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St Mary's, Dalmahoy

DIOCESAN OFFICE NOTICES & NEWS

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Diocesan Synod on Saturday 25 February. The Bishop's Synod Address is now available to download at the following link:

https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-synod/

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



BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who has raised funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. The total donated currently stands at £1879.26.

ON-LINE SUPPORT FORUM

There are now 55 users signed up to the various forums. Recent posts (in the last few weeks) include:

- Health & Safety
- Secondary glazing installation completed
- CAF Bank changes
- Energy Savings Advice (CofE)
- Contactless donations



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 (right) would love to hear from you! Please drop her a line to share your goings on at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

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, or any news, stories or photos, send them to Miranda at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Twitter: @EdinDiocese



Facebook: Edinburgh Diocese



Instagram: @dioceseofedinburgh

ENVIRONMENT

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Our **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.

The group is being led by Bethany Nelson: bethany@psandgs.org.uk.

The website can be found at https://edinburgh.anglican.org/environment/.

Newsletters can be found at https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocese-environmental-group/.

The consultation period for the Net Zero Action Plan will close on Tuesday 28th March. To help shape how the Scottish Episcopal Church responds to the climate emergency, you are warmly invited to submit your feedback on this plan.

You can find the draft version of the Net Zero Action Plan, a video of the launch as well as the link to the formal consultation feedback on the <u>consultation webpage</u>.

Donald Walker Director of Communications, Scottish Episcopal Church 07736 042 850

Bishop of Edinburgh Lent Appeal 2023

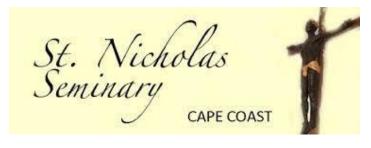
In the Scottish Episcopal Church we believe it is a priority to provide high-quality training to form the next generation of church leaders. We recognize how important it is to resource our Scottish Episcopal Institute and we are proud of its success. At the Lambeth Conference last year, I discovered that this is a priority shared right across the Anglican Communion, but many Provinces struggle to find a consistent funding stream for their Seminaries and Theological Colleges.

My appeal this Lent is in support of St Nicholas' Seminary in Cape Coast, Ghana. Cape Coast is our partner diocese and I had the great joy of visiting the Seminary when I attended Bishop Victor's enthronement 10 years ago. The Dean of the Seminary, Joseph Bain-Doodu, was in the UK last year so I learned first-hand of his struggle to provide excellent training with limited and erratic funding sources.

This water filtration project seems to me to be a wonderful example of self-help. I commend it to you and ask for your generous support. I know that the cost-of-living crisis is hitting many of us hard just now, but I hope, nevertheless, that by pooling our generosity we may help to sustain the life of a church, far away in geographical terms, but close to us within the life of Christ.

As Joseph explains, a comparatively small amount of money (for us) can make a big difference for the ongoing life of the church in West Africa.

+John



Water Filtration Project St Nicholas' Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana

St Nicholas Seminary has been training clergy since 1975. It is the only active seminary in the Province of West Africa

(which includes Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, the Gambia, and Cameroon). Alongside our own ordinands, we have also trained ministers and lay pastors for the Methodist and Pentecostal Churches in Ghana and Ivory Coast.

Over the years, we have trained over 500 priests and currently there are 40 students in training. We have four full-time lecturers, eight adjunct lecturers and ten non-teaching staff. We are affiliated to the University of Cape Coast and run programmes in Bachelor of Theology, Diploma in Theology, Diploma in Ministry, Certificate in Ministry and Certificate in Anglican Studies.

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The Problem

Each diocese is expected to pay for its own ordinands, but some cannot afford to do so. With the ever-increasing cost of goods and services, alongside ongoing economic challenges, our budget is constantly in deficit. Sometimes, indeed, we are unable to feed our students or to pay our utility bills and must send our students home abruptly. This lack of financial sustainability makes it hard to attract and retain staff, and almost impossible to renovate and maintain our buildings.



