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# The Diocese of Edinburgh

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



*Rood Screen at St John's, Jedburgh*



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# *The* Communicant

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# News



## Installation

Last Thursday the Rev'd David Bagnall (left) was installed as Associate Rector of St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh. David joins us from Great St Mary's, Cambridge; welcome to our diocese, David!



## Events



Please find details of upcoming events and how to submit your own [here](#). Some highlights over the coming few weeks are:

Wednesday 5 July: [God's Invitation to Relationship - an introduction to ways of praying](#). Online, free, 7.30 - 9pm

Saturday 22 July: [St Scruff's Dog Show](#) at St Mary's Dalmahoy

Sunday 6 - Sunday 27 August: [Festival Pulpit at St John's](#). Four different preachers speak after choral evensong on this year's [Just Festival's](#) theme of "Displacement."



## Congratulations

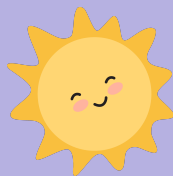
To Bishop John and Clare Armes who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in July!



# Office News



## Office Staff Holidays



As we approach July, we wanted to give you a bit of notice that various members of the Staff Team will be taking holidays next month. If you get an Out of Office message, please bear with us whilst we try to cover some of the work whilst people are away. With several part-time staff within the team, there will be periods where we can't do that; please be patient whilst we then work through the backlog on our return!

Remember that you can get all our contact details from the website at:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-staff/staff-based-at-the-diocesan-office/>

For any hard-working Vestry members and clergy who are also heading off for a break, we would like to wish you bon voyage, and have a lovely holiday away from ecclesiastical business!



## Edinburgh Festivals

The August Edinburgh festivals are fast approaching! If you've got events going on in your church you'd like to include in our online Diocesan Festival Guide, please email [Miranda](mailto:Miranda) by 9am on Monday 10th July.

## Vestry Training

Our next Vestry Training Day is on Saturday 30th September in George Watson College, Edinburgh. Register via [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

## 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
- **Priest-in-Charge** – St Matthew's Roslin (Rosslyn Chapel)

# Office Notices



## Office furniture

After our office spring clean, we still have a few furniture 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)

## 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.

# 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).

Please do not let financial concerns stop you from applying. Contact Fee Reynolds ([freynolds@diocesesofedinburgh.org](mailto:freynolds@diocesesofedinburgh.org)) for avenues of support



# Diary

**Wednesday 14 - Sunday July** Bishop John in Aberdeen

**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

**Wednesday 9 August** Bishop John presiding at St Mark's Portobello and blessing the new ramp

**Sunday 13 August** Bishop John preaching at St Mary's Festival Mass

**Sunday 20 August** Bishop John preaching at St Mary's Festival Mass

**Tuesday 26 September** Ordination of Revd Janet Spence, St Mary's Cathedral

**Wednesday 27 September** Ordination of Revd Ross Jesmont, St Salvador's Stenhouse

**Sunday 1st October** Installation of Revd Dr Mike Hull, St Mary's Cathedral

## 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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