

# DIOCESAN MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Convenor: Rev Canon Dr Sophia Marriage  
(Rector of St Mark's Portobello)

# DMMC Work

- Events for those in authorised ministry
- Events to support and train vestry members, church officers
- Activities to foster cohesion within the diocese
- Activities to support Youth and Children Workers and to bring together the young people of the diocese
- Fostering of International Links



# Youth and Children



Edinburgh Diocese

# YOUTH & CHILDREN

Christmas 2023

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## 2023 in review



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### St John's, Princes Street



This September saw "The Ark" come to St John's. This Communion-centered service is especially for babies and toddlers alongside their parents/carers, where everyone is encouraged to participate as fully as they wish. It has become the congregation's best-attended mid-week service, being likened to 'Pixar' movies, where there is something for every age group.



**St John's**  
**THE ARK**

A midweek service for babies/toddlers and their parents/carers

Centered around the Eucharist, join us in hearing God's word through godly play stories, songs, and toys!

**THURSDAYS, 10.30AM**  
**CORNERSTONE CENTRE**

Coffee and biscuits served.

For more information, email The Associate Minister: David Reynolds at [david@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk](mailto:david@stjohns-edinburgh.org.uk)

When families arrive, there are toys out and some space for free play. When the bells ring, it is time to tidy things away ready for the service to start. This fully-authorized liturgy follows the Christian calendar and involves lots of singing, bells and shakers. A Bible story is told in an interactive way, with Godly Play materials in frequent use. There are holding crosses available and each child has their own wee chalice so they can fully copy everything the celebrant is doing. Afterwards, free play is again available as teas and coffees are shared amongst the adults.

For a number of families, The Ark really has grown from being a place to go midweek to a church family, where God is encountered and love is shared.



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# Family Fun

## Portobello Beach



**Monday 1st April 2024**

**1-4pm**

**All Ages Welcome**

*Children under 12 must be  
accompanied by an adult*





# Retreat Restore Inspire

*Save the Date: Saturday 27th April*

*For those working with children & young people  
across the Diocese of Edinburgh*

*He restores their soul...*





Diocesan Play Church

# Grants

- CMD grants for clergy
- Large St Hilda's Grants over the years included:
  - ▣ Curate transport and other support costs
  - ▣ A7 charges
  - ▣ Berwickshire Charges
  - ▣ 2 Mixed Mode Students



# St Hilda's Grants Small Mission Grants



St Salvador's Stenhouse



Holy Cross,  
Davidsons Mains

St Paul's and St  
George's



St Columba's by the Castle



Craigmillar Now



St Peter's  
Galashiels



# Art and ecology @ St Mary's cathedral

Very Rev John Conway, Provost



# Regenerative Cathedral

## Congregation and Visitors

What we've done:

- Shared Eco Tips and articles in the Cathedral newsletter and service sheets, and on the website and Eco-Congregation noticeboard
- Run joint study groups on the environment with Palmerston Place Church
- Encouraged the use of reusable coffee cups and switched to compostable cups
- Participated in Edinburgh Council's climate consultations

Future Plans:

- Increasing involvement of the congregation in environment-related activities

## A+E

What we've done:

- Launched an Art and Ecology programme to support the transition to net zero carbon
- Developed a programme that envisages the Cathedral as an ecological exemplar accessible to all members of the city

Future plans:

- Further workshops (see back page)
- Pilgrimage ahead of COP26 – a walk and a learning journey from Dunbar to Glasgow in October 2021, involving cultural, community and interfaith organisations

## Buildings and Energy Use

What we've done:

- Commissioned a report on heating and insulation of the Cathedral building
- Switched to a renewable energy tariff for our electricity supply
- Improved our recycling facilities

Future Plans:

- Installation of LED lighting
- Draught proofing of doors and insulation of windows
- Investigating the use of heated cushions
- Making long-term plans to keep the building warmer using renewable energy

## Worship

What we've done:

