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News and Notices

Ann Tidy Memorial Service

There will be a memorial evensong for Ann Tidy, who was known to several congregations within the Diocese, on 10th October at 5.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Immediately following evensong, Ann's ashes will be interred in the memorial garden



People Know How & BT: Raising awareness of the switch to digital landlines

People Know How will facilitate 50 events in rural communities across Scotland to provide people with the information they need to prepare for the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) switch-over.

Their Digital Support Helpline has also expanded its offerings to include free support and advice with the switch-over.

People Know How is currently open to expressions of interest from community organisations interested in delivering one of these events in local authorities outside of major cities.

Useful info 📌

What's changing?
People Know How
Free Digital Support Helpline

Institution at St Michael & All Saints Edinburgh

Fr Oliver Brewer-Lennon was Instituted as Rector of St Michael & All Saints on 4th September. A full congregation including many clergy and Lay Readers attended to support him in his new ministry. We wish him every blessing.



Safe Places National Network: Keep Safe



Keep Safe is a multi-award-winning initiative that brings a network of businesses and community organisations together to help create safer communities across Scotland.

Keep Safe places are places you can go if you feel lost scared or need help when out in the community. There are around a thousand Keep Safe places across Scotland, and these have been checked and approved by Police Scotland.

You can find them on the free Keep Safe Scotland phone app or just look out for the window sticker which will be on display in all keep safe places.

Churches are by nature, a safe place for all, however it does not hurt to remind and welcome in passers-by in a time of need. If you think this could work for your church, you can find more information about signing up below:

Safe Places National Network
Become a Safe Place

News and Notices



Thank you Ghazal!

Whilst we worked through the period of vacancy in the role of Bishop's & Dean's PA, we were fortunate to have the services of a 'Temp' - Ghazal Anisi. She was (is!) an experienced PA and very quickly and confidently took on the work. More than that, she immediately fitted in with our small team in the office here and she felt like a permanent fixture despite her 6-week time with us. Thank you, Ghazal, not only for the work you did, but for the way you did it. We're already missing you!

Contacting us



When looking for resources/answers, please check information sent out for contact points or look at the [Staff page on the website](#). Contrary to public opinion, the Diocesan Administrator does not know everything!

The Online Support Forum is also available:

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



Don't forget to email us if you have upcoming job vacancies so we can promote them for you!

Vacancies in the Diocese

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](#).
- Mission to Seafarers Scotland are looking for a volunteer **Treasurer** - home based. [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 👈

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



Mission & Ministry

TRUSTEE Training

Venue
Change

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

When: **Saturday 21st September**

Where: **St Columba's, Bathgate.**

Start: **9am**, with breakfast

Finish: by **1pm**.

Anyone who has yet to attend a training session on the roles and responsibilities of charity trustees in the SEC, is **strongly encouraged** to join us.

[Click here to register](#)

Youth & Children

PROVINCIAL YOUTH SLEEPOVER EVENT

Weekend of **26-27th October**
St Columba's by the Castle

[Click here to Register](#)

Resources



For those who work with children Sunday by Sunday, finding appropriate materials can be time-consuming. We are building a set of week-by-week resources, according to the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). If you would like to have access to this Google Drive folder, [please email Fee](#) with name(s), email(s) and congregation. You will also have the opportunity to share with others any of the resources you have found helpful.



CMD Day.

Clergy and Lay Readers are invited to our next CMD Day on **Tuesday 1st October** at St David's, Pilton.

The theme for the day is "Retelling the Hebrew Scriptures" and you can [register at this link](#). (Knowledge of Hebrew language not required!).



Adventures in Faith

We have a new landing page on the website for **Adventures in Faith!** From here, you can explore all the relevant information on our website as well as read and sign-up to the newsletter. Please share this link with friends and neighbours across your congregation!

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/mission-and-ministry/adventures-in-faith/>



Calling all Lay Reps & Alts!

Please be sure to sign up for your Afternoon Tea **asap**, where you will get a chance to network with other Reps, ask questions of the Dean and ACL, and pray together.

When: **Sunday 22nd September**

Where: **St Ninian's, Comely Bank**

Start: **3:30pm**

Finish: **5pm.**



[Click here to register](#)

10th September Finance & Management Cttee

17th September Mission & Ministry Committee

21st September Trustee Training

26th September Standing Committee

7th October Buildings Committee

24th October Diocesan Autumn Synod (evening)

8th September 10:30am: Preaching at Christ Church Morningside

15th September 3:30pm: Installation of Godfrey Robson as Lay Canon: St Mary's Cathedral

29th September 160th Anniversary Christ Church Falkirk

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, Edinburgh)
- **Wednesday 11 September:** [A PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE: Nietzsche, Lou Salomé and William James](#) (Assembly Hall New College, Mound Place)
- **Thursday 19 September:** [Webinar: Historic Environment Scotland's Grant Programme](#) (Online)
- **Thursday 19 September:** [Breaking Bread Workshop in Edinburgh: Meet Your New MP!](#)
- **Saturday 21 September:** [Trustee Training](#) (St Columba's, Glasgow Rd, Bathgate)
- **Saturday 21 September:** [Created for Community: A Christian Befriending Conference in Edinburgh](#) [Come and be inspired!](#) (Craiglockhart Church, Edinburgh)
- **Monday 23 September:** [Exploring Faith Matters \(EFM\)](#). (St John's, Princes St)
- **Tuesday 24 September:** [Place for Hope Training: Faith in Change and Conflict](#) (St Mary's Monastery, Perth)
- **Wednesday 25 September:** [Workshop Event – "How to Care for Your Church"](#) (St Mary's RC Church, Dundee)
- **Thursday 26 September:** [Maintaining Scottish Churches](#) (St Matthews, Perth)