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News



Happy New Year

All at the Diocesan Office wish you a happy, peaceful and joyful 2024!



Net Zero Workshops

HeatHack, the Scottish Episcopal Church's partner in delivering Net Zero Workshops, are holding a FREE event on Thursday 25th January on energy efficiency for community venues. Please sign up [here](#) if you wish to attend. Don't forget, there are loads of resources on how to achieve Net Zero by 2030 on the Provincial Environment Group's webpage [here](#). There are also some packs of the Provincial Net Zero Cards available to borrow from the Diocese Office. Please email [Phoebe Pryce](#) in the first instance. More information about these cards, and using them, can be found via the [Net Zero Toolkit online](#).

Events

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

Thursday 25 January: [Energy Efficiency Event for Community Venues](#), 10am - 12pm, Augustine United Church.

Saturday 3 February: [The Life and Death of Eric Liddell and the Rebirth of Chinese Christianity](#), 10.30am, **Playfair Library**.

Please note change of venue.

Sunday 4 February: [St Mary's After Dark Candlemas Free Concert](#), 7pm, St Mary's Dalmahoy.

Tuesday 6 February: [Discerning our Ongoing Call to Leadership in God's Church](#), 10am, Old St Paul's Church

News



Spring Synod and Area Councils

The Spring Diocesan Synod will be held on Saturday 24th February 2024 at St Paul's & St George's Edinburgh. The publication of business will be 4 weeks before (as required by the Canons), by Friday 29th January. Area Councils may wish to set their meeting dates for sometime between 30th January and 23rd February.

Please note that there will be elections to General Synod and various Provincial Committees etc. And we will let you know which vacancies exist, and the nomination deadlines, around the time that the Synod business is published.

Register of Controlling Resources in Land

New legislation requires registration, by 31 March 2024, details of those responsible for ownership and/or control of land in Scotland. Details of the process will be issued in due course but, in the meantime, please see the letter from Godfrey Robson, Diocesan Secretary, in the Diocesan Resources section of the website:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-buildings/>

Staffing

Sam Campbell, Bishop John's PA, has been on sick leave now since early September and we have been covering the work within our office team as best we can. We have some additional part-time help through Phoebe Pryce, which has enabled Joanna Appleby (Admin Asst for Mission & Ministry/Diocesan Protection Officer) to move across to Bishop John's work. However, that is only a half-time person covering a full-time post, so do bear with us whilst we deal with all this. We will get round to all the incoming work....but maybe not as quickly as we might like to.

Thank you so much for your patience.

Simon

Mission and Ministry



REGISTER

NOW

All serving clergy are encouraged to sign up for the forthcoming CMD event [Discerning our Ongoing Call to Leadership in God's Church](#), 10am, Old St Paul's Church on 6 Feb. please register online [here](#).



Prayer Diary

Diocesan Prayer Diary for 2024 is now available on the website. There are also daily reminders on our Facebook and Instagram pages, which are easily shared on congregational feeds.

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-prayer-diary/>



The Diocesan Lent Course for 2024 is about 'The Emotions of Jesus' and will be available online in the next few days.

https://edinburgh.anglican.org/dmmc_resources/worship/lent-pentecost/

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NEWSLETTER

The 2023 *in review* newsletter is still available online, if you have yet to catch up with some of the goings-on with children and young people around the Diocese last year.

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/mission-and-ministry/youth-and-children/youth-and-children-newsletter/>

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

ANNUAL FORMS:

Could all Incumbents and Priests in Charge note that the annual **Congregational Statistics** were due for “the year ending on the eve of Advent Sunday” which was **Sunday 3rd December**. If you have not submitted these please do so at your earliest convenience! **The numbers will be required by the General Synod Office very soon.** Thanks to those who have submitted!

In addition, please could all Vestries return the **Diocesan Schedules** (<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/vestry-officers-database-update-form/>) to let us know any changes ASAP to your Vestry personnel etc., if you haven't already done so.

We also require Finance Schedules and Annual Reports from Treasurers for all charges ASAP, from those who have not yet submitted them.

There will be no Provincial Safeguarding Annual Return for this year as GSO are re-evaluating the process in light of new legislation being implemented in 2024. The Diocese will be sending out a simple checklist to assist Vestries in maintaining safeguarding best practice.

Diary

Thursday 18th January Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee Meeting

Saturday 24th February Diocesan Spring Synod

Vacancies

Rector, St Michael and All Saints, Edinburgh



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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and follow us at the links below.

