



# Diocese of Edinburgh

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# *The Communicant*

News & Notices for the Diocese of Edinburgh

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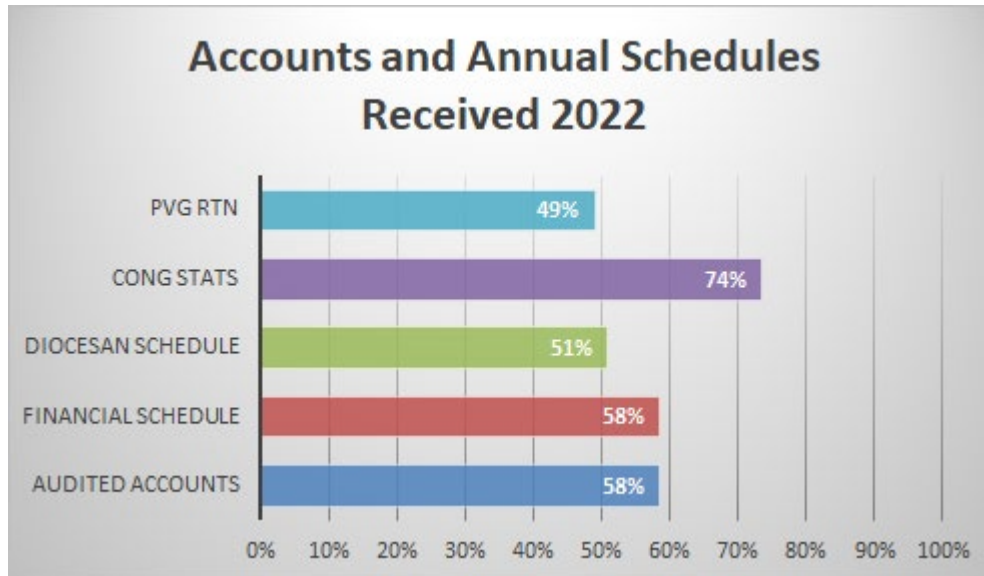
*Holy Trinity, Haddington*

# DIOCESAN OFFICE NOTICES & NEWS

First, we send our very best wishes to everyone across our diocese for 2023 and all that lies ahead of us.

## ANNUAL RETURNS

You will see, later in this edition, the usual table of returns received. This is where we are at present:



Please note, the 'Diocesan Schedule' this time is not the usual form. We posted your church's data sheet to your Vestry Secretary, and asked for either a response saying "*all correct/no changes needed*" or for those **new** Vestry officers to complete the [online form](#) to give us their details. Hopefully, that's less work for your hard-pressed Vestry Secretary! Thank you to all those who have been sending them in, and a 'shout out' to the following 5 charges, for sending in ALL theirs already:

- DUNBAR St Anne's
- EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains
- EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton
- PEEBLES St Peter's
- PENICUIK St James the Less

Please let us know if we have missed any – we have 265 due in overall, so it's always possible! All the Congregational Statistics were due back in Advent, but if we could have all forms in by **31<sup>st</sup> January** that would be hugely appreciated so we can get on with updating the database and sending the safeguarding and statistics data to the General Synod Office. *Thank you!*

## SAFEGUARDING – Appointments

We have had a number of queries in recent months about the appointment of PVG Coordinators. In the document "Appointing a PVG Co-Ordinator for your Congregation" (can be found on the [SEC website](#)) it says:

*"When the Vestry has identified a suitable candidate, the Vestry Secretary should seek references (which should be sent to the Bishop) and **ask the Bishop to approve the appointment.**"*

The document also includes the Role Purpose and the Duties of the coordinator. Also, for information, Donald Urquhart, the Provincial Protection Officer has now retired, and Daphne Audsley is now handling all safeguarding matters until Donald's replacement starts. Recruitment is also underway for a dedicated Training Officer for safeguarding, so we hope to see several new training opportunities very soon. As soon as we get any news of that, we will let you know in *The Communicant*.

