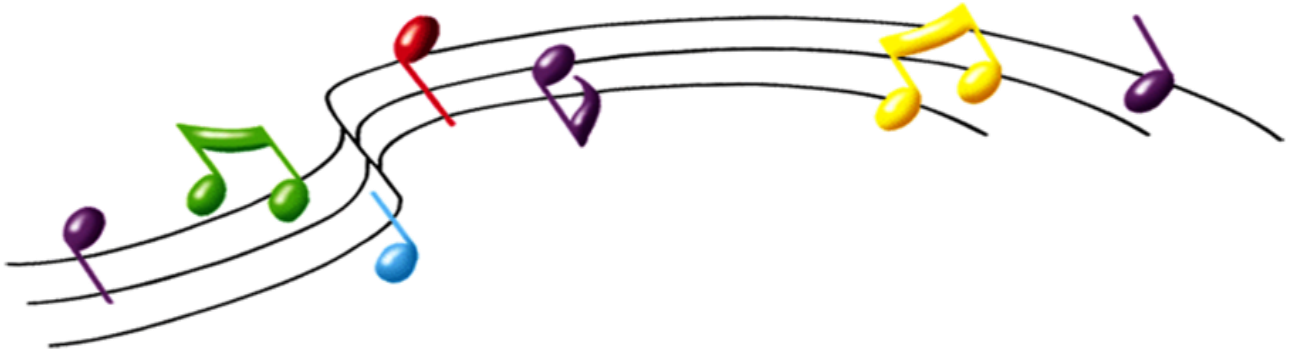


Dear Friends across the Diocese

We are holding a Prayer Vigil for Peace in Christ Church, Falkirk (55 Kerse Lane FK1 1RX) on **Saturday 1st October from 8 am until 6pm, concluding with Compline (Night Prayer) at 5:30pm.** Please join us; you can come and go throughout the day and stay for as long as the Church is open, and pray as long as you are comfortable. We are hopeful that many places of worship in Falkirk will join us together in prayer.

The day will be structured with readings and meditation on every hour and half hour in the Church. There will be silences and also music throughout the day to facilitate prayer. There are toilets in the Church and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

If you are unable to be with us on the day, please take some time during the day to Pray for Peace and for those in the Church praying for Peace in our World. We look forward to welcoming you and Praying for Peace with you all.



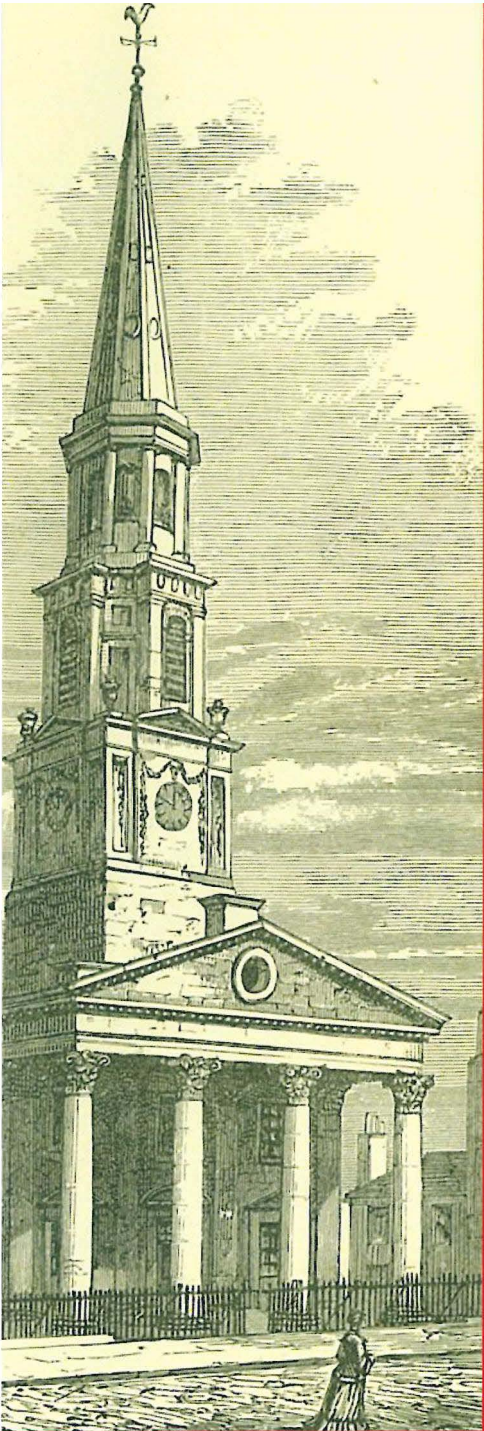
West Forth Area Council

Join us for
The Big Sing!

