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St Peter's, Musselburgh

DIOCESAN OFFICE NOTICES & NEWS

BISHOP'S EASTER ADDRESS

A very happy Easter to all! You can watch Bishop John's Easter Address here: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2023/04/alleluia-christ-is-risen/3>

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL

We are nearly halfway to reaching our target for the Bishop's Lent Appeal; many thanks to all who have donated. There's still time to donate, and you can do so at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/2023/02/bishops-lent-appeal-2023/>.

APOLOGY

In the last edition, we prematurely included an announcement we had been sent regarding the cessation of SECMA – the Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association. We apologise for any distress caused.

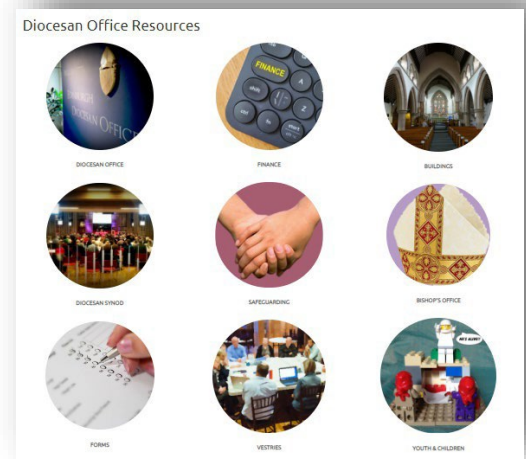
DIOCESAN OFFICE RESOURCES

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

The number of Vestry Officers and others now using the Forum has grown to **68 USERS**. That is wonderful news – the more we have, the more useful it all becomes, with colleagues helping each other with answers to common questions



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 led by Bethany Nelson: bethany@psandgs.org.uk
- The website can be found at <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/environment/>

DIARIES

THE BISHOP'S DIARY

Sat 24 th April	Ordination of the Revd Jane Edwards to the Priesthood in St Baldred's Church, North Berwick
Thu 27 th April	Provincial Standing Committee
Sat 6 th May	Attending the Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey

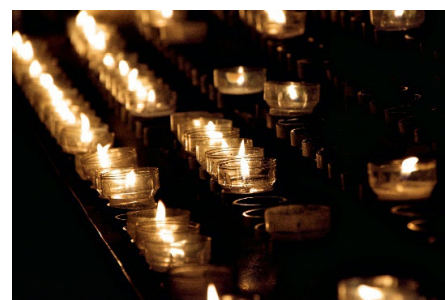
DIOCESAN DIARY

Mon 1 st May	Diocesan Office & General Synod Office CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Thu 4 th May	Diocesan Mission & Ministry Committee meets
Mon 8 th May	Diocesan Office & General Synod Office CLOSED (Public Holiday)
Tue 9 th May	Diocesan Finance & Management Committee meets

EXTERNAL NOTICES

VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

Does your church have a spare votive candle stand that's not being used? The Cathedral is looking for one; if you've one you can re-home, please email marion@cathedral.net



NEW HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND (HES) FUNDING SCHEME



HISTORIC
ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND

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EACHDRAIDHEIL
ALBA

£2 million is being made available to communities across Scotland as a new project-based funding scheme is launched by Historic Environment Scotland (HES). Grants from £1,000 to £500,000 now available as part of Historic Environment Grants, which will replace a number of HES's previous funding programmes.

- Grants from £1,000 to £500,000 will replace a number of HES's previous funding programmes, including its Repair Grant and Support Fund schemes.
- Historic Environment Grants will be open largely to not-for-profit organisations such as charities, local authorities, religious bodies and community groups, to support Scotland's diverse historic building stock.
- Three funding streams available:
 - express grants of £1,000 to £25,000,
 - small grants of £25,001 to £100,000, and
 - large grants of £100,001 to £500,000.
- Grants will support repair and consolidation works, management plans and resilience planning and training, as well as archaeological excavations and research.

More information: [£2 million available to help safeguard Scotland's historic environment | HES](#)



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

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 BIG *Story*

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

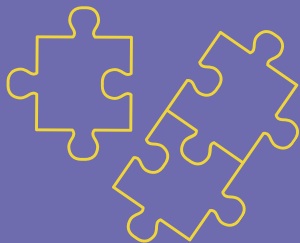
Learn

Enjoy

Share

Be inspired

Grow



Save the date!

Saturday 3 June 2023

10.30am - 3.30pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Palmerston Place

EH12 5EW

Community & Facilities Administrator

St James Episcopal Church, Leith



Are you a self starter with a heart for making great community happen? Have you the knack of liaising with community groups to understand their needs? Can you manage competing priorities and most importantly are you efficient at just getting things done?

If so please consider applying to be our **Community & Facilities Administrator**.

This role is expected to be 12 hours a week and will be responsible for:

- Providing administration as we seek to find wider and inclusive use for our building.
- Key liaisons with our property group to ensure any maintenance/repairs are efficiently managed.
- Setting up and ongoing management of a new letting service and liaising with service users.
- Supporting any wider administration as we determine how this service will develop, taking part in related projects as necessary.
- Other administrative support required by the Rector.

The skills you bring will be:

- Passion and determination to make things happen.
- Efficient administration.
- A great manner with people – those in our church community, and all the communities we will touch.

Pay: £15 / hour

Normal working hours can be discussed, and we are able to be flexible. The office base is at the St James church site, John's Place, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 7EL and we envisage a mixed economy of working on site and at home.

Deadline for applications: Friday May 5th 2023. Shortlisting and interviews are anticipated to take place by the end of May 2023, with a start date in June/July 2023. If you are interested in applying, please send a cv and covering letter outlining your suitability for the job to churchoffice@stjamesleith.org.uk. Please include 'St James administrator job' in the email heading.

For Job Description and/or further information please visit our [website](#) or contact us on: churchoffice@stjamesleith.org.uk.

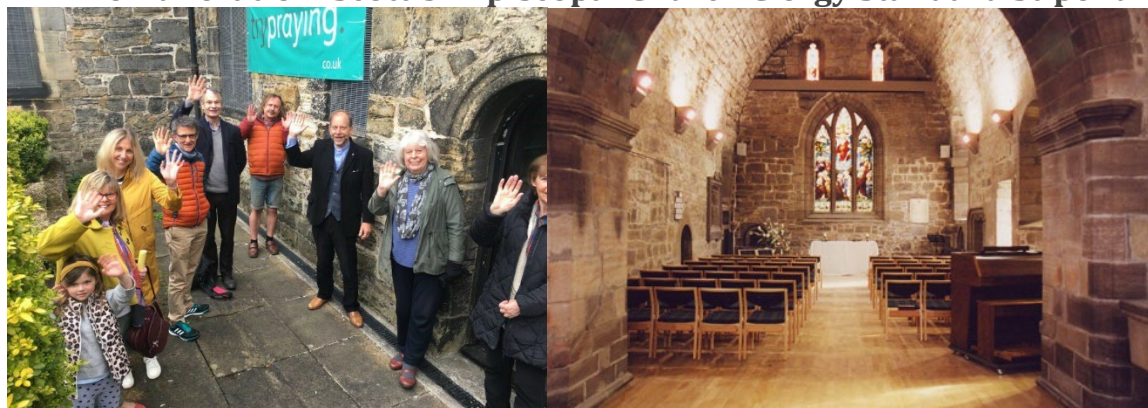
Vacancy: Priest-in-Charge

The Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel
South Queensferry

A full time position, initially for five years

www.priorychurch.com

Remuneration: Scottish Episcopal Church Clergy Standard Stipend



A world heritage site, Queensferry is a bustling town close to Scotland's capital, fast-expanding as hundreds of new homes add to the historic burgh. Originally the meeting point of pilgrim routes from St Andrews and Dunfermline to the Border Abbeys, it now attracts cruise ships, watersports enthusiasts, and people who love the ancient and contemporary mix.

Our 15th century setting offers a 21st-century welcome, and our thoughtful, godly, well-connected congregation are eager to reach out and grow. Our new Garden Room will add a lovely extra space as we pray & serve our community. We jointly lead Messy Church and Foodbank with Parish church friends.

We're looking forward to developing our ministry and witness and offer a warm welcome to a full-time Priest-in-Charge who will teach, explain and share biblical faith as we introduce Jesus and follow Christ together. A spacious modern home, well-served by community and school facilities, is available.

For more information or an informal discussion please contact The Very Revd Frances Burberry (Dean of the Diocese of Edinburgh) on: 0131 315 0404 or e-mail dean@dioceseofedinburgh.org We look forward to hearing from you. Congregational profile, person specification and application form are on the **Priory Church website**.

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

Closing date: Monday 29 May 2023

Interview date: 24 June 2023

Registered Charity Number SC002169

Vacancy: Priest-in-Charge

St Peter's, Galashiels and St John's, Selkirk

**A full-time position, initially for five years, shared between St Peter's and St John's
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.

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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

Registered Charity Number SC006210 – St Peter's

Registered Charity Number SC002969 – St John the Evangelist

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



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: [Challenge Poverty Week - Get Inspired Meetings 2023 - The Poverty Alliance](#)

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 [Campaigns Officer](#).

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](#)



2023 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

- Books • Antiques & Collectables
- Pictures • Stamps & 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



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

The Gifford Lectures

A Process Perspective on Human Life

A series of six lectures by

John Dupré

*Professor of Philosophy of Science
and Consulting Director, Centre for
the Study of Life Sciences (Egenis)
at the University of Exeter*

1–11 May 2023 at 5.30pm

Gordon Aikman Lecture Theatre,
32 George Square,
Edinburgh EH8 9LH

Gifford lectures are free to attend but ticketed.

To book tickets visit www.eventbrite.co.uk

Enquiries: GiffordLectures@ed.ac.uk

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:

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

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 [application form](#) 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

The Scottish Pilgrimage 2023

to

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Friday 22 - Monday 25 September

**The Coach will leave from Edinburgh Gyle
Centre and Glasgow City Centre**

**The all inclusive cost of £385.00 will cover transport,
accommodation, meals and incidental expenses.**

For more information, or to book a place, please contact

**Alison Gifford 0141 946 3714 07990570371
or alisongifford@icloud.com**

See also

**walsinghamanglican.org.uk for shrine information,
photographs and live-stream services**