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St Mary's, Grangemouth

DIOCESAN OFFICE NOTICES & NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD



The agenda business for Saturday 25 February is due to be published after the Standing Committee meeting next week and you will be able to download it from:

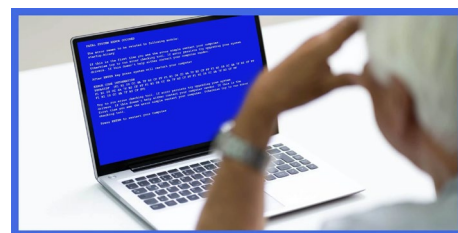
<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-february-2023/> (on the main menu under “Resources”)

Synod will be in-person at St Paul’s & St George’s in Edinburgh (Synod Eucharist at 8.30am) but will also be live-streamed (on YouTube not Zoom) to enable people to

watch the proceedings. Could we please remind you that members who are unable to attend the meeting must submit apologies, so that our attendance records are up to date. Thank you.

OFFICE IT PROBLEMS

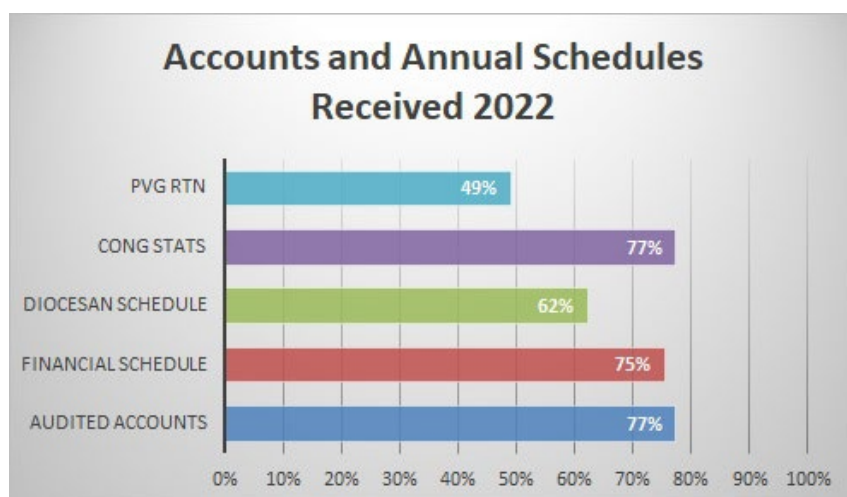
At the beginning of last week, the Diocesan Office IT server suffered an error which required reverting us to a backup. Unfortunately, it was then discovered that an unconnected error in the backup software meant that the last secure data we had was on **11th December 2022**. Whilst we cannot now do anything about that, Simon Filsell is meeting tomorrow with the Operations Director and Major Incident Manager from the IT support company to discover what went wrong and how to prevent it in the future.



Please note therefore that there may be files and data we have ‘lost’ in the period between then and now. We are really sorry about this, and we are doing our best to reconstruct much of our work using emails received/sent during that period. This may of course, affect the **Annual Returns**. All the returns done using **Google** forms are completely safe though, thankfully.

ANNUAL RETURNS

You will see, later in this edition, the usual table of returns received – however, please note the article above about our IT problems! 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:

1. a response saying "all correct/no changes needed" or
2. 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, but could we have all forms in by **31st January**?

We are already late getting the statistics and the PVG information to the Province, and we need to confirm your Lay Rep details for the Synod invites next week. *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*.

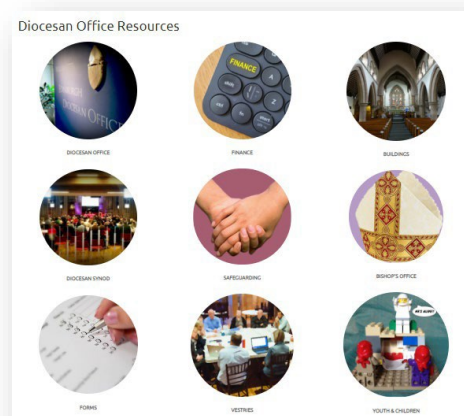
DIOCESAN OFFICE RESOURCES

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 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

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

Follow The Diocese of Edinburgh on Social Media:



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

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. 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) and Christina Ehlers (Christina.Ehlers@sparck.io).