An Idea

With all this in mind, we have come up with an innovative idea that will generate regular income and so offer us financial stability. There is a need for

clean water in Cape Coast, so we plan to establish a water filtration plant. This purified water will be sold to schools, university students and the general public.

The machinery will cost 187,250 Ghana Cedis – approximately £12,200.

We know this is a lot of money, but we hope you will feel able to support us this Lent. Once in full production we would expect our plant to bring in over £9000 a year. You will be helping us to help ourselves, as we seek to provide consistent care for staff and students and to prepare labourers to reap God's harvest for many years to come.



The Venerable Joseph Justice Bain-Doodu Acting Dean, St Nicholas' Seminary, Cape Coast

HOW TO DONATE:

All the details for online donations will be posted on this page on our website: https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2023/02/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/

(Under menu item "News & Issues")

Bishop's Lent Appeal Event

An event is very kindly being arranged, in partnership with the congregation of St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, to raise funds for the Appeal:

"Working with Mamma Roma in Antigua Street, we've put together an evening where all you need to do is turn up, enjoy a three-course meal and some wine in the company of good friends, and then go home!

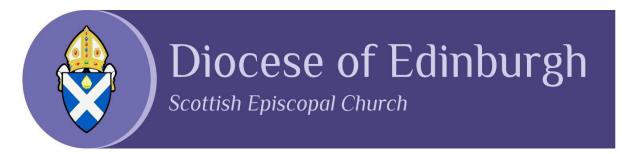


The meal will be held at **7.45pm** on the **29th March 2023**, at Mamma Roma on Antigua Street at the top of Leith Walk.

Tickets are £30*. A raffle will also be held on the night. For further information, or to register interest, please email oscar.richard.kelly.05@aberdeen.ac.uk This year's Lent Appeal is in aid of is in support of St Nicholas' Seminary in our partner diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana.

* - 50% of this amount will be directly paid over to the Lent Appeal immediately after the event – plus 100% of the raffle proceeds."

https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2023/02/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/



Priest-in-Charge

A full time position, initially for five years, shared between

St Peter's, Galashiels

www.stpetersgala.co.uk

and

St John's, Selkirk

www.stjohnselkirk.org.uk

Remuneration: Scottish Episcopal Church Clergy Standard Stipend

Hills. Rivers. Sheep. Fishing. The beautiful Scottish Borders has plenty of material for metaphors! It also has distinct but neighbouring Episcopal Church congregations in Galashiels and Selkirk determined to sustain a Eucharistic form of worship in their towns and to express God's love to their communities.

Do you have previous leadership experience of working collaboratively with people to achieve positive change? Then might you be the priest God is already preparing and equipping to work with our lay leadership teams to inspire, nurture and grow these congregations in worship and outreach? Let's test that calling together.

We offer newly built, energy efficient accommodation. Edinburgh city centre is 55 minutes away by train.

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 email: dean@dioceseofedinburgh.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Congregational profiles, person specification and application form are on the St Peter's and St John's websites.

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

Closing date: Monday 8 May 2023 Interview date: Saturday 27 May 2023

DIARY

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

26th March Preaching and Presiding at St Michael and All Saints, Edinburgh

28th-29th March College of Bishops

30th March Installation of Revd Michael Johns-Perring as Priest in Charge, St

Fillan's, Edinburgh

3rd April Chrism Mass, St Mary's Cathedral

Good Friday Presiding at the SEECAT service, Gracemount High School

Easter Sunday Preaching and Presiding at St Mary's Cathedral 16th April Preaching and Presiding at St Anne's, Dunbar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Revd Martin Robson has resigned as Rector of St Michael's, effective from 9th April. Revd David Bagnall has been appointed Associate Rector of St John's, Princes Street. Janet McKinnell, Warden of Lay Readers will be installed as a Honorary Lay Canon. Revd Mike Hull has been appointed to succeed Anne Tomlinson as the Principal of SEI.

