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Good Shepherd, Murrayfield

DIOCESAN OFFICE NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD

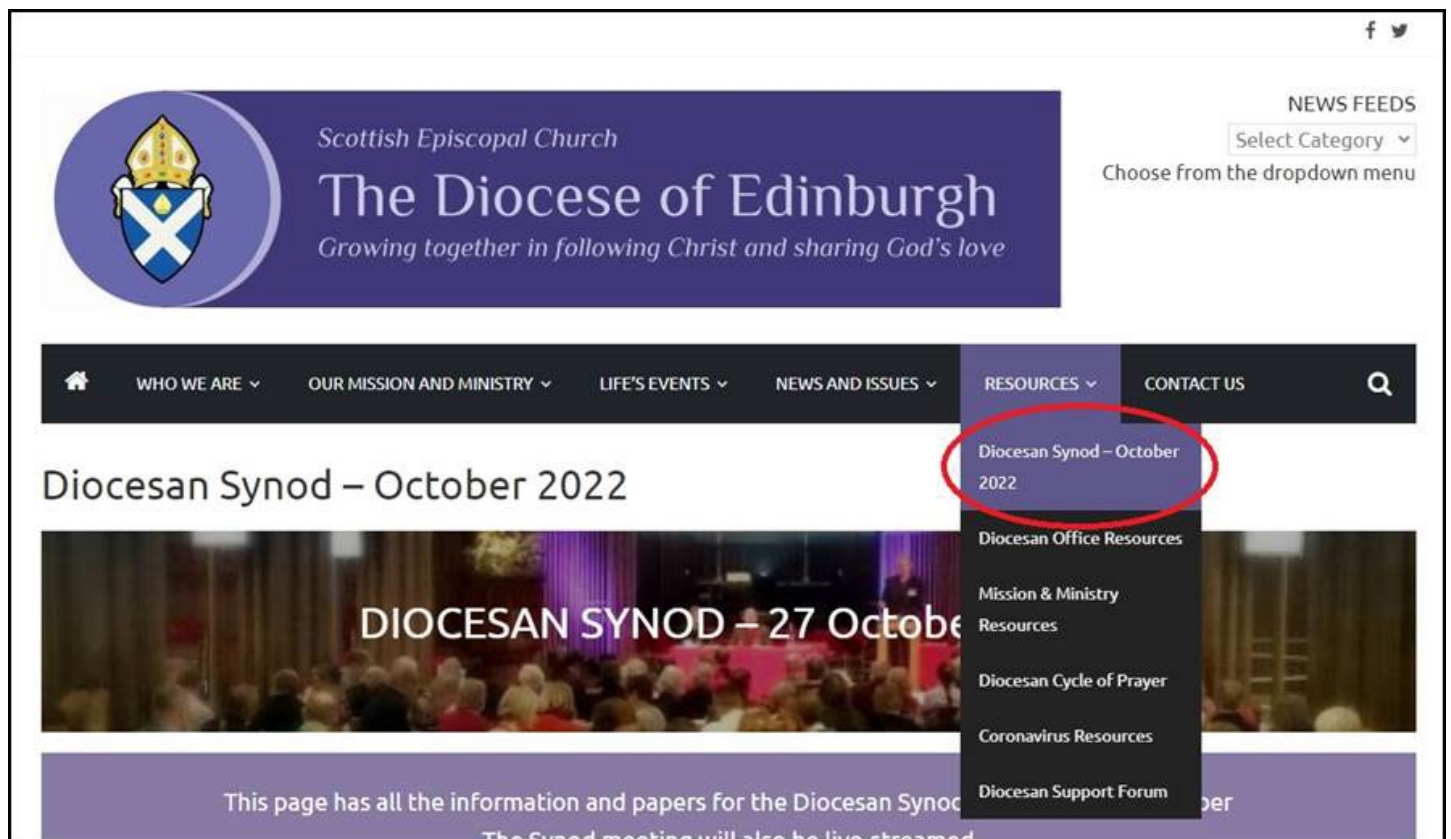


Members of the House of Clergy and House of Laity should have received an email last week notifying them of the Synod business for the meeting on 27th October 2022 and that all the papers and information will be uploaded onto this webpage:

- <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-october-2022/>

All the items of business were approved by the Standing Committee at its meeting on Thursday 29th September.