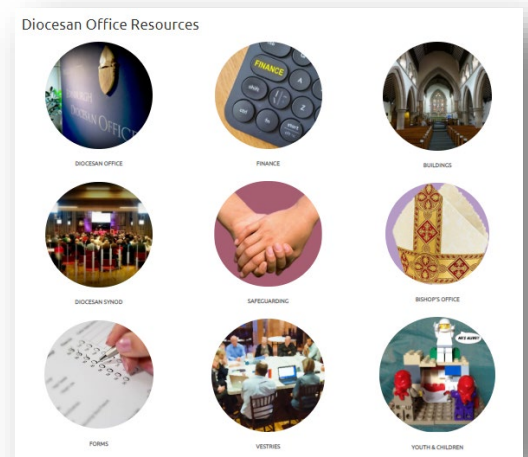
## DIOCESAN OFFICE RESOURCES

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



## ON-LINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now **51 users** signed up to the various forums. Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- *Secondary glazing installation completed*
- *CAF Bank changes*
- *Energy Savings Advice (CofE)*
- *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/>

## 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](mailto: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 love getting your pictures and stories!

If you have any lovely pictures of events held at your church, do send them to Miranda at [communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

If you've any news, stories or photos you'd like to share, please drop Miranda a line.

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## DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP – WEBSITE PUBLISHED



Our new **Diocesan Environment Group** will help support and encourage charges to work towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030. It reports to the Diocesan Standing Committee. The website of the Diocesan Environment Group is packed with ideas and resources to help the SEC become carbon neutral by 2030. It includes sections on Sharing Stories, Resources and Funding. The group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at [bethany@psandgs.org.uk](mailto: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-Sept22.pdf>

Some of the resources available include:

- A toolkit by The Provincial Environment Group of The Scottish Episcopal Church to guide churches towards reaching net zero;



- The **Energy Footprint Analyser** to calculate your carbon emissions associated with heating and energy usage;
- A series of webinars by the Church of England.

You can also visit the Heat Hack scheme to help churches and other community buildings become more energy efficient: <https://heathack.org>

## CHURCH BUILDINGS



### **Free Historic England webinar on heat pumps in historic buildings**

The session will cover heat pump technologies, design and installation considerations, and what to watch out for in collaborating with building services engineers and clients. It will also look at case studies from a range of buildings from across England. This webinar coincides with the recent publication of Historic England's new guidance on installing heat pumps in historic buildings.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/training/webinars/technical-tuesdays/>

## **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/1n8AjYIkam1LFSkMiaun3FwUY6Nx7n9HfaOwFsFQdNeM/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>

## Non-Domestic Alternative Fuel Payment - users for testing support

The **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)** hopes to be put in contact with users that will be able to test the proposed energy support package.

BEIS are looking for:

1. Contacts with the authority to apply for support on behalf of their organisation/building with access to information such as invoices, building records and heating bills
2. Representing organisations operating in buildings that are **non-domestic, off the gas grid, and using large quantities kerosene for heating** (for instance above 10,000 litres per year)
3. Contacts would need to be able to participate in remote usability testing sessions of around 60 minutes, with internet access and Microsoft Teams enabled. We can offer a payment of £50 per interview

If your organisation meets any of the above criteria and would like to help test the proposed support package for non-domestic alternative fuel payment, please contact Jonathan Sweetman ([Jonathan.Sweetman@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Sweetman@beis.gov.uk)) and Christina Ehlers ([Christina.Ehlers@sparck.io](mailto:Christina.Ehlers@sparck.io)).

Best wishes, CLAS Secretariat

## COMMITTEES

24<sup>th</sup> Jan Finance & Management Committee

## DIARY

### THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Presiding at Holy Cross

**Rev Hilary Marilyn Naish, June 18, 1943 - April 9, 2020.**

A Service of Thanksgiving for Hilary's life will be held on Saturday January 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh. All Clergy and friends are warmly invited to attend. Could any Clergy wishing to robe please let Sarah know by emailing [sarahnaish21@gmail.com](mailto:sarahnaish21@gmail.com) so that she can ensure enough seats are reserved.

### Announcements

1<sup>st</sup> March: The Revd Rosie Addis will be instituted as Rector of St Columba's, Bathgate & St Peter's, Linlithgow

16<sup>th</sup> March: The Revd Matthew Rushton will be instituted as Rector of Christ Church, Morningside

30<sup>th</sup> March: The Revd Michael Johns-Perring will be installed as Priest in Charge of St Fillan's, Edinburgh

## DIOCESAN SYNOD

Please note that this is on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023** in St Paul's & St George's Church in Edinburgh, starting with Synod Eucharist at 8.30am. The agenda business will be published straight after the Standing Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

## EVENTS

Discovery Day – Culloden – Saturday 4th February

**4th February @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

£12

Discovery Days are a great way to find out a little more about Godly Play. We begin the day with a full Godly Play session, so you can experience Godly Play for yourself. There is plenty of time to ask questions, to explore the different materials and to hear another couple of stories.

