



Scottish Episcopal Church

# The Diocese of Edinburgh

*Growing together in following Christ and sharing God's love*



*Labyrinth at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh*

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# News



## General Synod

The General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church took place last week between 8 and 10 June, and we're grateful to all in and beyond our diocese who offered their time, wisdom, words and prayers.

Among the items discussed were the Scottish Episcopal Church's Net Zero Action Plan, which was given backing from Synod; the issues and challenges facing young people in the SEC; and the opportunities in ecumenical partnerships, with the first ever address to an SEC Synod from a serving Church of Scotland Moderator. The Moderator, the Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, expressed her joy to be working with the SEC, especially in light of the 2021 St Andrew's Agreement.

You can read reports from synod in more detail on the [Scottish Episcopal Church website](#).

## 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 few weeks are:

- **Monday 26 June** [The Art of Curating Creative Engagement in Worship](#). Wellington Church, Glasgow, £40, 9.30am - 4pm
- **Wednesday 5 July** [God's Invitation to Relationship - an introduction to ways of praying](#). Online, free, 7.30 - 9pm



# News



## The BIG Story

It was fabulous to see such a mix of people and churches from across the diocese at this year's diocesan event at the Cathedral on 3 June, The BIG Story.

Many of our charges had a stall in the cathedral displaying in creative ways how they share the big story: the Good News of Jesus Christ. Workshops were led by members of our clergy, as well as from creatives from the Scottish Storytelling Centre and Foolproof Creative Arts.

And we already have a date for the next BIG day! Save the date:  
**Saturday 11 May 2024, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.**



hand-crafted diorama of the garden at St Mark's Portobello

## Immrama Online

St. Columba's by the Castle recently launched an interactive digital exhibition on the life, stories and journey of one of the country's key historical figures – St. Columba.



Launched on the great Celtic saint's Feast Day, Friday 9th June 2023, Immrama Online is a continuation of the physical exhibition currently on display in the church, *Immrama*. *Immrama* is an ancient Celtic word for 'voyage tales': allegories of our journey through life. Feel free to peruse the website - or pop into the church to see the exhibition!

## Rev'd Canon William (Bill) Brockie

It is with sadness we note that the Rev'd Canon William (Bill) James Thomson Brockie passed away on 11 June 2023. Bill served in this diocese for many years, starting as Team Priest at St John the Evangelist, Princes Street, and serving as the Anglican Chaplain to students in Edinburgh. From 1976 - 2000 he was the Rector at St Martin of Tours, as well as Priest in Charge at the (now closed) St Luke's Congregation in Wester Hailes & Baberton between 1979 and 1990. He was made an honorary Canon of St Mary's Cathedral in 1997. Details of Bill's funeral will be publicised when known, though this may take place before the publication of the next Communicant, and therefore may be publicised via online channels only.

# Office Notices



## Vacancies

The following posts in the diocese are vacant; all information including how to apply is listed [online](#).

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

## Bishop's Lent Appeal

Many thanks to all who have kindly donated to the [Bishop's Lent Appeal](#), which this year supports a water filtration project in our partner diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. We would like to now draw the Bishop's Lent Appeal to a close and kindly request that all final donations are made by Friday 30th June.



## 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](mailto: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

We have an [admin support forum](#) specifically for Church Administrators. 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.



# Office Notices



## Office Spring Clean



After this recent epic event, we have a few items available – free to any of our churches, but also available to individual congregation members in return for a donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal. We have:

- 3x non-stacking chairs with arms
- 4x stacking chairs with arms
- 3x stacking chairs (no arms)
- 1x steel filing cabinet
- 1x steel A4 paper cabinet (6 drawers)

Expressions of interest to  
[office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org)

## Safeguarding

Following a request at Standing Committee, a [link to the CofE Safeguarding Portal](#) has been added to our website. The portal enables access to training until the Province training programme re-starts.

## Vestry Training Day

The next Vestry Training Day will take place on Saturday 30th September in George Watson College. We begin at 9:30am with breakfast rolls and will have a coffee break about 11am, to finish by 12:45. All vestry members who have yet to attend this informative day are encouraged to [book via Eventbrite](#).



# Mission & Ministry



## The Quest

YEEK! Places are still available for Youth Week “The Quest” at Glenalmond College. Further details and applications are available [here](#), or from [Claire Benton-Evans](#).



## Youth Pilgrimage to Iona

Applications are now open for the Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona in October 2023. The deadline is 11th August. Two opportunities exist for engagement, with limited places on both:

12-18 year olds: Saturday 14  
- Wednesday 18 October

18-25(ish) year olds:  
Wednesday 18 - Saturday 21  
October

Further details are also available from Rev Tembu Rongong at [rector@trinityelgin.org](mailto:rector@trinityelgin.org).





# Diary

**Tuesday 20 June** Diocesan Buildings Committee meets

**Thursday 22 June** Induction of Revd David Bagnall, St John's, Princes Street

**Sunday 25th June** Bishop Preaching and Presiding at St Andrew's, Kelso

**Tuesday 27- Wednesday 28 June**  
College of Bishops

**Sunday 30 July** Licensing of Sandra Wright, St Ebba's, Eyemouth

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

**Wednesday 9 August** Mary Sumner Day, St Peter's, Musselburgh

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mheggie@dioceseofedinburgh.org).



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and follow us at the links below.





# Braeburn Home



Braeburn Home is owned by the SEC but independently run and managed. It is, however, rooted in the Episcopal Church, with a number of Episcopal priests providing regular ministry to its residents – one of whom is on the Management Board. There are no qualifications required for admission, and it currently has spaces available.



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