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News



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. The Notice of Business is now available to view. This page will contain any additional papers and resources you need for the meeting. Apologies should be sent to Ceri Ashton. Members of Synod are all clergy holding an Authorisation, Licence or Commission from the Bishop, and all Lay Representatives in each Charge. General Synod members within the diocese are also members of Diocesan Synod.

Fundraising Help

The Benefact Trust have released an excellent podcast for you to watch about "How to successfully apply to grant funders". If you are looking at funding a project, this is very good advice, in plain speaking terms. Click here to watch the video.



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

Monday 16 - Sunday 22

October: The Steadfast Cross, an exhibit of the illustrations for the liturgy of Dreaming of the Holy Rood

Sunday 29 October: St Mary's After Dark, an evening of readings and jazz music in celebration of the Hunter's Moon.

Thursday 2 - Saturday 4

November: New College Festival - Book and Belief

Saturday 4 November: Youth meet up at Old St Paul's

Office News & Notices



Signposts



Did you know we have a resource page on our website? This contains answers to many frequently asked questions.

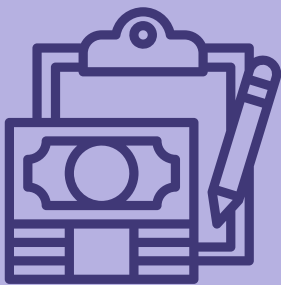


Our Diocesan Environment Group includes sections on Sharing Stories, Resources and Funding. The group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk.



There are now 92 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.

Forms

Could all Incumbents and Priests in Charge note that the annual **Congregational Statistics** will soon be due for “the year ending on the eve of Advent Sunday” which is **Sunday 3rd December**. All the numbers can be prepared now, except for the attendance on “the Sunday next before Advent”.

In addition, we will soon send out the **Diocesan Schedules** for you to let us know any changes to your Vestry personnel etc., if you haven’t already done so. This is intended to align with many of your AGMs which take place mostly in the Autumn.

Joanna Appleby (Diocesan Protection Officer) will be in touch soon with PVG Coordinators about the annual Safeguarding Checklists.

Mission & Ministry



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

Share your views!

BBC Scotland's Advisory Committee on Religion and Ethics are inviting people aged 18-25 to a panel on Thursday 26th October at Pacific Quay, Glasgow. It is in-person only, 12noon-2pm, with a sandwich lunch provided. Reserve place by emailing michelle.dunlop@bbc.co.uk.



Upcoming Mission and Ministry Events

- Thursday 2nd November: Care for the Family event: "Who Let the Dad's Out?" 12noon-2pm at Craiglockhart Parish Church. [Book free tickets here.](#)
- Saturday 4 November: [Youth Meet up](#) at Old St Paul's, 4 - 7pm
- Monday 13th November: CHAS Conference on Children's Spirituality, 9am-4pm, cost £12 including lunch. [Tickets can be purchased here.](#)

Diary

Thursday 19 October Commissioning of The Revd Ryan Bennett as Associate Rector at Christ Church Morningside

Sunday 22 October Bishop John Preaching, Presiding & Baptising at St Peter's Peebles

Thursday 26 October Diocesan Synod (5.30pm) St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh

Wednesday 15 November The Installation of the Revd Gavin Burnage at The Priory Church, South Queensferry

Thursday 14 December The Installation of the Revd Andi Hofbauer at St Cuthbert's Hawick and St John's Jedburgh

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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