- Incorporated environmental issues into the core of our worship
- Celebrated an annual season of Creation-Tide
- Involved the children's and young people's groups in activities with an environmental focus, such as making reusable decorations and producing banners

Future Plans:

- Further integration of environmental awareness and practice into our worship

## Social and Environmental Justice

What we've done:

- Renewed our commitment to Fair Trade
- Joined the Green Arts Initiative
- Continued to liaise with the Cathedral's Social Responsibility Group
- Divested from direct holdings in fossil fuel companies

Future Plans:

- Regular collaboration with the Green Team at Palmerston Place Church
- Moving our pooled holdings into an even more ethical investment vehicle
- Generation of income by hiring out more sustainably heated buildings

## Landscape and Biodiversity

What we've done:

- Planted sensory and wildlife gardens by the children's nursery, and pollinator-friendly containers at the Cathedral's West Door
- Planted wild flowers among unmown grass in the north-west boundary area
- Installed swift nest boxes in the North-West Tower
- Established a trial seasonal Seed Library in 2020

Future Plans:

- Using the grounds to work with other groups to promote the many benefits of growing plants and increasing biodiversity
- Collaborating with Edinburgh World Heritage and other funders to develop the South Lawn, and further regenerate the grounds
- Installing bike racks





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Bike racks

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Open a gardening workshop  
to train and encourage  
people - including homeless  
people - to grow things

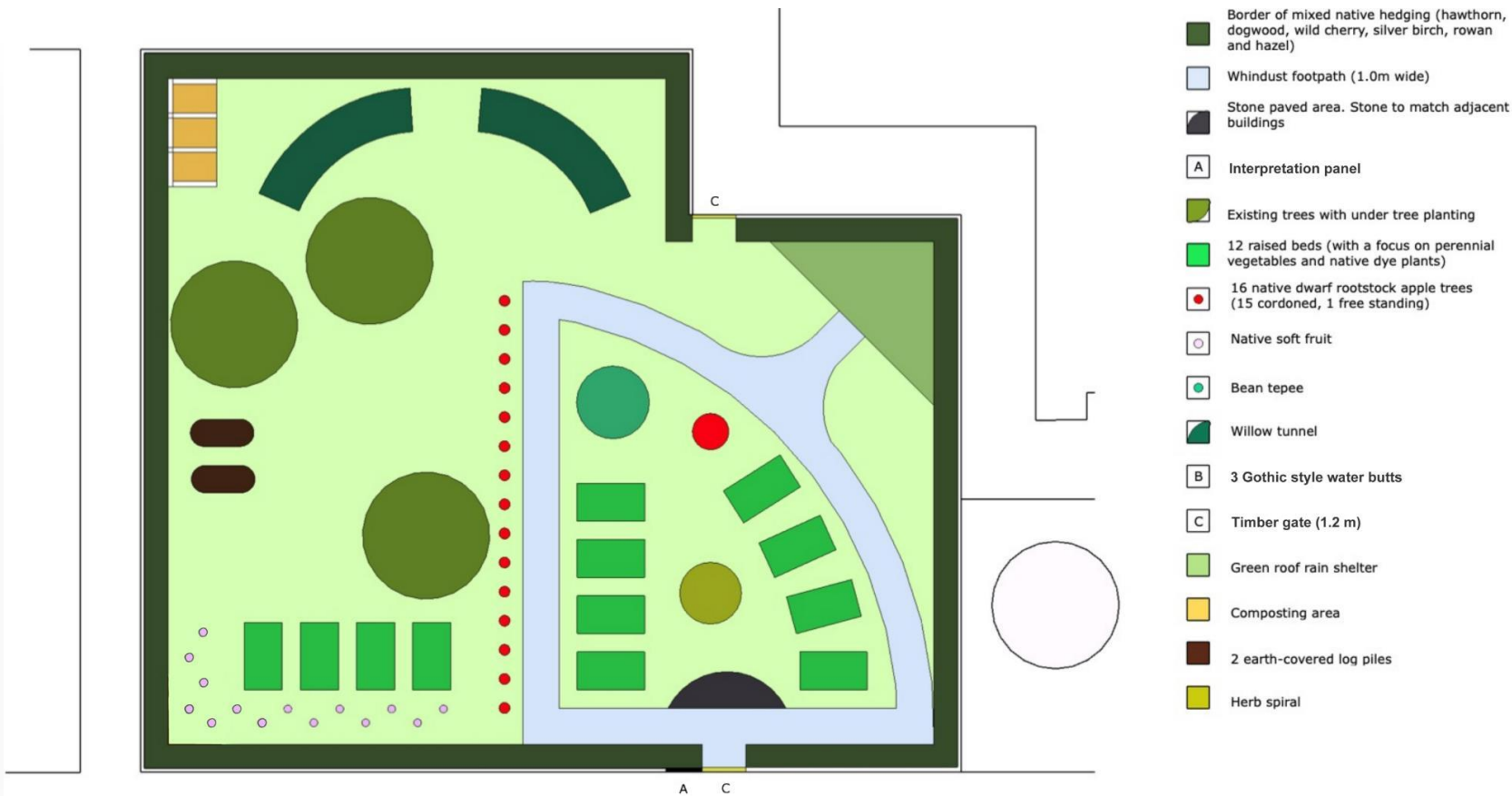
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