This page will contain **all** the information needed for the meeting, and the accompanying papers will be uploaded as soon as they are ready. As we near the meeting, if you don't have the page link to hand, it can be found here:



Simon Filsell
Diocesan Administrator & Secretary to Synod

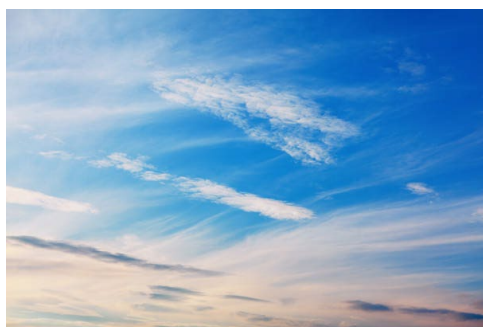
Diocesan Communications

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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Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

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
- Finance
- Buildings
- Synod
- Safeguarding
- Bishop's Office
- Forms
- Vestries
- Youth & Children

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 group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk The website can be found at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/environment/>

The September newsletter can be found here:

[https://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DEG-Newsletter-](https://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DEG-Newsletter-Sept22.pdf)

[Sept22.pdf](https://edinburgh.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DEG-Newsletter-Sept22.pdf)

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 are below:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/responding-to-the-climate-and-ecological-crisis-with-green-christian-tickets-424012702407

You can also visit the Heat Hack scheme to help churches and other community buildings become more energy efficient:

<https://heathack.org>

ONLINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **50 users** signed up to the various forums.
Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- *What is the process for erecting signage outside a church building?*
- *GDPR – retaining data? how long?*
- *Contactless donations*
- *Energy suppliers*



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

There are no upcoming committee meetings.

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

- 6th Oct Scottish National War Memorial Annual Service
- 7th- 21st Oct Bishop John is on annual leave
- 23rd Oct Bishop presiding at Christ Church, Duns

ADVANCE NOTICE

- 24th Oct The Diocesan Office will be **closed** for the Public Bank Holiday
- 27th Oct Diocesan Synod at St Paul's and St George's, Edinburgh, starting with Synod Eucharist at 5:30pm.

NOTICES

The Reverend Aaron Moffat-Jackman (Priest-in-Charge, St Peter's Episcopal Church, Musselburgh) will be presenting two episodes of New Every Sunday on BBC Radio Scotland for Black History Month. They'll be aired at 7.30am on Sunday 2nd and 9th October and will be available on BBC Sounds for the following month, at the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00lcp4d>

In addition, St Peter's Church in Musselburgh are looking for a votive candle stand that someone might be throwing away, or willing to sell at an affordable price. If you are able to help, please contact Revd Moffat-Jackman directly using the contact details below.

Reverend Aaron Moffat-Jackman, Priest-in-Charge, St Peter's Episcopal Church, Musselburgh
revaaron@stpeters.scot 07717893466



From the HISTORIC RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS ALLIANCE (HRBA):

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS TO SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

At the recent Church of England DAC Conference, a crowd-sourced note of practical suggestions was started to save parishes energy and money with the winter heating season fast upon us.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n8AjYIkam1LF5kMiaun3FwUY6Nx7n9HfaOwFsFQdNeM/edit>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST: MAINTENANCE GRANT

The Foundation Grant Programme offers our small grants of between £500 and £5,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report. Also, small investigative works and surveys. Project costs should be up to £10,000 excl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs. Decisions are made on a rolling basis.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/get-support/grants/foundation-maintenance>

Bring the Mental Health Conversation to the Heart of the Church

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2022: 4.30pm-6.15pm

FREE SEMINAR BY ZOOM

Mental Health is often perceived as a crisis issue, yet in this webinar we discover how we can all have a role in creating a safer community for those of us experiencing mental health challenges.

Together, we will explore mental health in the current context of pandemic recovery, a model for understanding mental health challenges, and how a faith perspective offers an opportunity for building a community of mutual support and participation. In this model each member can be part of building a culture where stigma is tackled, becoming a community where our collective wellbeing improves. Learn how, at our webinar from Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, on November 2nd at 4.30- 6.15 pm.

Corin Pilling will be our facilitator. Corin is Director of Sanctuary UK, a mental health charity equipping churches with resources and training to support those living with mental health challenges. Corin's work began with a twenty-year career working with homeless people, before moving into the disability community using the tools of community development and facilitation. He has led the work of Sanctuary since 2020.

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

BISHOP'S 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

PROPERTY & PLANNING

Churches and Historic Buildings: Bats

For information

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [asked](#) His Majesty's Government "how many (1) church buildings, and (2) other historical buildings, in the UK are adversely affected by the presence of bat roosts."

In response, the new Minister for Civil Society, Lord Kamall, said that "[data from partner bodies] highlighted that around 60% of pre-16th century churches contain bat roosts, many home to nationally important breeding colonies. Churches are known to house larger roosts than other, natural sites. Of 120 churches with bats consulted by the project partnership, for the 2015 project questionnaire, 90 churches reported damage caused by bats to the fabric of the church building, 81 churches reported damage to more than one monument, and 97 churches reported damage to fixtures and fittings."

[Source: Parliament, 22 September]

Government outlines plans to help cut energy bills for businesses

For information

BEIS has announced that through the [Energy Bill Relief Scheme](#), the Government will provide a discount on wholesale gas and electricity prices for all non-domestic customers (including all UK businesses, the voluntary sector like charities and the public sector such as schools and hospitals) whose current gas and electricity prices have been significantly inflated in light of global energy prices. This support will be equivalent to the [Energy Price Guarantee](#) put in place for households.

It will apply to fixed contracts agreed on or after 1 April 2022, as well as to deemed, variable and flexible tariffs and contracts. It will apply to energy usage from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023, running for an initial six-month period for all non-domestic energy users. The savings will be first seen in October bills, which are typically received in November. Customers do not need to take action or apply to the scheme to access the support. Support (in the form of a p/kWh discount) will automatically be applied to bills. The level of price reduction for each business will vary depending on their contract type and circumstances (see [here](#)).