This Discovery Day will be held at St Mary-in-the-Fields Scottish Episcopal Church in Culloden.

The day starts at 10am, with tea and coffee, and will finish by 4pm. Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. The cost for the day is £12.

Book at

[Online booking for Godly Play Scotland \(makeplans.com\)](https://makeplans.com)

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Storyteller and Door Person Accredited Training – Uddingston – 20th-22nd February 2023

**20th February @ 8:30 am - 22nd February @ 5:00 pm**

£315

This is a non-residential, weekday training course. The venue for this course is the Godly Play Room at Uddingston Old Parish Church.

The **Godly Play Storyteller and Door Person Accredited Training** is designed to give people a better understanding of both the theory and practice of Godly Play.

The course explores each of the main types of story – sacred, parables and liturgy. We concentrate on the core stories that people usually tell at the beginning of their Godly Play journey. Alongside the stories, wondering and response time, are workshops that explore the theology and theory behind Godly Play.

There is a mixture of trainer led and participant storytelling sessions – so you have the opportunity to tell a story as part of the course and see and wonder about 14 other stories.

Godly Play Storyteller and Door Person training courses fit a lot in, so the days are long.

The cost of this course is from £315. This includes a course handbook, lunches and refreshments.

Book at

[Godly Play Storyteller and Door Person Accredited Training | Cognito Forms](#)

## Free Community Activities with Bethany Christian Trust

Are you looking for warm, friendly spaces to help connect individuals from your church into the community, and a place for them to learn new skills, build confidence and meet new people?

We'd love you to visit Bethany's free community activities happening across the city. Our varied programme includes computer drop-ins, lunchtime meals, recovery groups, conversational English groups, a toddler group, homework club and men's activity group, along with opportunities for walking, crafting, upcycling, creative writing and more.

Our activities are open to all from across the city, particularly for those who are lonely and socially isolated and potentially at risk of homelessness. Feedback from those attending has included:

- *"I've got more structure in my life again and different groups to get along to in the week. It's taken me away from the things that were stressful and taking up my time."*
- *"It's built up my confidence and it pushes you to do something you wouldn't normally do. This place helps you build yourself back up."*
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For more information about our groups, please see the attached programmes or check out our new website for further details <https://bethanychristiantrust.com/get-help/>

We'd be grateful if you could also share our programmes with your congregations, and as always, we would love to hear from you about any ways you'd like to get involved with our work so please do get in touch!

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Vacancy for the position of **Convener of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group** at the General Synod Office.

A convener for the reconstituted Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG) is being sought, and any lay or ordained members of the SEC who are interested in the position are being encouraged to get in touch. An interest in Christian ethics and a basic knowledge of investments is essential. The ethics of investments are complex and the convener will have oversight of a group where differing views are held in tension. The group will work closely with Investment Committee and report to Standing Committee. The overarching aim will be to provide advice that is grounded in Christian theology, but practicable for Investment Committee to implement. It is anticipated that the group will meet twice a year either online or in person at the General Synod Office.

If you would like to register an interest in the Convenorship post or would like more information about it please contact Malcolm Bett ([treasurer@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:treasurer@scotland.anglican.org)) or Daphne Audsley ([DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org)).

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Does anyone have a votive candle stand - either free standing or table top - that is surplus to requirement? Long term loan? We'd love to hear from you!

