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News



Autumn Synod

Events

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.

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

Tuesday 10 October: [Top tips for diversifying your church's income](#) (webinar)

Saturday 14 October: [Archbishop Rowan Williams at Berwick Literary Festival](#)

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.



A warm welcome back to Franciscan Brothers!

We are delighted to be welcoming back members of the Society of St Francis to our diocese, and to the SEC as a whole. Brother Joseph Emmanuel was installed by Bishop John as Priest in Charge of St David's, Pilton, where he and his brothers Br Cristian Michael and Br Micael Christoffer will lead the charge in ministry, service and Christian witness. We caught up with Br Joe to learn more about the Brothers' plans for St David's, and what it's like to live a Religious Life. You can read the full article [here](#).

Office News & Notices



Signposts



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

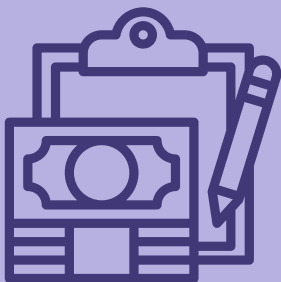


Our [Diocesan Environment Group](#) includes sections on Sharing Stories, Resources and Funding. The group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk.



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.

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Vacancies

The following posts in the diocese are vacant; all information including how to apply is listed [online](#).

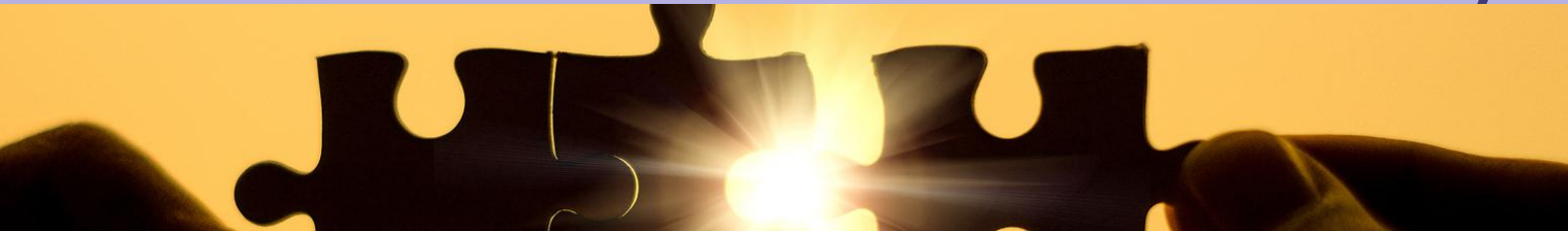
- **Priest in Charge (PT)** - Collegiate Church of St Matthew (Rosslyn Chapel)

Safeguarding

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



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

Diary

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

Sunday 15 October Bishop John preaches and presides at St James' Leith, Edinburgh, Commissions the Revd Jo Henderson and presents a St Colu,ba Award

Thursday 19 October Commissioning of the Revd Ryan Bennet as Associate Rector of Christ Church Morningside



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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