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# The Diocese of Edinburgh

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# News



## Events



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

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."

Thursday 14 September: [Inaugural Lecture: 'Divinity Among The Humanities: 'Idle Decoration' or 'Water of Life''](#)

## St Martin's Annual Art Show

St Martin of Tours church is excited to be hosting its 18th annual art show - a collection of art and crafts by people who live, work, worship or have a connection with the local community. All are welcome to the preview evening on Sunday 27th August at 7pm. The exhibition runs from Monday 28th August to Friday 1st September 12noon till 4.00pm, and Saturday 2nd September, 10.00am till 12.30pm

## Have you any wool?

Just Festival, at St John's Princes Street, is looking forward to hosting the [Peacemakers' Loom](#) this August, and invites anyone who wishes to donate a ball of wool is more than welcome! The festival's also looking for a few more volunteers, so if you've a spare afternoon or two in August and want to be part of the Fringe, you can find our more [here](#).





# Office News



## Office Staff Holidays

Various members of the Staff Team will be taking holidays this 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!

## Continuing Ministerial Development

The next CMD day for Clergy and Lay Readers is on 3 October at Kingsknowe Golf Club. Keep an eye on your emails over the next few days for details on how to book! Professor Helen Bond will be with us, thinking about "Reading John amidst Today's Challenges".

## Vestry Training

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

## 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)
- **Community Worker** – St Ninian's Comely Bank



# Office Notices

## 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 78 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.



✓ 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.


[Diocesan Office Resources: Safeguarding | Diocese of Edinburgh \(anglican.org\)](#)



# 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



## Summer Holiday meals

Summer Holidays can be an expensive time; Fee has put together a list of places which are offering free or cheap meals for children throughout the holidays, which is on our website [here](#).





# Diary

**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 at Festival Mass at St Mary's RC Cathedral

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

**Saturday 2 September** Diocesan meet-up for 12 -18 year olds

**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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