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# News and Notices

## Communications

Mollie Nijam is now on Maternity Leave and the Personnel Committee is working on arrangements for covering her work. For the time being, other staff in the office will do what they can to maintain the basic areas – including The Communicant! We are very grateful to Cathy Tingle (who some of you saw at Synod last week) for her help in getting this edition out. More news very soon.....



## Synod Presentations

The presentations on finance, Net Zero and the St Hilda's Fund etc. are now all on the Synod webpage: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-october-2024/>



## Office Staff Day

On the second day of the Clergy Conference (Tue 5 November) the lay staff will be **out of the office** on a training day. We will aim to deal with any emergencies by checking in a few times during the day, though.

## Confirmations at Rosslyn Chapel

Congratulations to Mark Burdess, Anna Rowlands and John Brierly, each of whom were confirmed by Bishop John at Rosslyn Chapel on Sunday 20 October. We wish you the best as you continue on your Christian journey!



## St Matthew's Labyrinth

St Matthew's Episcopal Church – Rosslyn Chapel 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!



## 7–9 November

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!](#)

# News and Notices



## Lesley Penny

On Tuesday 8 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Paul's. 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 [rector@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk](mailto:rector@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

## Minister to children or young people?

### Join us for afternoon tea!

You are cordially invited to join with us for afternoon tea, to meet with others, and share thoughts, ideas and needs. Please sign up by **Monday 11 November**, to be sure of a scone and jam!



When: **Sunday 17 November**  
Where: **St Ninian's, Comely Bank**  
Start: **3:30pm**  
Finish: **5pm**

[Click here to register](#)

## 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 Clergy Conference.



## Adventures in Faith!

Join in the adventure with us,  
to explore, learn, and grow in faith

**Read latest newsletter**  
[tinyurl.com/AiFOct24](https://tinyurl.com/AiFOct24)

**Sign-up for newsletter**  
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[tinyurl.com/FaithAdv](https://tinyurl.com/FaithAdv)

  
  


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**5 November:** Office CLOSED

**12 November:** Finance & Management Committee

**12 November:** Mission & Ministry Committee

**21 November:** Standing Committee

**2 December:** Buildings Committee

**3 November:** Preaching and Presenting St Cuthbert Awards at St John's, Edinburgh

**13 November:** Uniting for Peace and Friendship Service at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh

**20 November:** Daniel Muñoz Triviño Institution Service at St Peter's, Musselburgh

## 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 2 November:** [Plants are our Teachers Workshop 6: Carrying a Kernel of Hope into the Winter](#) (St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh)
- **Sunday 3 November:** [All Souls Recital](#) (St Mary's, Dalmahoy)
- **Tuesday 5 November:** [How to Read the Song of Songs](#) (Online)
- **Thursday 7 November:** [New College Festival: Books & Belief](#) (Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh)
- **Wednesday 13 November:** [Place for Hope: Spirituality, Scripture and Conflict](#) (Online)
- **Wednesday 13 November:** [Ideas in Edinburgh – Philosophy Cafe](#) (Newington Library, Edinburgh)
- **Wednesday 13 November:** [Uniting for Peace and Friendship Service](#) (St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh)