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News



Events



Autumn Synod

A reminder that the Autumn Diocesan Synod takes place at St Paul's & St George's Church on **Thursday 26th October** starting at **5.30pm** with Eucharist. Notification of Business will be issued at the end of September.

Funding Update

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. <https://listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk/>

"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."

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

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'"](#)

Office News

Name Changes

By pure coincidence, two members of the Diocesan Office staff have, independently, reverted to their maiden names:

- Ceri Bareford (Assistant Diocesan Administrator) becomes Ceri Ashton. Her email address changes to CAshton@dioceseofedinburgh.org
- Joanna Morris (Administrative Assistant & Diocesan Protection Officer) becomes Joanna Appleby. Her email changes to JAppleby@dioceseofedinburgh.org

In both cases, their previous email addresses remain active so that any messages sent to the old addresses will arrive in the new inboxes. All staff details can be found here:

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

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

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.

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

Creationtide

The following websites provide resources as we enter the Season of Creation 2023, 1st September until 4th October.

[SEC Experimental Liturgies](#)

[Season of Creation](#)

[Eco-Congregation Scotland](#)

Faith in Older People

Faith in Older People (FiOP) have just released their autumn schedule of events, which are all taking place via Zoom and start at 4:30pm. Further information and booking via FiOP's [Eventbrite](#):

- 18th October: Spiritual Care – Discovering Meaning, Purpose and Hope with Mark Evans, DCS, Professional Advisor in the Scottish Government
- 24th October: FiOP Annual Malcolm Goldsmith Lecture, presented by the Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton
- 15th November: FiOP and Interfaith Scotland – Tackling Loneliness and Isolation in our Communities
- 30th November: The Gift of Age Conference

Autumn Courses

Autumn courses for all are now enrolling at:

New College, Edinburgh:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/news-events/short-courses-for-church-people>

Trinity College, Glasgow (some online):

<https://www.trinitycolleg Glasg ow.co.uk/short-courses>

Sarum College, Salisbury (many courses, including Lay Learning course 'Exploring Theology' are online):

<https://www.sarum.ac.uk/learning/>

Diary

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

Wednesday 11 October The Welcoming and Commissioning of Revd Lesley Penny to St John's, Selkirk and St Peter's, Galashiels

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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