Revd Canon Dr Sophia Marriage











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Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2022/23						11/01/2023	
Charge		Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn	
I.01	St Mary's Cathedral				30 Nov 22	13 Dec 22	
I.02	BALERNO St Mungo's				29 Nov 22	28 Nov 22	
I.03	BATHGATE, St Columba's	29 Nov 22	29 Nov 22	29 Nov 22	3 Dec 22		
I.04	BO'NESS St Catharine's	4 Jan 23			20 Dec 22		
I.05	COLDSTREAM St Mary and All Souls				5 Dec 22	5 Dec 22	
I.06	DALKEITH, St Mary's	4 Jan 23	4 Jan 23			21 Nov 22	13 Dec 22
I.07	DALMAHOY St Mary's						3 Dec 22
I.08	DUNBAR St Anne's	5 Dec 22	5 Dec 22	8 Dec 22	21 Nov 22	6 Dec 22	
I.09	DUNS Christ Church				5 Dec 22	5 Dec 22	
I.10	EDINBURGH Christ Church, Morningside	28 Nov 22	30 Nov 22	10 Dec 22	27 Dec 22		
I.12	EDINBURGH Good Shepherd, Murrayfield			27 Nov 22	20 Nov 22	7 Dec 22	
I.13	EDINBURGH Holy Cross, Davidsons Mains	18 Dec 22	18 Dec 22	9 Dec 22	21 Nov 22	19 Dec 22	
I.14	EDINBURGH Old St Paul's						
I.15	EDINBURGH St Barnabas Moredun	29 Nov 22			15 Dec 22		
I.16	EDINBURGH St Columba-by-the-Castle			16 Dec 22	21 Nov 22		
I.17	EDINBURGH St Cuthbert's, Colinton	9 Jan 23	9 Jan 23	22 Dec 22	21 Nov 22	13 Dec 22	
I.18	EDINBURGH St David's, Pilton	19 Dec 22	19 Dec 22		30 Nov 22	19 Dec 22	
I.19	EDINBURGH St Fillan's, Buckstone	2 Dec 22	2 Dec 22		28 Nov 22	2 Dec 22	
I.21	EDINBURGH St James the Less, Leith	22 Dec 22	6 Dec 22		10 Jan 23	22 Dec 22	
I.22	EDINBURGH St John's, Princes Street	16 Nov 22		8 Jan 23			
I.23	EDINBURGH St Margaret's, Easter Road			21 Dec 22			5 Jan 23
I.24	EDINBURGH St Mark's, Portobello	4 Jan 23	10 Jan 23	10 Dec 22	21 Nov 22		
I.25	EDINBURGH St Martin of Tours	22 Dec 22	22 Dec 22	26 Nov 22	21 Nov 22		
I.26	EDINBURGH St Michael and All Saints	9 Jan 23	9 Jan 23			30 Nov 22	
I.27	EDINBURGH St Ninian's, Comely Bank				8 Dec 22	7 Dec 22	
I.28	EDINBURGH St Paul's and St George's	4 Jan 23	4 Jan 23		7 Dec 22	7 Dec 22	
I.29	EDINBURGH St Peter's, Lutton Place	23 Dec 22	23 Dec 22		13 Dec 22	7 Dec 22	
I.30	EDINBURGH St Philip & St James	28 Nov 22	2 Dec 22		5 Dec 22	31 Dec 22	
I.31	EDINBURGH St Salvador's, Stenhouse	30 Nov 22	30 Nov 22			21 Nov 22	
I.33	EDINBURGH St Vincent's, Stockbridge	20 Dec 22	20 Dec 22	20 Dec 22			