Please note that the Diocesan Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

EVENTS



The Woolf Institute in Cambridge, which explores the relationship between religion and society, is sponsoring a Commission on the Integration of Refugees.

The Chair of the Commission is Lord (Alex) Carlile of Berriew, the Vice-Chair is the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, and the Convenor is Dr Edward Kessler. It is undertaking what it describes as "a holistic review of the UK refugee and asylum system, with an aim to improving the integration of refugees".

It has released a Call for Evidence, which will remain open until **31st March 2023**. It is keen to hear from as broad a range of views as possible, especially from faith communities. Evidence can be submitted, as an individual or an organisation, by completing the form on the website: https://refugeeintegrationuk.com/call-for-evidence/,

Please return this to the Commission at: contact@refugeeintegrationuk.com
If you have any questions about the Commission or the Call for Evidence, please contact Chris Cooper-Davies, Head of the Commission Secretariat: cc961@cam.ac.uk.

SCOTTISH FAITH ACTION FOR REFUGEES is hosting an exciting ecumenical event. You are invited to join us at a one-day gathering called 'Journeying with New Scots – Building community with refugees and asylum seekers':

Saturday, 25th March 10am - 3.30pm St Mark's Parish Church, Raploch, Stirling.

Churches and refugees & asylum seekers (New Scots) from across Scotland will be gathering to worship together, share experiences, grow in knowledge, and strengthen our ties as people with a shared passion for creating welcoming communities. Whether you have extensive experience of welcoming refugees and asylum seekers, or are just exploring journeying with New Scots, all are welcome. You can sign up for the conference, and see additional details on the Eventbrite page https://journeyingwithnewscots.eventbrite.co.uk

The event is free and open to church leaders and members from all denominations, as well as members of all faiths, though it will be a specifically Christian gathering. If you have any questions please email david.moodie@churchofscotland.org.uk

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Faith Action Team, The Church of Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN
Mob: 07856630956 | Email: david.moodie@churchofscotland.org.uk
Working pattern: Monday, Tuesday pm & Thursday, working a combination of office and remotely.



Launch of our new Historic Environment Grants (HEG) Programme

We're launching our new Historic Environment Grants programme by hosting three one-hour online sessions at 10.30am, 2.30pm and 7.30pm on 15th March 2023 and we'd like to tell you all about it. Click here to sign up to one of our free hour-long online sessions to find out more.

In these sessions, the Historic Environment Scotland Grants Team will explain what's new about the Historic Environment Grants programme and how to apply for funding. There will also be plenty of time for your questions and queries following the presentations. Please only sign up for one of our sessions to make sure there is space for everyone to attend.

If you can't join us on the 15th March, we will be posting videos of the presentations on our <u>website</u> on the 16th March, as well as FAQs drawn from the online sessions.

Historic Environment Scotland Grants Team

NCT GRANT NEWS

The National Churches Trust has been awarded a £1.9m grant to boost skills, resources and funding for historic places of worship. Places of worship in **Scotland**, Wales and Northwest of England (Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria) will benefit from a £1.9m National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, awarded to the National Churches Trust to keep historic churches and chapels thriving today, and tomorrow.

The three-year programme will provide cherished churches and chapels with practical solutions to improve how their buildings are cared for and secured for the future. Financial support will be provided together with initiatives to strengthen heritage management skills and training for people who look after places of worship, investing overall in local areas' heritage, capability and resources.