COMMITTEES

26th Jan Mission & Ministry Committee

2nd Feb Standing Committee

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sunday 29th Jan Bishop preaching and presiding at Holy Cross, Edinburgh

Sunday 5th Feb Bishop presiding at St Andrew's, Aberdeen

Sunday 19th Feb Bishop presiding at St Cuthbert's, Colinton

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

A Service of Thanksgiving for Hilary's life will be held at **I I am** on **Saturday January 28th, 2023**, 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 so that she can ensure enough seats are reserved.

Announcements

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

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

30th 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 25th 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 2nd 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)

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!

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) or Daphne Audsley (DaphneA@scotland.anglican.org).

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

Rector, St Mark's Episcopal Church, Portobello High Street, Edinburgh, EH15 2AR

tel: 0131 629 1219 and mobile: 07787 553537

Charity No: SC017137 www.stmarksportobello.org

Lent will start next month (22 February), and Fr. Paul Burrows, Assistant Priest at Old St. Paul's has offered a few suggestions for Lenten reading either individually or in a group. All the titles are available at Cornerstone Bookshop on the terrace by St. John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, and for groups multiple copies can be bought at a discount.

Failure by Emma Ineson

In 2019, Emma Ineson wrote about ambition and what it means for Christians to be successful. And then there was a global pandemic . . . Suddenly failure began to feel very much more familiar than success.

The Way of Thomas Merton by Thomas Inchausti

A beautifully designed devotional guide for Lent based on Thomas Merton's major writings that will help you find and develop your true self as you journey through Lent and beyond.

An Easter Book of Days by Gregory Cameron

A beautiful exploration of the Cross and Resurrection, An Easter Book of Days tells the stories of the key Easter characters and what we can learn from them today.

God Forsaken by Stephen Cottrell

This series of reflections, written for Lent and Holy Week 2023 by the Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell, ponders the significance of these words. What does it mean for Jesus to have quoted them, at the very end of his life? What do those words mean for us?

Hearing God in Poetry by Richard Harris

A collection of poetry for Lent and Easter compiled by the former Bishop of Oxford in 2021

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 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.





SHORT TERM MISSIONS

Short Term Mission Trips 2023

ENVOY Short Term Missions are your chance to make a difference in some of the most in-need areas of the UK and Ireland.

Each Short Term Mission Trip takes place over 7-14 days, at locations across the UK and Ireland. In partnership with local churches and projects, your team will share the good news of Jesus and transform local communities.

For more information please contact [Andy Rushworth](#) or click the link below.

[Short Term Mission Trips - Church Army](#)

DISCOVERY EVENTS



Church Army Discovery Events

Online - Monday 27th February - from 7pm - 9.30pm

In Person (Sheffield) - Saturday 25th March - from 10am-3pm (specifically focussed on CA training)





Do you have a passion for seeing people come to know Christ? Are you exploring vocations or wanting to find a network of like-minded people? Are you unsure where you fit? How about considering Church Army? We are a Mission Community as well as a trainer and employer of Pioneer Evangelists across the UK and Ireland.

We host a series of **Discovery Events** throughout the year and our next ones are listed above with the full list for 2023 on the website link. Come and find out what we do, our vision and values, about working for us or about joining the Mission Community. The in-person days in **Sheffield** are especially for anyone considering training with us to be a Commissioned Church Army Evangelist. The evenings are usually a good introduction.

To book a place please click the link below or please contact [Andrew Payne](#), in the Community & Vocations Team. The link will show all Discovery events for 2023 so please book onto later ones if earlier ones above are not convenient.