	Charge	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
I.34	EYEMOUTH, St Ebba's			11 Jan 23	5 Dec 22	5 Dec 22
I.35	FALKIRK, Christ Church	4 Jan 23	4 Jan 23	12 Dec 22	14 Dec 22	
I.36	GALASHIELS, St Peter's		8 Dec 22	29 Nov 22	29 Nov 22	
I.37	GRANGEMOUTH, St Mary's			30 Nov 22	20 Dec 22	
I.38	GULLANE St Adrian's	19 Dec 22	19 Dec 22	6 Dec 22		
I.39	HADDINGTON Holy Trinity			3 Dec 22	28 Nov 22	5 Jan 23
I.40	HAWICK St Cuthbert's	2 Dec 22	2 Dec 22	24 Nov 22	21 Nov 22	
I.41	INNERLEITHEN, St Andrew's	14 Dec 22	14 Dec 22		4 Dec 22	3 Dec 22
I.42	JEDBURGH, St John's	15 Dec 22	15 Dec 22		21 Nov 22	3 Jan 23
I.43	KELSO, St Andrew	4 Jan 23	4 Jan 23		29 Nov 22	
I.44	LASSWADE St Leonard's,			9 Jan 23	21 Nov 22	
I.45	LINLITHGOW, St Peter's	30 Nov 22	30 Nov 22		3 Dec 22	4 Dec 22
I.46	LIVINGSTON					
I.47	MELROSE Holy Trinity		7 Dec 22	21 Nov 22		
I.48	MUSSELBURGH St Peter's,	10 Jan 23	10 Jan 23			
I.49	NORTH BERWICK St Baldred's,	14 Dec 22	14 Dec 22	15 Dec 22		
I.50	PEEBLES St Peter's	28 Nov 22	28 Nov 22	9 Dec 22	4 Dec 22	3 Dec 22
I.51	PENICUIK St James the Less,	5 Dec 22	5 Dec 22	14 Dec 22	14 Dec 22	10 Dec 22
I.53	ROSLIN St Matthew's			24 Nov 22		
I.54	SELKIRK St John's		4 Dec 22	30 Nov 22	1 Dec 22	1 Dec 22
I.55	SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, St Mary			5 Dec 22	21 Nov 22	15 Dec 22
I.56	WEST LINTON St Mungo's			28 Nov 22		
I.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed	6 Dec 22	6 Dec 22	19 Dec 22	19 Nov 22	
53		32	32	31	40	26
		53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate	 60%	 60%	 58%	 75%	 49%
	Outstanding	 21	 21	 22	 13	 27

Is your church hosting a

# Warm Hub?



We know many churches are providing an open, warm space this winter to help with the ongoing cost of fuel crisis. If your church is able to provide a warm welcome, you may wish to register your space on [www.warmwelcome.uk](http://www.warmwelcome.uk) to help build a map of warm places throughout the country and ensure that as many as possible in our diocese and beyond can escape the cold.





# The Cornerstone Bookshop

## COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT CHAIR?

The Cornerstone Bookshop is an independent, ecumenical religious bookshop and a registered Scottish Charity.

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Deadline **15th January 2023**



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## Short Courses for Church People 2023

Dear Friend of New College

We're excited to inform you of the return of our Short Courses for Church People. The courses are endorsed by the Faith Nurture Forum of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian, and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. They are led by experienced academics and practitioners.

This year, we are running two paid courses in January/February and March for Church people, lay or ordained.

### Values Based Reflective Practice® An Introduction...

Equipping the present, informing the future: reflective practice for ministers and lay leaders.

Our churches – and indeed the world around us – are in a period of significant transformation and change. As we acknowledge our place in this ever-changing landscape, we can find ourselves navigating profound questions in relation to our calling, role, purpose and practice.

**19th  
Jan  
6pm**

**Session 1: A VBRP®  
Taster**

**9th  
Feb  
6pm**

**Session 2: Using VBRP®**



Core to how we manage and navigate change in a rapidly changing context, is our willingness to reflect on our past experience as a way to better understanding our present practice, and as a means of informing future practice.

For those who have completed both sessions and wish to explore this area further in their own time, NHS Education for Scotland will grant access to its Essential Tools module – online learning over three 2-hour sessions.

Deadline for registration is 12pm, Tuesday 17th January.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Leadership in a time of change

A short course for ministers and lay leaders to equip them to offer the kind of leadership the church requires at the moment.

"Leadership is necessary only if a group is under orders to go somewhere. Without a mission there is no need for leaders." - Will Willimon

The church is commissioned by Christ to play its part in God's mission to the world. Many parts of the church in Scotland are both rediscovering the central place of mission and struggling to work out what this means in practice. They are looking for leadership.

There is an urgent need for both ministers and lay leaders to offer appropriate leadership so the church can play its part in Christ's mission. This short course is designed first, to help you offer the leadership the church requires, and second, to help you develop the leadership potential others in the church have.

Deadline for registration is 12pm, Monday 27th February.

[Find out more and register](#)

**1st  
Mar  
6pm**

**Week 1: Recalibrating the Church**

**8th  
Mar  
6pm**

**Week 2: Releasing Leadership Potential**

**15th  
Mar  
6pm**

**Week 3: Developing as an Adaptive Leader**

**22nd  
Mar  
6pm**

**Week 4: Improvisation**





# Living Well with Differences Course



Our churches face change, encounter differences and can struggle to manage conflict. This can often impact the health and wellbeing of many in our churches. The Scottish Episcopal Church is partnering with Place for Hope to make available the **Living Well with Differences** course to all church leaders as part of their continued ministerial development (CMD).