Sunday 2nd October at 3pm
at Christ Church, 55 Kerse Lane,
Falkirk FK1 1 RX

followed by refreshments

Retiring collection for FoSS (Friends of Scottish Settlers), supporting local refugees and asylum seekers (SCO 50254)



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SATURDAY 10am – 3pm

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SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

10am – noon

Enquiries to 07714 186 754

St Andrew's and St George's West Church of Scotland, Edinburgh is a Registered Scottish Charity No SC 008990



Living Well with Differences is an online course designed for church leaders who would like to be better equipped to recognise and respond well to differences, change and conflict in our churches. It provides an introduction to the dynamics of conflict in ourselves and in faith communities and provides tools for positively addressing conflict and helping create a safer environment for all.

What will be involved?

Participants will be required to participate in 4 online sessions on a weekly basis over the course of a month. Each participant will receive a workbook that contains the content covered, as well as reflective tasks that can be completed between sessions. Each participant will receive a certificate on completion of the course.

Who will facilitate the training?

The course will be facilitated by two Place for Hope facilitators experienced in training others in conflict transformation and mediation.

What will the course include?

- 1. Understanding conflict:** We will share what we mean by conflict, and how it 'looks' in our churches; we will also begin to explore our different approaches to conflict, and how we respond.
 - 2. Conflict transformation skills:** Working with real life scenarios, we will explore how conflict escalates. In doing so, we will consider tools and techniques to 'lower' the level of conflict, enabling us to work constructively with disagreements in different settings.
 - 3. Responding to Bullying & Harassment:** We will explore how we can respond with dignity and respect as our core values to bullying and harassing behaviour in our church communities.
 - 4. SEC Context:** We will look at the internal policies and mechanisms in the Scottish Episcopal Church for handling conflict-related complaints.
 - 5. Additional Resources:** Further links and a reading list will be provided
- For further exploration of the topics covered in the course.

Course Dates & Registration: Choose the dates and times most suitable for you and follow the link under each set of dates to register for the course. Make a note of the dates in your own calendar and Place for Hope will send a confirmation email two weeks before the course begins together with further details about the course. **Please Note:** The course limit for each group is 16, so please register early to avoid disappointment in attending the timing of the course that suits you best.

- October 19th & 26th, November 2nd & 9th 2022 (Wed 10.00 am - 1.30pm) <https://bit.ly/3RvWa01>
- January 20th & 27th & February 3rd & 10th 2023 (Fridays 09.30 - 1pm) <https://bit.ly/3eHY2oc>
 - March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 2023 (Thursdays 1.30 pm - 5pm) <https://bit.ly/3TQd7U>
- April 19th & 26th & May 3rd & 10th 2023 (Wednesdays 10 am - 1.30pm) <https://bit.ly/3Bw4lUN>

What Participants have said about the course...

"...thank you for facilitating the course, which was expertly done with giving us enough freedom to speak freely but always keeping us on track. I will certainly take away many things that have been helpful not just in my job but the conflict situations that crop up in life."

"Place for Hope has been a God send for me, and I'm grateful for your attentive listening and support."

"It was good to be participating in a faith context and to see how really negative and hurtful situations can be worked through and learned from - a great group on the course! Not being afraid of conflict and seeing how it can be positive was really helpful."



Living Well with Differences

About Place for Hope

Place for Hope accompanies and equips people and faith communities so that all might reach their potential to be peacemakers who navigate conflict well.

We want every community to be a place for hope.





Youth Director

We are looking for an experienced youth leader to develop and lead our youth ministry, inspiring and working with volunteers and staff to help young people aged 11-18 within, and beyond the church, to encounter God and engage with Jesus.

We are at an exciting time in the life of Ps & Gs. As society rebuilds after the global pandemic, we have been continuing to deliver and expand our ministries to respond to the ever-changing needs of our congregation and city. As well as Sunday services, we offer a wide range of courses, activities and ministries.

Edinburgh is an exciting city to live in, with world renowned entertainment and hospitality venues as well as hundreds of brilliant independent shops, retailers and venues – we know you'll love being here!

Below are some of the key information about the role but more can be found in the full job description and terms available on our website. (www.psandgs.org.uk/jobs)

Main Responsibilities

- Working with Ps & Gs Young People: Developing opportunities for all 11-18 year olds connect to Ps & Gs to grow in their faith
- Strategy and Administration of the Youth Ministry: Ensuring efficient administration and communication underpins the youth ministry
- Overseeing and Leading the Ps & Gs Youth Team: Facilitating regular planning meetings for the youth teams, and training as required
- Working as part of the Ps & Gs staff team: Playing your part as a key leader in the church community
- Working beyond Ps & Gs: Identifying new areas of ministry, such as outreach in schools or other community groups

Key T's & C's

- The role is Full Time and permanent
- Salary is in the range of £24,000 –£27,000.
- Five weeks' holiday per year, plus five designated public holidays, plus five public holidays to be taken at a time of your choosing.
- Contributions to a pension scheme

Application Notes

To apply for this post please complete an application form and return it, along with your CV, to david@psandgs.org.uk. Final closing date is Friday 21 October at 12.00 pm however we will review applications on their receipt and may close the advert early if we receive a suitable application.

This post carries an Occupational Requirement, in line with the Equality Act 2010, that the successful candidate is a Christian.

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/>