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Table Top Sale



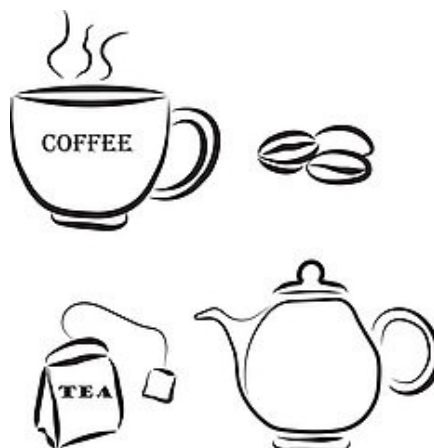
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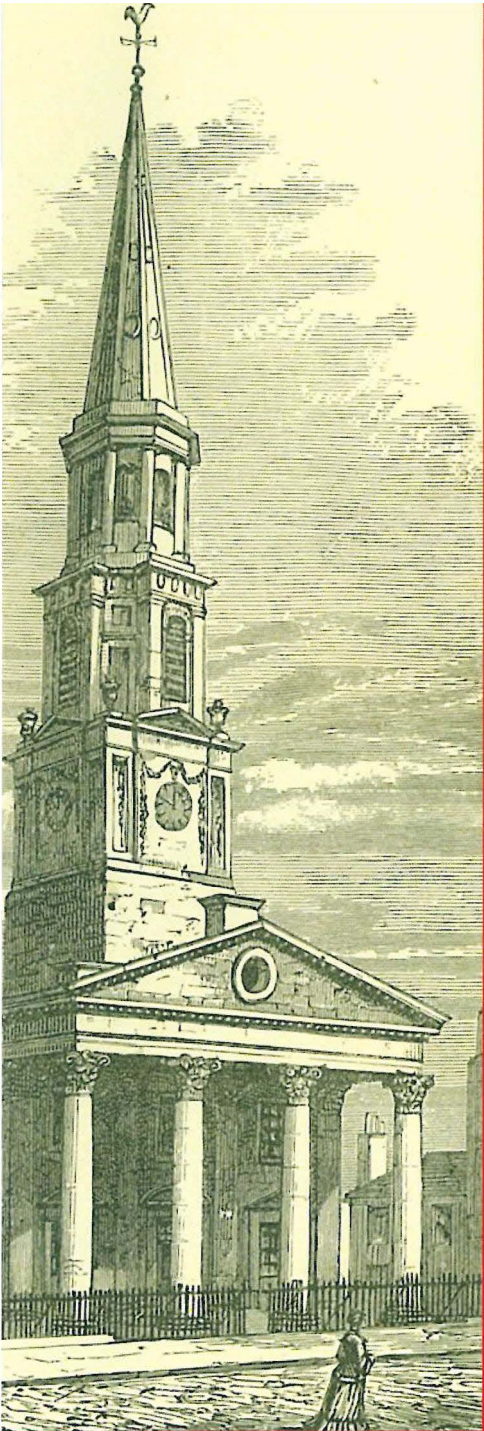
2pm—4pm

Saturday 15th Oct

10am—12noon

Teas/Coffees





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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.



Diocese of Edinburgh

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Full time Rector position:

St Columba, Bathgate (www.stcolumbasbathgate.org.uk)

&

St Peter, Linlithgow (www.stpeterslinlithgow.co.uk)

Remuneration: Scottish Episcopal Church Clergy Standard Stipend

Located in the central belt of Scotland, the combined churches of St Columba's Bathgate and St Peter's Linlithgow are looking for a new rector. We are friendly and welcoming congregations who play an active part in our respective communities.

We are seeking a rector with strong leadership and communication skills who will inspire us in our mission and worship and help us develop further opportunities for community engagement and spiritual growth.

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 profiles, person specification and application form are on the St Columba's and St Peter's websites. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory PVG Scheme Record Disclosure (Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007).

Closing date: Monday 24th October 2022

Interview date: Saturday 19th November 2022

Registered Charity Number SC023269 – St Columba

Registered Charity Number SC023190 – St Peter



2 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 2 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. [No closing date]
2. Team Administrator [Permanent post: 20 hours per week]; Salary is c.£25,000-£28,200 [pro rata] depending on experience. [Closing date: 31 October 22]

** 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



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- Through the Mess
- None the Less



Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Please phone 01368 850604 or email: janet.mckinnell@btinternet.com and indicate whether you will be at Holy Trinity or will join us online the following week.

The programme will be led by members of the Lantern Group, who share a common interest in the Ignatian way of prayer and spiritual development.

Saturday 5 Nov 2022

Holy Trinity Church,
Haddington

10.00am to 1.00pm

Coffee, tea and biscuits provided. Please bring sandwiches for a shared lunch at the end.

Saturday 12 Nov 2022

Online via Zoom

Room will open at 10.00am
for a 10.15 start

Link will be sent to those who register (see above) a couple of days before.

Bring your own coffee/tea!



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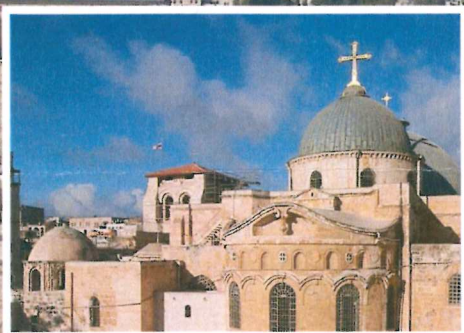
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