Practical solutions

ΝΔΤΙΟΝΔΙ

The funding will target the most critical areas improving economic and community resources, providing important benefits to places of worship and communities. These include:

- Grants: dedicated to maintenance, project development and small repairs, offering financial support of between £500 and £10,000. Grants will be available from May 2023 through the National Churches Trust's online grants portal.
- Maintenance: expert information and support to proactively deal with a range of problems to avoid the need for expensive repairs.
- Crisis support: the National Churches Trust will work in partnership with a variety of organisations and help identify suitable support for communities facing the potential loss of historic buildings.
- Resourcing: three full-time local support officers based in Wales, Scotland and North West England to build relationships with places of worship and respond to local issues.
- Digital Toolkit of buildings' care, including income generation resources and materials to be used throughout the UK, accessible to places of worship and for all faiths.
- Training: building local capacity to look after buildings in need, ownership and care
 of historic places of worship covering project management, writing funding bids,
 maintenance skills and tourism.
- Visitors: improving access to and awareness of the value of cherished churches and chapels, creating themed visitor trails and engaging with partners across UK heritage.

More details: https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/cherish-new-project-help-risk-churches

The Lantern Group invites you to ...

A Morning for Quiet Reflection

A Journey with Jesus and Peter



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 25 Mar 2023

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 1 Apr 2023

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!

Lent 2023



Finding Sustenance

A Quiet Day for Lent Sat 25th March, 10.30am-4pm, Christ Church Centre, Edinburgh

What helps sustain us if we find ourselves in a dry and weary land? How do we find water for the journey when the cup doesn't overflow? This retreat day is an invitation to pause beside the well of Living Water and reflect on how to find more of what revives your heart and nourishes your spirit.

Cost £30/£20 concession, includes lunch and coffee. See website for details.

The Heart's Hunger

A series of online reflections for Lent

Lent is a good time to listen to what our hearts hunger for, what we need to sustain us and nourish us on our journey. And then there are the deeper longings which stir within. How do we listen to them, and what might they be telling us about moving towards fullness of life? New reflections to read and listen to each week using Scripture, poetry, art and spiritual writing.

Cost: £30. See website for details.



Email: info@heartinpilgrimage.org.uk

www.heartinpilgrimage.org.uk christian spirituality for the journey

With the End inSight

Saturday mornings: 11–1230 Walpole Hall | St Mary's Cathedral

A safe space to explore questions that arise in the later chapters of life.

15 April *Navigating decisions* about health

When to cling on and when to let go?

22 April Exploring our own mortality

29 April Journeying through bereavement and beyond

6th May *Opportunity for questions* and further discussion

Facilitated by Robin Taylor (consultant physician) and Marion Chatterley (St Mary's Cathedral)

Please reserve a space by emailing:

office@cathedral.net

www.cathedral.net











On Earth Day, Saturday 22 April, 2023

BIODIVERSITY MATTERS

A Workshop on Biodiversity Suitable for ages 9 to 90!



Biodiversity is one of the most important and complex features of our planet and it is now in crisis.

To protect it we need to know about it.

Celebrating Earth Day, this workshop will consider what biodiversity is and its relevance to everyday life and the wider world.

Through practical activities we will explore:

- How variation occurs in living things
 - Why variation matters

10.00am – 3.00pm (Coffee from 9.30am) Cost £5 (including vegetarian lunch)

Venue: Old St Paul's Church Hall, 63 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh EH1 1DH

To book a place, search for Old Saint Paul's on Eventbrite

Facilitated by Ginger Franklin, former Education Officer at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Scottish Earth Science Education Forum For more information email: gingerf@blueyonder.co.uk





BOOK SALE

at St Andrew's and St George's West Church 13 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PA

Saturday - 13 May - 10am - 4pm

Monday - 15 May to Friday 19 May - 10am - 3.30pm

Thursday - 18 May - late opening until 7pm

2023 PATRON: Dr James Robertson FRSE Scots Poet and Novelist

- BooksAntiques & Collectables
- PicturesStamps & Postcards
- Sheet Music Toys Games Jigsaws

Donations welcome at the church:

Monday • 8 May • 9am • 8pm Tuesday • 9 May • 9am • 8pm Wednesday • 10 May • 9am • 8pm

HOME-BAKING AND PRESERVES ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SALE

Church Office: **0131 225 3847** for enquiries

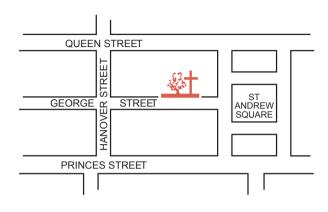
email: admin@stagw.org.uk

Undercroft Café open as usual



Christian Aid Sales have been held at this George Street church since 1973. In the ten years prior to the pandemic over £1 million was raised for Christian Aid.