[Discovery Events - Church Army](#)

Accounts and Annual Schedules Received 2022/23						25/01/2023
	Charge	Audited Accounts	Financial schedule	Diocesan Schedule	Cong Stats	PVG rtn
I.01	St Mary's Cathedral	26 Dec 22	26 Dec 22		30 Nov 22	13 Dec 22
I.02	BALERNO St Mungo's	19 Jan 23	23 Jan 23	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	28 Dec 22	28 Dec 22		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	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 22			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	30 Dec 22	30 Dec 22	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 Jan 23	16 Jan 23	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	24 Jan 23	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	20 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	11 Jan 23	11 Jan 23	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,	28 Dec 22	28 Dec 22	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	18 Jan 23		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	16 Jan 23	
I.57	EDINBURGH Mustard Seed	6 Dec 22	6 Dec 22	19 Dec 22	19 Nov 22	
53		41	40	33	41	26
		53	53	53	53	53
	Return Rate	 77%	 75%	 62%	 77%	 49%
	Outstanding	 12	 13	 20	 12	 27



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 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/3TQrl7U>
- April 19th & 26th & May 3rd & 10th 2023 (**Wednesdays 10 am - 1.30pm**) <https://bit.ly/3Bw4lUN>
- June 16, 23, 30th & July 7th 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.



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

Closing date for applications: Monday 30 January 2023

Scottish Charity No. SC007578

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: 30th January 2023.

For Job Description and/or further information please contact:

Revd Jane MacLaren rector@stpj.org.uk

For more information about St James see www.stpj.org.uk

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:
David Roberts, robertssopwellnunnery@btinternet.com 01727 856626



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
School of Divinity



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.

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.

**19th
Jan
6pm**

Session 1: A VBRP® Taster

**9th
Feb
6pm**

Session 2: Using VBRP®

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.

1st March 6pm: Week 1: Recalibrating the church

8th March 6pm: Week 2: Releasing Leadership potential

15th March 6pm: Week 3: Developing as an Adaptive Leader

22nd March 6pm: Week 4: Improvisation

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

[Find out more and register](#)



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Divinity

Artificial Intelligence and the Christian Churches

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



To register, please email:

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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

“From Loss to Love”
a retreat in daily life
conducted by Timothy J. Ray

St. Columba's by the Castle
Each Sunday evening at 7:00 PM
February 26 – April 2 & April 16 – April 30, 2023
(on-site and online)

“From Loss to Love” offers a Celtic Christian exploration of the depths of God's love and the human need to embrace God's forgiveness as “loved sinners”. It provides an opportunity to make a scripture-based retreat in daily life for those people who want to prayerfully engage with the themes of Lent and Easter through imaginative forms of prayer developed by Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

An intrinsic part of this spiritual pilgrimage is a sequence of nine weekly prayer services connecting stories from the life of Saint Columba with thematic devotions woven from the prayers of the Celtic saints through the centuries. The retreat will expand on the themes of these prayer services through private guided prayer and personal consultation with a spiritual director (offered through in-person or online conversations).

These prayer services will be open to anyone interested in this journey through Lent into Easter, regardless of their participation in the retreat.

“From Loss to Love” will be conducted by Timothy Ray, who is currently in residence at Saint Columba's by the Castle. A former Jesuit, Timothy has 40 years of experience guiding various types of Ignatian prayer in a wide range of communities and has spent the last 20 years exploring the affinities between this tradition and Celtic Christianity. He is the author of nine books on prayer.

If you are interested in participating in this retreat in daily life, please contact Timothy Ray at 4timothy.ray@gmail.com for further details.

St Columba's Episcopal Church Glasgow Road, Bathgate

Sing-along



Friday 3rd March 2023

at 7pm

Ticket £5

B.Y.O.B

This course is for anyone who wishes to begin training as a professional counsellor or those who are interested and healing and transformation, and wish to help other using a Christian worldview.

The course is an introduction for the Diploma in Counselling for those wishing to become professional counsellors. (beginning Sept 2023)

The teaching embraces Counselling Psychology, Christian principles of tridimensional healing. There is also a focus on “The Art Of Listening” as well as counselling skills & interventions.



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WHERE AND WHEN?

Venue: Davidson Mains Parish Church,
1 Quality Street, Edinburgh, EH4 5BB

Dates : Friday 10th March '23 from 2.30pm
to 7.30 pm and Saturday 11th March '23 from
10am - 4pm

and

Friday 14th April '23 from 10am - 4pm

Saturday 15th April '23 from 10am-4pm

Cost: £150 per weekend -total £300

How to apply:

Please go to www.vitalconnexions.org and click on the Course “Certificate in Counselling”. You will find an application form there and payment by credit/debit card through the Vital Connexions Paypal Account.

