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St Andrew's Church, Innerleithen
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News and Notices

John Stuart made Lay Canon at St Mary's Cathedral



John Stuart, who will step down as Secretary General of the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church at the end of July following 28 years of service, was installed by The Bishop of Edinburgh, The Rt Revd Dr John Armes, as an Honorary Lay Canon at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh on Sunday afternoon.

+John paid warm tribute to John during Evensong, presenting him with a badge worn by Canons in the Edinburgh Diocese and a deed of installation.

A short reception in the Cathedral's Resurrection Chapel was attended by family, friends and colleagues from around the Province after the service of celebration, which took place during Choral Evensong.

John was installed as a Lay Canon after our Diocesan Synod agreed in February to honour him in this way.

Bishop John said: "John has never sought the limelight. He seems to understand innately Jesus' teaching that greatness comes through service.

"But now, as he prepares to step back from his long and faithful service to the church, we wanted, in our small way, to recognise and to applaud all that he has given the Scottish Episcopal Church by installing him as an Honorary Lay Canon of St Mary's Cathedral."

Instead of receiving a personal gift, John 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](#) for a short while longer, but those wishing to donate are encouraged to do so soon. (Photo: SEC)

New Communications Officer appointed

We are pleased to announce that Mollie Nijam will be the Diocese of Edinburgh's new Communications Officer.

Mollie will join the Diocesan Office team from Wednesday 20 June, alongside her other extensive charity work. Mollie is Communication & Information Officer at the children and young people's charity Play Scotland, and is also Community Manager at Granton Garden Bakery.

Please join us in welcoming Mollie to the team!



Contacting us

We are working on updates to our website to help you find resources/answers but, before contacting Simon as a 'default' do 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. Also, you could use the Online Support Forum.

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

Survey on Museums & Faith

Would you be interested in completing a survey about the role of museums in telling the stories of people of faith?

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Museums and Galleries Edinburgh are conducting a survey to aid them in enhancing their faith collections and would love to hear from you. Please [click here for the survey](#).

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Diocesan Online Support Forum

BUILDINGS CONVENORS PVG COORDINATORS VESTRY SECRETARIES VESTRY TREASURERS CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS/MANAGERS

SEARCH ALL TOPICS FORUM HELP SHEET

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 include

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



Vacancies in the Diocese

The Diocesan Office is now advertising for a new:

- [PA to the Bishop and Dean \(30hrs\)](#). The deadline is Sunday 23rd June and full details are on our website - [click here](#).

St Peter's Church, Musselburgh, is looking for:

- [Full-time Priest-in-Charge](#). The deadline is 15th July and full details are on the church's website - [click here](#).

Christ Church Morningside, Edinburgh, is looking for a new:

- [Children and Young Church Co-ordinator](#). The deadline is 9am Wednesday 19th June and full details are on the church's website - [click here](#)

Old Saint Paul's, Edinburgh, is looking for a new:

- [Part-Time Children's & Young Persons' Worker](#). Please apply as soon as possible as there is no specific deadline. For full details on how to apply, [click here](#).

Bishop's Lent Appeal

A last call for donations to the Appeal. We have already received c.£8,000 from congregations, which is a wonderful sum to be able to send. You will be fully aware that the conflict goes on, and the work of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, for disabled children and their families from the West Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem, continues within such a challenging time. You can still donate via this link:

www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/JPBC.

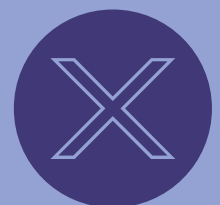
Alternatively, you can send payments to our bank account, marked 'BLA24': Edinburgh Diocesan Synod; Sort Code: 60-01-73; Account No: 00215170.



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

Follow us on social media (click for the links)



Mission and Ministry



Best Wishes to Phoebe!

Since autumn last year, Phoebe Pryce has been working in the Diocesan Office two days a week. She has supported a range of regular tasks, particularly for Dean Frances and DMMC, as well as undertaking some longer-term projects. This has been in addition to her representing the Diocese on the Provincial Youth Committee and then stepping up to be Chair. Phoebe heads to Cambridge University in October and is taking a well-earned break before that, finishing with us on the 25th June. We all thank her for her hard work and good humour, and wish her all the very best for her future studies.

12-18yr olds

Note that the deadline for signing up for **YEEK** is 1st July; please encourage your teenagers to take a look!

The next sleepover is on 22nd-23rd June, with the deadline for registering being Monday 17th June. Further details and a link for registering can be [found here](#).



18-25yr olds

A weekend retreat / pilgrimage has been planned for young adults in Angus over the weekend of 16th-18th August. This will be an 'off-grid' experience due to the location. The deadline for registering is 23rd June. Further details and a link for registering can be [found here](#).



REMINDER

Clergy and **Lay Readers** are reminded that the date of our forthcoming CMD day is now

Tuesday 18th June.

Venue: Old St Pauls, Edinburgh.

Diary

13th - 15th June General Synod

19th - 20th June College of Bishops Meetings

22nd June Service of celebration and remembrance of Eric Liddell,
St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh

27th June - 3rd July Bishop attending The Methodist Conference, Leeds

8th July Diocesan Buildings Committee

14th July Licensing of Revd Andy Croft as Associate Rector, Ps & Gs, Edinburgh

24th October Diocesan Autumn Synod

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

Tuesday 18 June: [CMD: Working Collaboratively](#) (Old Saint Paul's Church Hall, Diocesan M&M event)

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

Friday 21 June: [Edinburgh Springboard 2.0: Bridging the Gaps between Arts and Climate](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 27 June: [Death Cafe](#) (Space to Be, Gyle Shopping Centre)

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

Monday 1 - Tuesday 2 July: [Don Cupitt & The Sea of Faith 40th Anniversary Conference](#) (Emmanuel College, Cambridge)

Saturday 6 July: [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 4: A Forest in and Inch of Moss](#) (St Mary's Cathedral)

Saturday 7 September: [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 5: A Book of Bramble and Blaeberry](#) (St Mary's Cathedral)

Saturday 21 September: [Created for Community: A Christian Befriending Conference in Edinburgh Come and be inspired!](#) (Craiglockhart Church)

Tuesday 24 September: [Place for Hope Training: Faith in Change and Conflict](#) (St Mary's Monastery, Perth)
Starts Thursday 31 October: [Course: Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living](#) (Christ Church Morningside, Edinburgh)

Saturday 2 November: [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 6: Carrying a Kernel of Hope into the Winter](#) (St Mary's Cathedral)