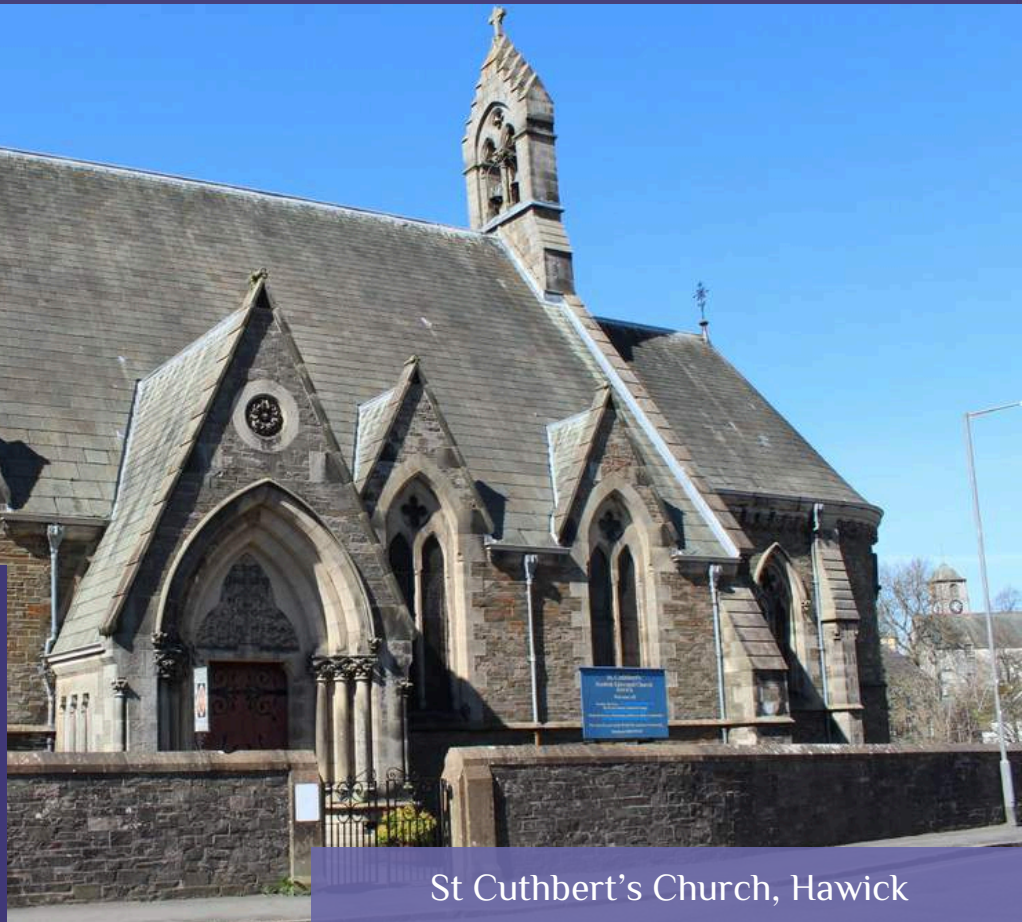




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News and Notices



Provincial Green Grants

Over the last month the Diocesan Buildings Committee has received a number of applications for Provincial Buildings Grants which include work to improve energy efficiency etc. Several were prefaced that the basis for the application was due to having heard that “grants were available for Carbon Zero projects”. We know that they will be available soon, but any applications at this point are premature. All we know at present from the Province 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”

Until we have attended that meeting, we will not know anything about the process or what the financial commitment of the diocese might be. We will let you know (here) as soon as we know ourselves.

Contacting us

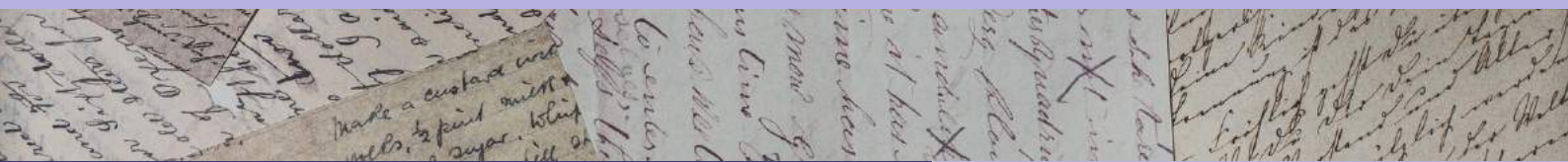
As we search for a new Diocesan Secretary, Simon has experienced an increase in contact, including queries about several areas which are not any part of his work (Prayer Cycle, Rector Installation arrangements, Vestry Training Days and much more). Before contacting Simon as a ‘default’ we would be immensely 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](#)

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News and Notices



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!

Staffing



BISHOP'S PA - FAREWELL

We are sorry to announce that Sam Campbell, Bishop John's PA will be leaving us in July. There will be more detail about recruitment etc. soon but Sam says:

"I have been +John's PA for over 10 years now however I have decided to take a break from work and go to college to complete an HNC in Beauty Care. I have so enjoyed my time at Grosvenor Crescent, welcoming you to the office and having a wee chat before you go in to see the bishop or catching up with you at Synod with a cup of tea. Then there's the masses and events 'with catering' and looking forward to seeing my retired clergy, spouses and widows. The longer than should've been phone calls, clergy stopping by my office and taking a seat in the 'swear chair' and blatantly offering me bribes of chocolate to earn priority. It has all made me smile and I have genuinely enjoyed every minute of working for the diocese and with everyone at the office over the years. I will miss you all so thank you."

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](#).

Events Highlights

Saturday 4 May: [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 2: Dynamic Plant Drawing](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 6 May to Thursday 16 May: [University of Edinburgh: The Gifford Lectures May 2024](#)

Thursday 9 May: [Death Café](#) (a safe space to talk), Gyle Shopping Centre (next to Chopstix)

Saturday 11 May: [The Big Day 2024: Let us Pray!](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday 15 May: [The difference between intergenerational and multigenerational work](#) (online)

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

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

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

Tuesday 18 June: [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](#).
- **Communications Officer** (part-time). The deadline for applications is Monday 6th 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

THE BIG DAY

Let Us Pray!

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

FINAL CALL for people to sign up for the BIG Day! Please get final numbers to us **by 10am on Monday 6th May** so we can confirm catering. If someone wants to join us but has not registered, they are very welcome and we ask that they bring their own lunch.

- 1015 Refreshments available
- 1045 Welcome, Introduction, Worship
- 1130 Workshop Slot One
- 1215 Lunch
- 1310 Taize
- 1350 Workshop Slot Two
- 1440 Intercession Tree
- 1500 Special Guests
- 1510 Compline

[More information](#)



We have a veritable feast of prayer-based workshops lined up, including Jesus Prayer, Lectio Divina, prayer and movement, new monasticism, Imaginative Prayer, creative bible journalling, and much more. There is also all-in worship, Taize, and sung compline. Just as importantly, it is a time to get together as a Diocese, meet old friends, and make new ones.

A poster with QR code is at the end of the magazine: please share far and wide.

Gifford Lectures 2024

This year's Gifford Lectures are being delivered by Professor Cornel West, and the series is entitled "A Jazz-soaked Philosophy for our Catastrophic Times". In-person tickets for all 6 lectures between 6th and 16th May have sold-out, but you can [register for access to the live-stream via the University of Edinburgh's Eventbrite page](#). There is also a one-off lecture, on 15th May, with the Royal Society of Edinburgh, which again has sold-out in person but [tickets for the live-stream](#) are via the [RSE Eventbrite page](#).

