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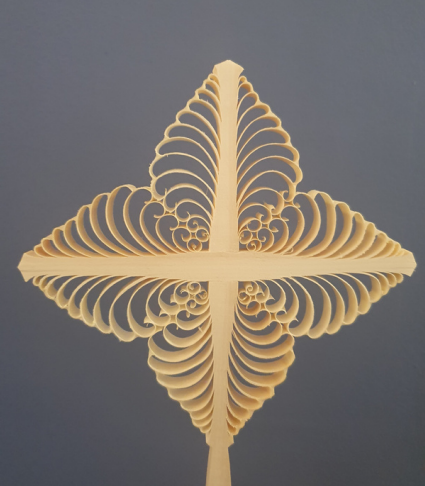
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News



Visit from Espoo

We were delighted to welcome friends and colleagues from our partner diocese of Espoo, Finland, who gifted us this beautiful handcrafted cross.

Events



Thanks to everyone who has been submitting their events via the new Events Portal. You'll find a list of all upcoming events, as well as being able to submit them [here](#).

Some highlights over the coming fortnight are:

- **Saturday 3rd June** The BIG Story
- **Thursday 8th June** Inaugural Lecture: “Entangled in Divinity: African Religions and World Christianity” given by Professor Emma Wild Wood at New College, Edinburgh
- **Thursday 8th June** sung eucharist for the feast of Corpus Christi at the St Vincent Chapel

Safeguarding

The General Synod has appointed a new Provincial Safeguarding Officer. John Wyllie, a retired Detective Superintendent, is now in post and can be contacted on 0131 225 6357, 07720 162 273, or protection@scotland.anglican.org. Daphne Audsley remains as his Assistant and continues her role in processing all PVG check applications.

News



The Big Story

It's not too late to sign up for The BIG Story – Saturday 3rd June from 10.30am-3.30pm at the Cathedral. A free, family-friendly day of learning, creating, and worshipping together. Time to sign up and get planning!

Our Diocesan Gathering this year is an opportunity to share *our* stories of faith, and The BIG Story. All are welcome, and you are free to turn up on the day if you've not yet signed up. There are two aspects to the day:

Showcasing our Churches' life together:

We invite each of our churches to come together to share the BIG Story of the good news of Jesus, by showcasing an aspect of its life/its life in the community.

How? Discuss with your Vestry, talk together and plan your contribution. Choose *one thing* that shows how you share the Good News in your location, and try link it to a verse from the Bible, or a Bible story, that speaks of the good news of Jesus. Try to make your stall as creative and interactive as possible, for example you could use a craft, puzzle, game, quiz or simple activity. You will have quite a small space, about 2m x 2m. If you can bring a table that would be helpful – or let Sarah Shaw know if you need one! You are welcome to bring other things as necessary.

Workshops – something for everyone

What? The confirmed workshops are listed below. There will also be a young kids'/baby-friendly soft space, and Play Church available. The day will culminate with everyone coming together for 'The Man with the Plan ' (The Jesus Rap!), and for worship, in praise of the God who gave us the BIG Story.

What to do now

1. **Share this information** with everyone in your congregation via social media, your website, pew sheets, and notices. More info/resources available [online](#).
2. **Book your FREE spot via Eventbrite.** www.eventbrite.com/e/the-big-story-tickets

Office Notices

Vacancies

The following posts in the diocese are vacant; all information including how to apply is listed online.

- **Church Manager**
Christ Church,
Morningside
- **Priest-in-Charge** St
Cuthbert's Hawick & St
John's Jedburgh
- **Choral Scholarships**
St Ninian's, Comely Bank

Signposts

Did you know we have a resource page on our website? This contains answers to many frequently asked questions.

Our Diocesan Environment Group 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.

There are now 74 users signed up to the Online Support Forum, Posts include:

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

Admin Support Forum

We have a **new forum** specifically for Church Administrators. We will be directly contacting those we know of in our churches, but do encourage anyone you might have in your congregation who might have such a role in your administration – other than your Vestry Secretary. They can be volunteers or paid, it doesn't matter. Recent topics include:

- VAT on Energy bills and Standing Charges
- Insurance

Mission & Ministry



Month of prayer for toddler groups

June is the Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups, initiated by the 1277 network. It is an invitation to pray intentionally for all those involved in toddler groups. This month, please remember these vital ministries: the leaders, the children, their families and carers, plus the communities of which they are a part. If you have a toddler group, perhaps ask leaders and attendees if they have anything they want you to pray about.



Keep telling the story

What next after you have enjoyed The BIG Story? Keep the theme of storytelling going with one or more of these resources.

Godly Play OutoftheBox Community
Bible Experience Faith Pictures
Narrative of Generosity
One BIG Story



Mission and Ministry events

The following events may be of interest to you and your congregation:

- **The Art of Curating Creative Engagement in Worship**, Monday 26 June, Wellington Church Glasgow, run by Trinity College, for worship leaders of all denominations: lay or ordained. Cost £40 (includes lunch). Apply by 12 June.
- **YEEK: The Quest** Provincial Youth Week, 30 Jul – 5 Aug.

Diary

Saturday 3rd June The BIG Story

Monday 5th June Standing Committee

Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th June
General Synod

Tuesday 13th Jun Networking Lunch for
Wardens

Thursday 22 June Induction of Revd
David Bagnall, St John's Princes Street
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Sunday 25 June Bishop Preaching and
Presiding at St Andrew's, Kelso

Sunday 30 July – Saturday 5 August
YEEK: The Quest. Provincial Youth
Week

Communications

photos

We're in the process of updating our selection of images of churches in the diocese. If you've got some recent images of your church you'd be happy to share - or if you'd like us to come and take some pictures which you can use too - please email Miranda at mheggie@dioceseofedinburgh.org.uk



Have you got news or stories from your church you'd like to share? If so, our Communications Officer Miranda Heggie would love to hear from you! Please drop her a line at mheggie@dioceseofedinburgh.org.



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and follow us at the links below.



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