Christian Aid gives relief to the poorest people of the world, wherever there is suffering, disaster or famine, and helps to rebuild shattered lives. This sale is one of the biggest charity book sales in the world. For many years it has been the largest volunteer-led fund-raising event for Christian Aid in the United Kingdom.

St Andrew's and St George's West Church of Scotland Edinburgh is a Registered Scottish Charity Number SC 008990



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD THEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

Sunday 30 July - Saturday 12 August 2023 Christ Church, Oxford

A one- or two-week residential summer school for members of the clergy, lay ministers and readers, theologians and teachers of religious education. Running for over 20 years, this summer school draws participants from all over the world, and from a wide variety of Christian denominations.

- Explore the programme theme Christian Theology in a Time of Global Crises.
- Participate in seminars taught by members of Oxford University's Theology Faculty, distinguished theologians, and prominent church leaders.
- Attend lectures from leading scholars in the field of Theology.
- An opportunity to study and live in Christ Church, one of Oxford University's largest and most beautiful colleges.



Choose 2 options, from 11 stimulating seminar topics:

- Theology of Refugees
- Religion and Nature in the Twenty-First Century
- It's Good to Talk: The Value of Christian Leadership in Crisis Dialogue
- Trying to Live into a New Normal
- Sabbath as Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World
- Christianity and the Crisis of Modernity
- Psychological Approaches to Religion: Friend or Foe to Christian Theology
- A Time for Re-Constellations
- Is Horrendous Evil Compatible with a God of Love?
- African Pentecostal Understandings of War and Sickness

Seminars take place Monday - Friday, 09:00am-12:00pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm, and Sunday - Friday dinner in Christ Church's spectacular dining hall is included for all participants. Course fees start at £1,190 per person.

To apply, please complete the <u>application form</u> on our website, and provide a brief personal statement detailing your reasons for wishing to attend the summer school. Further details can be found on our website, or please get in touch via the email address below if you have any questions.

www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/theology-summer-school

theologysummer@conted.ox.ac.uk





Save The Date for Challenge Poverty Week 2023 Monday 2nd October – Sunday 8th October

Now is the time to add Challenge Poverty Week 2023 to your calendar – it will take place from Monday 2nd October – Sunday 8th October.

Around 400 organisations took part last year all raising their voices against poverty and uniting with others in calling for a just and equal Scotland. We hope even more organisations will get involved and take action this year to #ChallengePoverty.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE THEMES FOR CPW 2023

You may have used our daily themes during last years campaign week. This year, we want to hear from you about the themes you'd like to see in Challenge Poverty Week 2023. We've created a survey to find out what you'd prioritise, and we really would be grateful for your input: CPW Themes Survey. The closing date for the survey to be completed is: Friday 17 March 2023

GET INSPIRED!

We've organised a series of Get Inspired Meetings to showcase the different ways you and your organisation can take part. We'll take you through examples of what other groups have done in previous years, and tell you about all the advice and resources we'll make available to you, helping make sure your engagement is a success.

You can register below for a meeting by following this link: <u>Challenge Poverty Week - Get Inspired Meetings 2023 - The Poverty Alliance</u>

KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you want to chat further about Challenge Poverty Week 2023, then please do get in touch! We'd be happy to schedule a one-to-one meeting to discuss your plans and how you can get involved – you are welcome to contact our <u>Campaigns Officer</u>.

There is now a Campaigns Mailing List which you can sign up for, for updates on Challenge Poverty Week and The Poverty Alliance Campaigns – please do consider signing up here: Challenge Poverty Week - The Poverty Alliance