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News and Notices



A Thank You

A message from our former Diocesan Secretary, Godfrey Robson:

“I was told a while ago - to my great pleasure but also embarrassment - that colleagues and friends in the Diocese had clubbed together to provide me with a going away present, and I have just seen a most generous payment into my account.

I don't yet know what I will do with the money but it will be spent in some worthwhile way that will provide a regular reminder of my time as Diocesan Secretary.

But I would also like to say again, as I tried to at the February Synod, how much I appreciated having the opportunity to serve as Diocesan Secretary, and how much I feel I personally gained from the experience - just the opportunity to serve in some practical way, the friendships formed, the respect I developed for so many unsung people labouring away for the Church and for their congregations and a significant development of my own religious outlook (although I would like to insist not as regards modern liturgical innovation).

And I'm not dead yet. I'm enjoying a rather more relaxed regime and spending more time in France. But I'm still on hand to help if ever needed.

With all best wishes
Godfrey

Farewell to Sam Campbell

We said goodbye today to Sam Campbell, who has been the Bishop's PA for the last 11 years. Whilst the gathering at the Diocesan Office was a small one, office colleagues and clergy presented her with cards and gifts representing people all across the diocese. Cheque and cash gifts were given by office colleagues, but many diocesan clergy contributed to the purchase of a high-quality laptop for her to use as she starts her college course and some local admin work. The Revd Canon Bob King presented the laptop and Simon Filsell presented the chocolate medal..!



Investing in Places & Spaces Grant



The Asda Foundation has opened their Investing in Spaces and Places grant to applications.

The grant will fund up to £25,000 towards communities across the UK to ensure safe spaces exist for people to be together. This is the Asda Foundations higher value grant, and this year there will be over £1 million in funding available.

The grant was launched in 2022 and has since supported 90 eligible communities across the UK. The closing date is Sunday 28th July. For further information head to <https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/investing-in-spaces-and-places-grant/>

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Bishop John at the Methodist Conference, Leeds.



Bishop John represented the Scottish Episcopal Church at the Methodist Conference last week, held in Leeds.

Bishop John was present for the installation of The Revd Helen Cameron as President and Mrs Caroline Godfrey as Vice-President (pictured). There were numerous reports, including the God for All evangelism and growth initiative and 3Generate, the Methodist Connexion's work alongside children and young people. There was a fascinating discussion of 'singleness' and the way in which marriage is assumed to be normative – and a particular expression of marriage at that – and yet many people, including many church members, live a single life.

The Conference took place in Election Week, and attendees were reminded by the President to learn to do right, to seek justice, and to defend the oppressed.

Further reading & information via [Bishop John's Facebook page](#)

Bishop's Lent Appeal

We are delighted to announce that we have remitted the sum of

£12,800

to the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for disabled children. Dean Frances is writing to them to let them know that this donation is in transit, and Bishop John has said:

"I would like to add my own personal thanks to all those in our congregations who have responded to this appeal. Not only does this sum of money enable the immensely dedicated team of staff to continue their vital medical and rehabilitation work, but it sends a message to them that they are loved and supported by us. Thank you to every member of our congregations who has enabled this gesture"



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.

The areas covered by the forum for each role include

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

Vacancies in the Diocese



St Mary's Church, Dalmahoy, is looking for:

- [Part-time Administrator](#). Full details can be found by contacting admin@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk

St John's, Princes St is looking for:

- [Organist and Director of Music](#). The deadline is 24th August. Please find further details [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](#).

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](#).

Have you got news or stories from your church you'd like to share?



If so, we'd love to hear from you! Drop us a line at:

communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Follow us on social media ([click the icons!](#))





REMINDER

Just a reminder to please notify the Diocesan Office of any new members of your Vestry.

This can be done at any time of year – no need to wait until your AGM!

You can update your details [here](#)

TRUSTEE Training

All members of Vestry, including Rectors & Priests-in-Charge, are invited to the next Trustee Training event.

When: **Saturday 21st September**
Where: **Livingston United Church.**
Start: **9am**, with breakfast
Finish: by **1pm**.

Anyone who has yet to attend a training session to learn about their roles and responsibilities as charity trustees, set within the unique framework of the SEC, is strongly encouraged to join us.

Some feedback from recent sessions:

“An excellent and worthwhile event”

“An excellent morning all round”

“A thoroughly worthwhile and interesting event”

“Pitched at just about the correct level for both novices and more experienced vestry members”

“Lots of takeaways”

“I firmly believe everyone serving on vestry should be asked to attend”

[Click here to register](#)

Diocesan Grants

The Diocesan Grants Committee will next meet during the first week of September. If you or the Vestry wish to apply for grant funding, please submit an application by **Monday 24th August**.

Available grants:

- Continuing Ministerial Development
- Youth and Children's
- St Hilda's

Application forms and guidance can be requested from [Joanna Appleby](#).



Pantonian Lecture

On St Ternan's Day, Wednesday 12 June, at St Vincent's Chapel in Edinburgh, the Rev Canon Prof Michael Hull delivered the 2024 Pantonian Professor of Divinity Lecture:

***“Lead us not into temptation”:
On translating the Lord's Prayer***

The Lecture is available [here](#) with resources [here](#).

Diary

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

15th July Diocesan Buildings Committee

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

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)

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)

Wednesday 13 November: [Place for Hope Training: Spirituality, Scripture & Conflict \(ONLINE\)](#)



Contacting us

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