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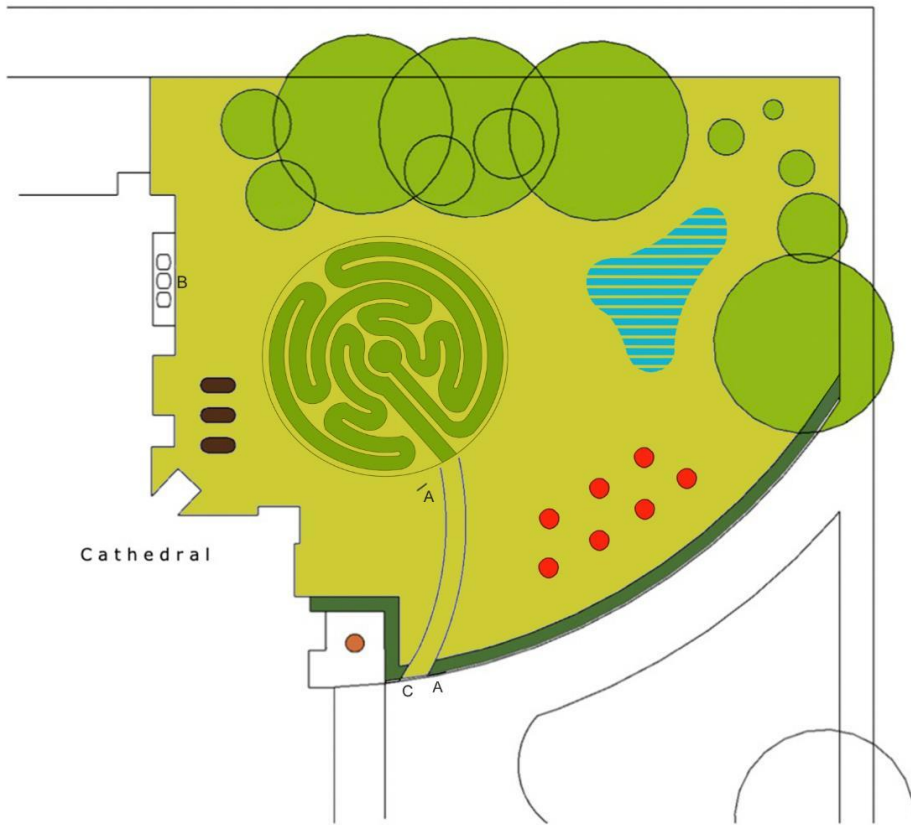