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. P.5

Diary



Sunday 5th May Bishop Presiding at St James the Less, Penicuik

Thursday 9th May Finance & Management Committee

Saturday 11th May The BIG Day, St Mary's Cathedral

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

Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th June General Synod

Thursday 24th October Diocesan Autumn Synod

Note that the Diocese Office is closed for
Public Holidays on 6th and 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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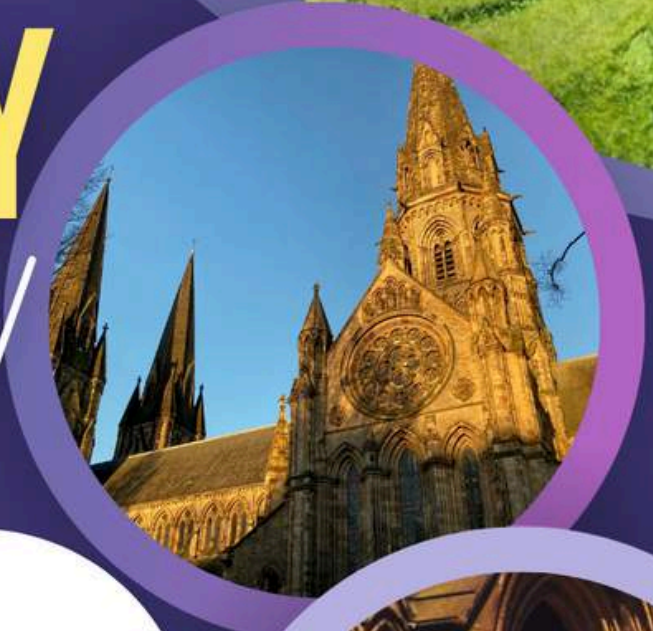
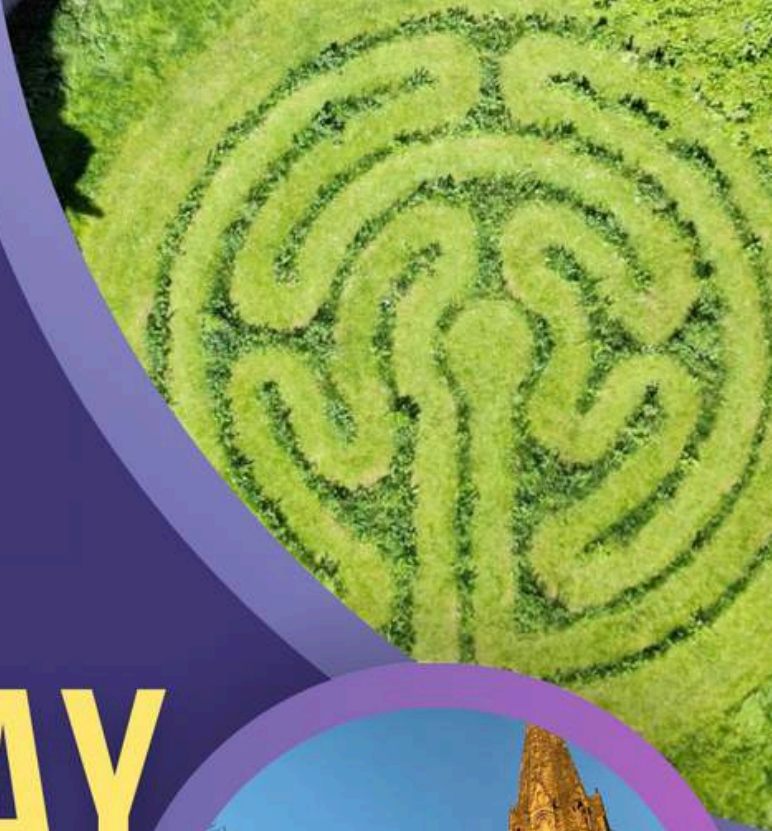
Worship and Song



Prayer Workshops



Individual Prayer Stations



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St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh