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St Cuthberts, Colinton
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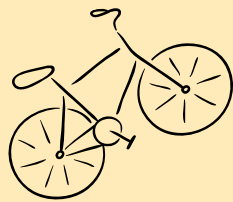
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News and Notices

St Fillan's Bike rack

On 3rd October, the Diocese of Edinburgh celebrated a unique event with the blessing of a bike rack at St Fillan's, Buckstone. Bishop John led the blessing, while Ian Murray MP, Edinburgh South's representative and Secretary of State for Scotland, officially opened the rack. This project, supported by a National Lottery Community Fund grant, was brought to life through over 100 volunteer hours, reflecting the church's dedication to sustainability and community involvement. Bishop John said "a valuable contribution to sustainable transport, the bike rack is symbolic of St Fillan's welcome to the wider community and its care for creation."



St Matthews Labyrinth

St Matthew's Episcopal Church - Rosslyn Chapel has recently built a "Labyrinth of Giving" using over 400 tin cans donated by the local community. Parishioners, Roslin Primary School students, and villagers worked together to create the labyrinth as part of their Harvest Festival celebrations. Visitors from as far as Germany and Arizona also enjoyed walking the unique pathway.

After the event, all the tins were donated to Penicuik churches Food Store to support those in need. St Matthew's extends a huge thank you to everyone who contributed!

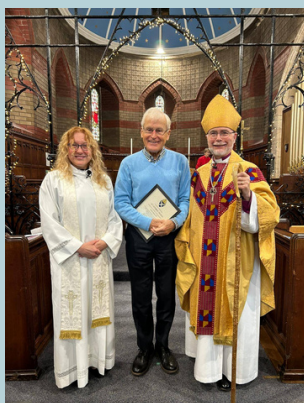


St Cuthberts award

On Sunday, 30th September, Bishop John Armes presented Tom Ogilvie with the St Cuthbert Award at Christ Church, Falkirk.

The event was a joyful celebration, recognising Tom's dedicated service to both the church and the wider community.

Gratitude was expressed for the many contributions Tom has made over the years, and the award served as a fitting tribute to his faithful work. Prayers continue for Tom as he embarks on the next chapter of his ministry and service.



New College Festival

Books & Belief

7th - 9th Nov

The fourth New College Festival of Books and Belief will be held on 7-9 November 2024. The programme is bursting with many exciting topics and speakers, including David Clark Maxwell's biographer and a discussion on Scottish religious poetry. Please find information about the speakers and links to book on the website below.

Information and booking [here!](#)

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Lesley Penny

On Tuesday 8th October, Lesley Penny was instituted as the Priest in Charge of St John's Selkirk and Saint Peter's Church, Galashiels by Bishop John. Lesley spent the last year of her curacy at these charges, and the ceremony marked the transition between curacy and incumbency. Members of both congregations joined the ceremony, as well as clergy and ministers from the SEC and other denominations.

Bishop John said "Lesley clearly was delighted to be there, and the congregations are equally delighted to have her."

Congratulations Lesley!

Faith in Older People: Items going

Are you interested in any or all of the listed items?

- 8 x wooden, floor standing, picture easels
- 15 x black box files
- Computer and monitor; computer is approximately 5 years old.

Please contact Faith in Older People at info@fiop.org.uk

A small donation, if possible, would be greatly appreciated.

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](#)

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



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

Vacancies in the Diocese

- **Part-Time Children's & Young Persons' Worker**, Old Saint Pauls. Please apply as soon as possible as there is no specific deadline. For full details on how to apply, [click here](#).
- **Volunteer Treasurer**: Mission to Seafarers Scotland - home based. [Click here](#)
- **Music Director Required**: St Mary's, Dalmahoy. Email admin@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk for further info and application

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

Church Wardens!

When: **Sunday 20th October**
Where: **St Ninian's, Comely Bank**
Start: **3:30pm**
Finish: **5pm.**



Change of venue!

October Newsletter



October's Adventures in Faith newsletter is now out. Click the image to read and sign up to the emails via link below.

tinyurl.com/EdinAiF

Adventures in Faith Poster

We encourage all congregations to advertise **Adventures in Faith** to all members. To assist, we have created a poster for you to use. Please click on the image below to access a PDF version of this poster. If you require it in a different format, please contact Revd Fee Reynolds. Some hard copies will be available at Diocesan Synod.

The poster features the Diocese of Edinburgh logo on the left and right, and the Adventures in Faith logo in the center. The text reads: "Adventures in Faith! Join in the adventure with us, to explore, learn, and grow in faith". Below this are three QR codes with corresponding text: "Read latest newsletter tinyurl.com/AiFOct24", "Sign-up for newsletter tinyurl.com/EdinAiF", and "Explore webpages tinyurl.com/FaithAdv". At the bottom, it states: "The Diocese of Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church) is a Registered Charity SC001214".

24th October: Diocesan Autumn Synod (evening)

12th November: Finance & Management Committee

12th November: Mission & Ministry Committee

20th October: Confirmation Service at St Matthew's Rosslyn Chapel

22nd October: Tim Hatton's Licensing at the Teviotdale Harriers Clubrooms, Hawick

27th October: Preaching at the University of St Andrew's

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

- **Friday 18 October:** [Scottish International Storytelling Festival](#)
- **Friday 18 October:** [Mending Nets: Storytelling](#)
- **Saturday 19 October:** [Climate Cafe](#)
- **Saturday 19 October:** [Christian Aid Book Sale \(New Town Church\)](#)
- **Saturday 19 October:** [The Dream of Al-Andalus: Music & Storytelling](#)
- **Sunday 20 October:** [The Nicene Creed: Then and Now](#)
- **Monday 21 October:** [Scotland, Slaver Nation: Webinar](#)
- **Thursday 24 October:** [Early Edinburgh Churches](#)
- **Thursday 24 October:** [SEI Annual Lecture](#)
- **Thursday 24 October:** [Diocesan Synod – Autumn '24](#)
- **Thursday 24 October:** [Receiving Christ in Holy Meals](#)
- **Friday 25 October:** [Going to the Well: Storytelling & Walking Tour](#)
- **Friday 25 October:** [Jack and Beggar's Island: Music & Storytelling](#)
- **Saturday 26 October:** [Autism and the Church Conference](#)
- **Saturday 26 October:** [Slaver Nation: Incredible but True](#)
- **Monday 28 October:** [Tell a Child In Gaza's Tale: Online Storytelling](#)
- **Monday 28 October:** [Seeds of Hope: Music & Storytelling](#)
- **Tuesday 29 October:** [Alan Bruford Lecture: Oral Narrative and Propaganda](#)
- **Thursday 31 October:** [Course: Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living](#)