-  Border of mixed native hedging (hawthorn, dogwood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan and hazel)
-  Whindust footpath (1.0m wide)
-  Stone paved area. Stone to match adjacent buildings
-  Interpretation panel
-  Existing trees with under tree planting
-  12 raised beds (with a focus on perennial vegetables and native dye plants)
-  16 native dwarf rootstock apple trees (15 cordoned, 1 free standing)
-  Native soft fruit
-  Bean tepee
-  Willow tunnel
-  3 Gothic style water butts
-  Timber gate (1.2 m)
-  Green roof rain shelter
-  Composting area
-  2 earth-covered log piles
-  Herb spiral














**St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral**  
Community Garden



Manor Place



Legend

-  Native wildflower meadow (currently lawn)
-  Temporary rope fencing
-  Native hedging (hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, elder, dog rose, and rowan)
-  Interpretation panel
-  3 Gothic style water butts
-  Timber gate (1.2m)
-  Existing trees
-  Bogland area
-  5 native dwarf rootstock apple trees (free standing)
-  3 earth-covered log piles
-  Sculpture
-  Mown footpath
-  Native wildflower labyrinth











































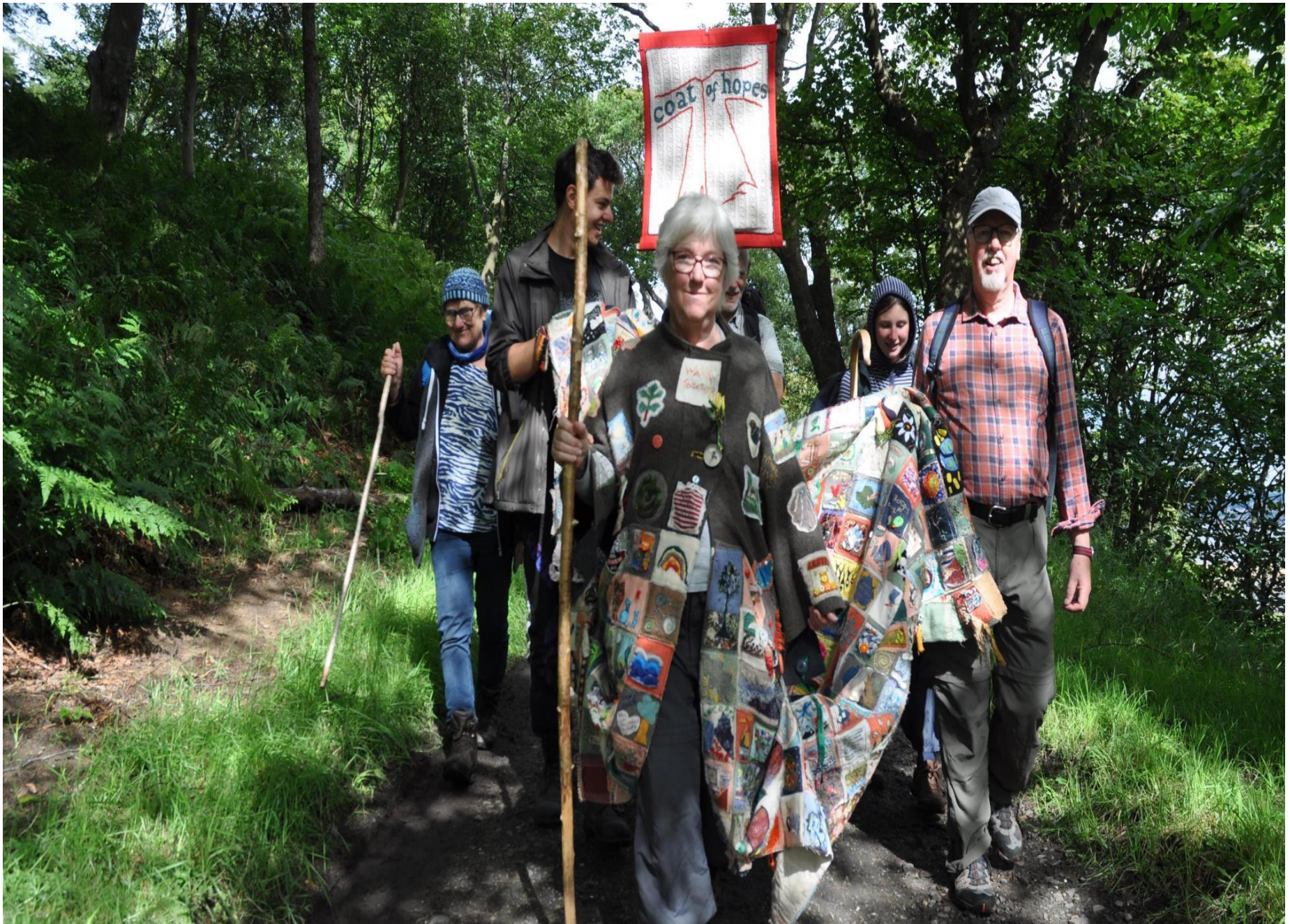






























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# Investing in the future

# Investing in the Future Projects 2024

- St John's Selkirk and St Peter's Galashiels
- St John's Jedburgh and St Cuthbert's Hawick
- St Matthew's Roslin
- St David's Pilton
- Priory Church, South Queensferry

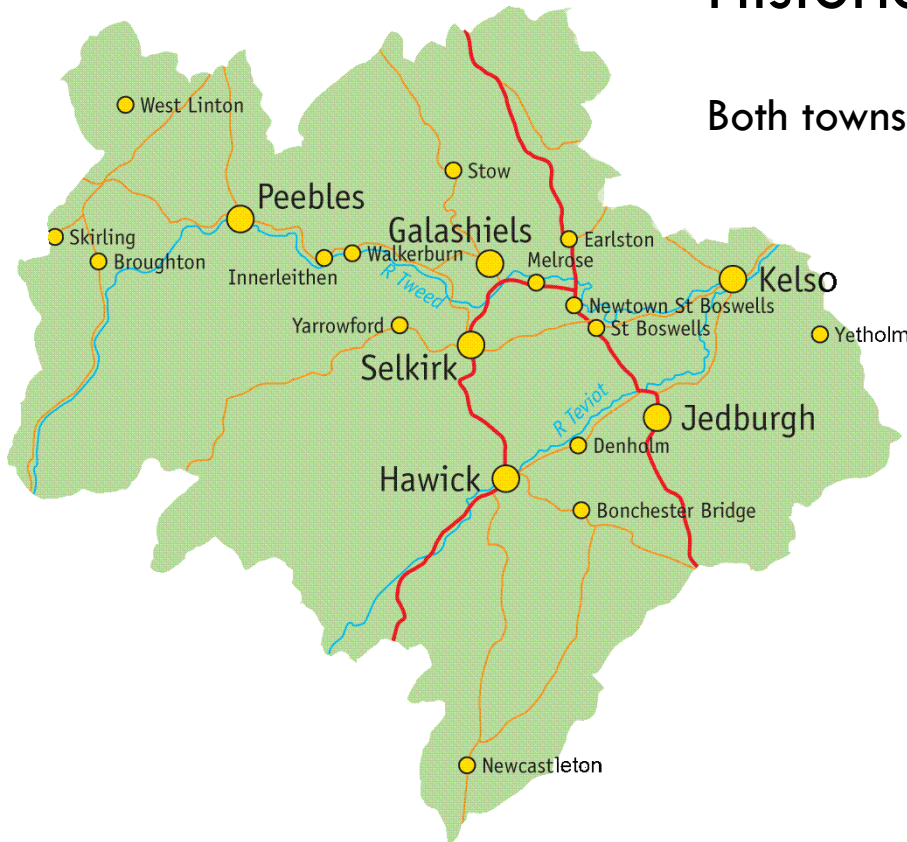
# St John's Selkirk and st peter's galashiels

