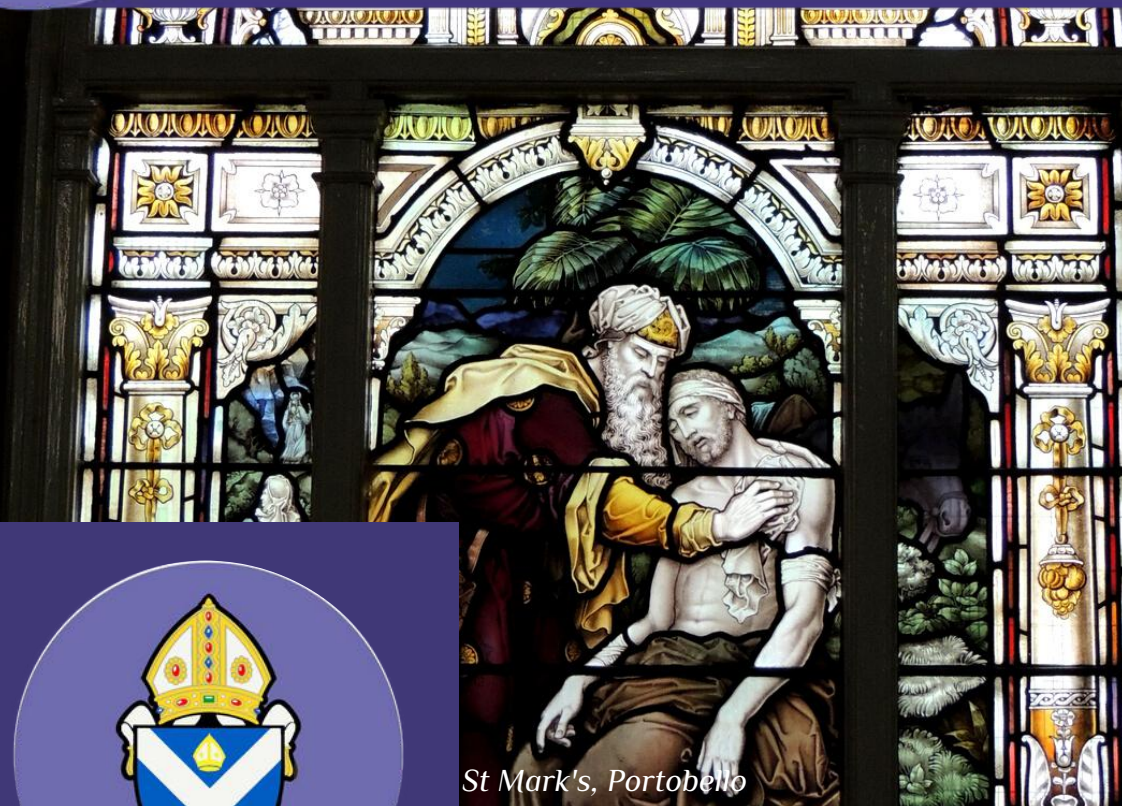




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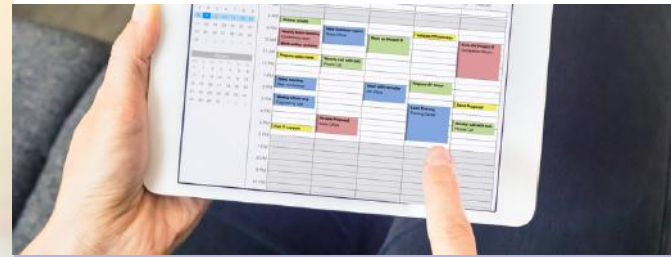
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# News



## Events



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

Friday 11 August: "[Displaced Roots Different Routes](#)"; a panel discussion on cultural experiences of displaced people as part of Just Festival chaired by the Bishop. St John's Church, 6pm

Friday 11 - Saturday 19 August: [The Fourth R](#); a climate-change inspired dance piece. Part of Just Festival at St John's Church.

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

## Funding News

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme website has been redeveloped.

The redeveloped site includes [a new online application portal](#). It follows the same format as the existing PDF form but will be easier to process than downloading and completing a physical document. The option to use the old PDF version will remain, but the application portal is planned to be more efficient, with all the information and attachments uploaded and submitted in one place.

*"The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme gives grants covering the VAT on repairs of over £1,000 to listed buildings used as places of worship. You can also submit one claim in any 12-month period that is less than £1,000, but more than £500."*



# News



## 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](http://anglican.org)).

## 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](#).

- **Organist** - St Mary's Dalmahoy

# Mission & Ministry



## Youth Meet Up

We're having a pizza and bowling afternoon for 12 - 18 year olds on Saturday 2nd September, 4pm - 8pm at Fountain Park.

Anyone who wishes to come should fill out the form on the website. There is a contribution of £5 payable; if this is prohibitive let us know.



## 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

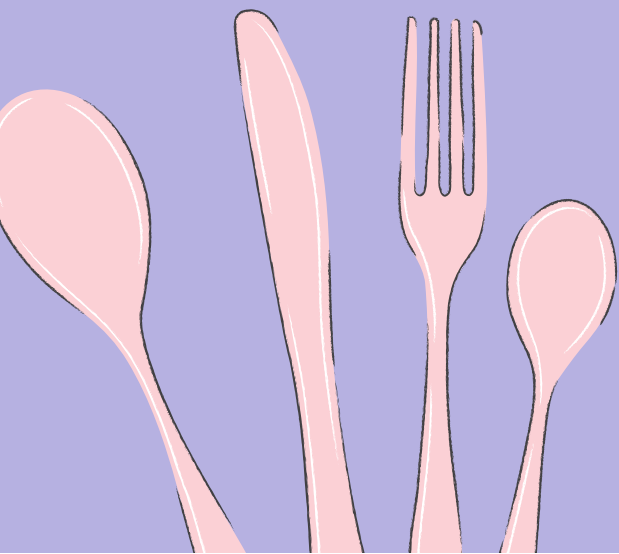
Further details are also available from Rev Tembu Rongong at [rector@trinityelgin.org](mailto:rector@trinityelgin.org).

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

**Friday 11 August** Bishop John chairing panel discussion 'Displaced Roots, Different Routes' at 6pm at St John's , Edinburgh.

**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

## Photographs



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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