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St Columba's Church, Bathgate (Photo by Jim Adamson)



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News and Notices



Provincial Green Grants

As you know, the current position is: *"It is currently anticipated that new grant application forms and process will be introduced in April. There will be two new forms – one specifically for work to rectories, the other for work to all other church buildings. We are hoping to hold a Zoom meeting in the second half of April to provide an opportunity for dioceses to learn more about the new funds, forms and process"*. A meeting took place on the Grants yesterday (15th), so we hope to be letting you know full details very soon. Thanks for your patience.



Contacting us

We are working on updates to our website to help you find resources/answers but, before contacting Simon as a 'default' we would be immensely grateful if you would either check any information already sent out for contact points or look at the [Staff page on the website](#).

It explains the areas that all the staff are responsible for and it will help you get a quicker and more-informed reply. Also, you could use the

Online Support Forum.

- Register [here](#) or login [here](#)

John Stuart to be made Lay

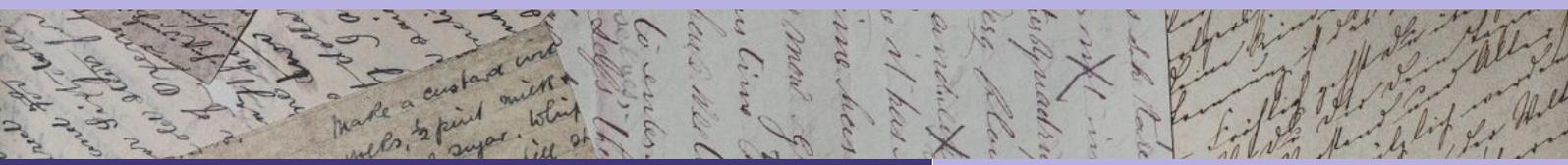
Canon on GSO retirement

John Stuart, who will step down after 28 years as Secretary General of the SEC's General Synod in July, will be made a Lay Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, next month. All are welcome to attend his installation at Evensong on Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm. Bishop John paid tribute to John at Diocesan Synod in February; his remarks featured in the SEC's [social media release](#). Instead of receiving a personal gift, Mr Stuart has said that anyone who would like to mark his tenure is welcome to make a donation to the Scottish Episcopal Institute Training Fund - donations can be made via the link on [this page](#). Thank you, John!

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Signposts



Did you know we have a **resources page** for clergy & vestries on our website? This contains answers to many frequently asked questions.



There are now 99 users signed up to our **Online Support Forum**, where you can ask your colleagues from across the diocese for help and advice.

Recent posts include:

- Counting footfall
- Health & Safety
- CAF Bank changes
- Energy Savings Advice
- Contactless donations



The areas covered by the forum for each role are:

- Buildings Convenors
- PVG Coordinators
- Vestry Secretaries
- Church Administrators
- Treasurers



Let's get chatting!

Thank-you letter from Bishop's Lent Appeal recipient

Readers may be interested to hear that the Diocesan Office received a thank-you note from the Trustees of the Bishop Kivengere Girls' School Muyebe (Uganda) UK Fund, on the 50th anniversary of the School's founding. The School was the recipient of the Bishop's Lent Appeal a number of years ago, and it also received a grant from the SECMA (Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association). The note, which is from Liz Truill, one of the Trustees, recognises the "tremendous support ... given by churches and individuals in the Diocese." A prayer is enclosed: "Almighty and most merciful Father, grant unto the staff and pupils of Bishop Kivengere Girls' School, past and present, Your love and grace that all may grow in the likeness of Christ our Lord and Saviour. Through your Holy and Life-giving Spirit may the School follow Your Way, know your Truth and live Your life in all its fullness. Into Your hands, protection and ever-growing care we commend our future - in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen."



Events



Add to our online Events Calendar

Don't forget you can now submit your own events on our website! Please find details of upcoming events and how to submit your own [here](#). It's easy to do!

Events Highlights

Monday 20 May: [Faith is a Verb: Pentecost Course](#) (online, pre-booking details via link), Diocese of Edinburgh

Wednesday 22 May: [Place for Hope: On-line Non-Violence: Jesus' Radical Invitation](#) (online)

Saturday 25 May: [Ring Out for Climate Justice](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 30 May: [CMD: Working Collaboratively](#), St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh

Thursday 30 May: [Is this the right time for you and your church to explore Anna Chaplaincy?](#), FIOF (online)

Saturday 1 June: [Summer Fair & BBQ](#), St Leonard's (Lasswade) and St Mary's (Dalkeith), in Dalkeith

Wednesday 5 June: [Place for Hope: Responding to Challenging Behaviour](#) (online)

Saturday 8 June: [Finding Petunia LittleTree](#) (physical theatre/dance re climate change), St Columba's by the Castle, Edinburgh

Tuesday 18 June: [Place for Hope: Leading Through Change Transition](#) (online)

Saturday 29 June: [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 3: Moss and Lichen](#), St Mary's Cathedral



The Diocesan Office is now advertising for a new:

- **PA to the Bishop and Dean** (30hrs). The deadline for applications is Sunday 19th May and full details are on our website - [click here](#).

St Mark's Church, Portobello, is also looking for:

- **Pastoral Worker** (part-time). The deadline for applications is Monday 20th May at 9am and full details are on the church's website - [click here](#).

Mission and Ministry

Pentecost Course

Faith is a Verb

Mondays on Zoom: 6:30-8pm

6 weeks from 20th May

Register: freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org



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Faith is a Verb: Zoom Course for Pentecost

The Diocesan Advisor for Christian Life, Fee Reynolds, will be offering the 2023 Lent Course as a 'Pentecost Course', for anyone across the Diocese. It will take place on Zoom on Monday evenings, starting at 6:30pm and finishing at 8pm. The first evening will be Monday 20th May and the final session on Monday 24th June. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Fee: 0131 346 9089 or freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

Youth Event: 1st June

Diocesan teenagers are invited to gather on Saturday 1st June at 4:30pm. We will meet at St Michael & All Saints, on the corner of Brougham Street and Panmure Place. We'll then head to The Meadows, order some food, and spend some time together. Pick-up, where required, will be back at St Michael and All Saints at 8pm. Further information from Fee Reynolds.



YOUTH

End of Exams Picnic Saturday 1st June @ The Meadows

For all those 12-18,
whether or not you actually sat any exams!



REMINDER

Clergy and **Lay Readers** are reminded that the date of our forthcoming CMD day is now **Tuesday 18th June**. Venue to be confirmed shortly.

Diary



Sunday 19th May Bishop preaching at St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 23rd May Diocesan Standing Committee

Sunday 26th May Bishop presiding at St Vincent's, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Monday 27th May Eucharist and Lunch for Retired Clergy, Partners and Widows

Sunday 2nd June Bishop presiding at St Ninian's, Comely Bank

Monday 3rd June Diocesan Buildings Committee

Sunday 9th June Installation of John Stuart, Honorary Lay Canon, St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th June General Synod

Thursday 24th October Diocesan Autumn Synod

Note that the Diocese Office is closed for the Public Holiday on 20th May.

Appointments

- Revd Canon Oliver Brewer-Lennon - Rector, St Michael & All Saints, Edinburgh
- Revd Andy Croft - Associate Rector, St Paul's & St George's, Edinburgh



Have you got news or stories from your church you'd like to share? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please drop us a line at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

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