Rev Dr Lesley Penny

**Galashiels Population ~12,300**  
**Commercial centre**

**Selkirk Population ~5,500**  
**Historic burgh**

Both towns have areas of multiple deprivation





Saint Peter's, Galashiels



St John's, Selkirk









# Memory Café St John's Selkirk



St John's **Memory Café** selkirk  
**February**

**TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY**  
**MARDI GRAS FUN!**

**MASK MAKING**

**PANCAKE TOSSING**  
**GENTLE EXERCISES**

**TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**  
**GAMES AND PUZZLES**  
**AFTERNOON**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH 2PM TO 3.30PM**

# Messy Church Saint Peter's Galashiels



Your invitation to:

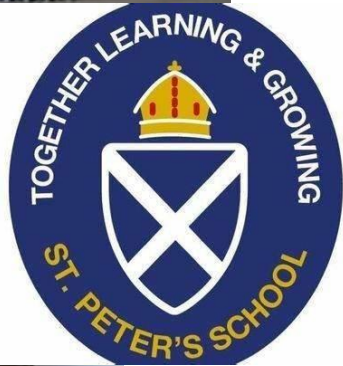
Activities Songs Food

**Messy Church**

Crafts Games Stories



# Opportunities









# Going forward

- Pray, discern ... where are there opportunities in your areas, on the edges of your areas?
- Conversations with the bishop, dean, convenor of DMMC
  - ▣ Explore other resources possibilities
  - ▣ Explore partnerships
  - ▣ Explore the opportunities
- Investing in the Future funding will become clearer in the autumn



# Objectives

1. To support development of congregations in current difficulty but where we see longer term prospects for growth and development
2. To develop our presence in areas of significant housing and population growth
3. To support charges in areas of social need, which might or might not become completely self-supporting in time.



# Projects will ....

- Show how they are part of the Diocese of Edinburgh and their contribution to the wider church
- Will show a new direction, new leadership, new partnerships
- Will show an enthusiasm for change, for challenge and for accompaniment by others within the diocese.
- Will seek growth and self-sufficiency (although the wider diocese recognises that this will not always be possible).
- Will sustain and develop ministry.



# Lay Learning, Growth and development

Rev Fee Reynolds



# ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Adult Learning and Development in the Diocese of Edinburgh

Autumn 2017

**Adventures in Faith** is a hub of information, enabling and support for adult learning around the Diocese of Edinburgh; encouraging churches in their discipleship programmes, sharing resources and good practice, and networking events across Edinburgh, the Borders, Falkirk and the Lothians.



## Mission Shaped Intro

Six Mondays 7.30 - 9.30pm 6, 13, 20, 27 November  
and 4, 11 December

Walpole Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace, but how can the church respond to this change? Are



new ways of engaging with people and being church in the 21st century possible?

If so, what might they look

like? *Mission Shaped Intro* is a creative six session course using videos and stories to help explore mission and church life in our current context. With space for small group discussion, it is a great opportunity to come with others from your church for the most benefit, but individuals welcome too. Facilitated by the

## Women in the World Church Conference

10.30 - 4pm Saturday 16 September  
Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh

Join us for this Day Conference organised by the Centre for the Study of World Christianity and the Church of Scotland World Mission Council. The conference will include the Duff Lecture to be delivered by Professor Kwok Pui-Lan, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, USA on 'Women, Mission, and World Christianity'. We will also hear from Rev Rola Sleiman from Lebanon, Rev Nosheen Khan from Pakistan, Dr Isobel Phiri from the World Council of Churches, and Nuam Hutzaw a student from the University of Edinburgh.

A light lunch will be





## Training and Events for All

**Please share this information with your ministry teams, vestry members and congregations.**

### Scottish Episcopal Institute

#### *Death, Bereavement, and the Making of a Good Funeral for Christians*

Lent series of 4 recorded lectures by the Rev Dr Jane Edwards.

[Further information and links via SEC website](#)

### New College

#### *Lecture: Futures Money Can Buy*

A lecture by Professor Sarah Bracking (Kings College London) reflecting on money, or finance, being at the centre of society's efforts to reach 'net zero', to decarbonise the economy, and mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Tuesday 20th February, 5-6pm. Rainy Hall, Free.

[Further information and booking via New College website](#)

### Trinity College

#### *Leading in Church Change (A Masters' Level Course)*

This course is offered as professional development for recognised church leaders/clergy. Thursdays, 10am-12noon/1pm, online, 18th April - 13th June, led by the Rev Dr Mark Johnston and Mr Andy Brookes, cost £499.

[Further information and booking via Trinity College website](#)

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### Godly Play (Scotland)

#### *Godly Play Storyteller and Door Person Accredited Training*

Four Saturdays from 9:30am to 4:30pm: 9th March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June.  
At Cramond Kirk Halls, Edinburgh, EH4 6NS (GP Room on first floor with no lift).  
£315 (early booking discounts available).

[Further information and booking via Godly Play Scotland.](#)

### Interfaith Scotland

#### *Interfaith Retreat on Holy Isle*

Friday 24th (after supper) to Monday 27th (before lunch) May 2024.

£100 retreat fee to Interfaith Scotland.

£111 / 198 / 294 full board and lodging paid to Holy Isle.

[Further information on Holy Isle website.](#)

### BRF Ministries

#### *Certificate in Parenting for Faith (with Cliff College)*

Two options: ongoing or starting January 2024, online, £150/175, [register](#).

#### *Messy Masterclass - Starting Your Messy Church*

Wednesday 28th February, 7:30-9pm, online, free/donation, [book a place](#).

Thursday 21st March, 1-2:30pm, online, free/donation, [book a place](#).

#### *Messtival 2024*

Saturday 2nd March, 10am-1pm, online, £10-50, [book a place](#).

#### *Messy Masterclass - Communion in Messy Church*

Thursday 7th March, 1-2:30pm, online, free/donation, [book a place](#).

#### *Parenting Teens for a Life of Faith*

# Questions for you

- What courses, events or activities have inspired & shaped your journey of discipleship?
- What courses, events or activities might enable your continued growth in faith & abundant life?
- How best can we communicate opportunities to all members of the congregation?



## Edinburgh Diocesan Synod: DMMC Discussion Feedback

<p>Inspiring and thought-provoking courses or events that have shaped discipleship journey.</p>	<p>Events or activities that would enable continued growth in faith</p>
<p>Ways to disseminate the information most widely across all members of our congregations.</p>	<p>Tangential thoughts, comments and discussions...</p>

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# Thanks ...

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- Fee, Joanna and Phoebe
- The DMMC – Bishop, Dean, Diocesan Secretary, David Paton-Williams, Philip Blackledge, Liz O’Ryan, Nicki McNelly, Anne Martin, Rachel Penman



— Diocese of —  
**EDINBURGH**

# THE BIG DAY

*Let Us Pray!*

**SATURDAY  
11 MAY  
10:30-3:30**



Worship and Song



Prayer Workshops



Individual Prayer Stations



[edinburgh.anglican.org](http://edinburgh.anglican.org)



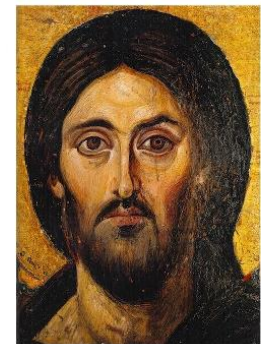
St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh



- Saturday 11 May
- 10.30-3.30
- All the Diocese
- In the Cathedral



Diocese of Edinburgh  
Lent Course 2024



The Emotions of Jesus