Places are limited and this is the last Certificate course before the next Diploma in Counselling which starts in September 2023 so book now to reserve your place.

“CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING”



**A FOUR DAY LIVE COURSE TO
TRAIN THOSE WHO WISH TO
START THE JOURNEY TOWARDS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING
OR HELP PEOPLE BETTER**

**with
Andrea Wigglesworth &
Vicky McEvoy**





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Andrea Wigglesworth: is an experienced Trainer, Therapist and Supervisor and has many years of experience planting Wellness Centres throughout Scotland. She has an M.Sc. Counselling Studies (Advanced Practice): M.Sc. Health Promotion and Diploma in Supervision..

Vicky McEvoy: is an experienced Therapist, Supervisor and Trainer. Vicky has a MA in Supervisory Practice a B.Th, Higher Dip in Adult Education, and Diplomas in both Counselling and CBT.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID:

"This training was life changing for me. I came on the course to learn to help others, and it started me on an incredible journey of self discovery and connection with God in a new way". JL

"I was unsure if I wanted to become a counsellor or continue in my role as a social worker. Having done this little (incredible course) I changed direction and am now doing the Diploma in Counselling" Loving it!! PF

"Everyone involved in helping people should do this helpful course with a Christian worldview. It's helped me in all my inter personal relationships so much.." AK

CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out with religion. Come to me, get away with me and you'll recover life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

Matthew 11 :28



MODULE 1- COMMUNICATION, BLOCKS TO LISTENING & ACTIVE LISTENING.

In this module we introduce you to the art of communication and teach you about the 5 levels of communication, communication traps, and defensive stances in communication. We introduce you to a 3 stage counselling model which teaches you 1. How To Explore with a client. 2 How to offer insight and understanding. 3. How to help the client move on.



Strength For The Journey.



Flourishing and Thriving.

MODULE 2- SPIRITUAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES: UNDERSTANDING VALLEYS IN LIFE.

Understanding of some important spiritual /psychological boundaries and how boundaries can be too rigid or too diffuse. The ability to move people from their valleys to a new place of hope will be taught and counselling skills of valley mapping, reflection, paraphrasing, active listening all taught through live demos & case work work .



Work life Balance and Balancing energy for tasks.



Strength for Body and Mind

MODULE 3 AND 4- MOVEMENTS OF GRACE AND MOVING ON....

With many broken hearts and negative emotions disempowering many people, this module will examine the root of negative emotions. God has created us with amazing potential and resilience. Spiritual truths will give insights and keys to healing the broken heart. We will open up closed areas of your life and help you to find the turning points to transformation .



Post- traumatic growth! Tri- dimensional healing.



Resilience and Positive Psychology.



THE BIG *story*

A sharing of stories from across the diocese and a celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ



Save the date!

Saturday 3 June 2023

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place

EH12 5EW



The Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation

Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts in the Fringe

13th-19th August, 2023

The fifth Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts will take place between Sunday 13th and Saturday 19th August 2023.

This year's programme continues the post-pandemic expansion that began in 2022. In addition to seven musical events and three exhibitions, there will be poetry, drama, film, talks and demonstrations, alongside opening and closing church services. Three more city centre venues are participating, bringing the total to nine.

The 2023 Sacred Arts Festival will also forge new collaborations with other Edinburgh organizations. **'Songs of Displacement'** is a late evening recital organized jointly with the well-established Just Festival based in St John's Princes Street. **'Spirituality, Faith and Belief'** is a literary event jointly sponsored with the Scottish Network for Religion and Literature at New College and the Scottish Poetry Library. The Edinburgh School of Icon Painting will hold a three-day exhibition in St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge.

Two events feature younger participants and performers.

'Composing Sacred Music: a New Generation'

This lunchtime recital will enable a wider public to hear the work of two exceptionally gifted young composers based in Edinburgh.

'Modern Mystery Plays'

Over the last decade the UK has witnessed renewed interest in the medieval mystery plays based on biblical themes that were once common. Capitalizing on this development, a youth theatre group is being assembled to perform a series of short, modernized mystery plays.

Over the next few weeks, keep checking our website and social media for programme updates and special offers!

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