**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.

- January 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> & February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 (**Fridays 09.30 - 1pm**) <https://bit.ly/3eHY2oc>
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 (**Thursdays 1.30 pm - 5pm**) <https://bit.ly/3TQrl7U>
- April 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 (**Wednesdays 10 am - 1.30pm**) <https://bit.ly/3Bw4lUN>
- June 16, 23, 30<sup>th</sup> & July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 (**Fridays 10.00 am - 1.30pm**): <https://bit.ly/3RvWa01>

## 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.







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# Artificial Intelligence and the Christian Churches

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**23 February 2023, 9:40am-4:00pm**  
**St John's Cornerstone Centre,**  
**Princes Street, Edinburgh**

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To register, please email:

**Michael.Fuller@ed.ac.uk | Simeon.Xu@ed.ac.uk**

**by Wednesday 15 February**



# **Chair**

**Murdo Macdonald**

Policy Officer of the Society, Religion and Technology, the Church of Scotland

# **Speakers**

**Mr Alexander Martin Mussnug**

PhD candidate, School of Informatics/ School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Title: What Counts? Models, Measurement, and Machine Learning

**Yuxin Liu**

PhD candidate, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Title: Artificial moral advisor and moral enhancement

**Prof Michael Rovatsos**

Professor of Artificial Intelligence, School of Informatics, and Director of The Bayes Centre, University of Edinburgh

Title: AI: Vision and Reality

**Dr James Eglinton**

Meldrum Senior Lecturer in Reformed Theology, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Title: The Church and the Metaverse

**Rev Dr Michael Fuller**

Lecturer in Science and Religion, and Science and Religion MSc Programme Director, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Title: AI, Big Data and Theology

**Dr Simeon Ximian Xu**

Kenneth and Isabel Morrison Post-doctoral Research Fellow in Theology and AI Ethics, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Title: When AI Ministers Come: Pastoral Care and Responsibility

**Administrator**  
**St James' Church, Goldenacre**



We are seeking a part-time Administrator (12 hours/week) to provide admin support for our Priest in Charge, and the work of our church, including the management of property and tenants.

Admin experience and computer skills essential  
(including Microsoft Word and Excell).

Pay: £15 / hour

Hours: negotiable, can be worked over two or 3 sessions, one to be on a Wednesday.

Deadline for applications: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

For Job Description and/or further information please contact:

Revd Jane MacLaren [rector@stpj.org.uk](mailto:rector@stpj.org.uk)

For more information about St James see [www.stpj.org.uk](http://www.stpj.org.uk)

## **St Cuthbert's Scottish Episcopal Church Colinton**

### **Property & Maintenance Supervisor**

St Cuthbert's Church is seeking to appoint a suitable person to be responsible for the oversight of any works carried out and the day to day maintenance of its property, which includes church, hall and rectory. The appointee will be expected to deal with access to buildings for lets and to liaise with outside contractors as required.

St Cuthbert's has recently embarked on a project to redesign and adapt its premises and the Property and Maintenance Supervisor will have a role in helping to ensure the smooth running of this project.

This position will be paid at an hourly rate and would suit someone who is willing to work very flexibly according to the requirements of routine maintenance, lets and any ongoing projects.

For further information, please contact the Church Administrator:

[stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com](mailto:stcuthbertscolinton@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications: Monday 30 January 2023

Scottish Charity No. SC007578

ROYAL MARTYR CHURCH UNION

**MARTYRDOM OF KING CHARLES I  
(30 JANUARY 1649)**



**11.30 am, Tuesday 31 January**

**St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral  
Palmerston Place, Edinburgh**

**SOLEMN SUNG EUCHARIST**

*(1637 Scottish Liturgy, with choral music from the reign of Charles I)*

*Celebrant:* The Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Revd John Armes

*Preacher:* The Revd Dr Peter Donald

*King Charles I founded the diocese of Edinburgh in 1633 so this is, in a sense, the  
'Founder's Day' of our Diocese.*

*Everyone is most welcome.*

For further details (including possible bookings for lunch), please contact:  
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