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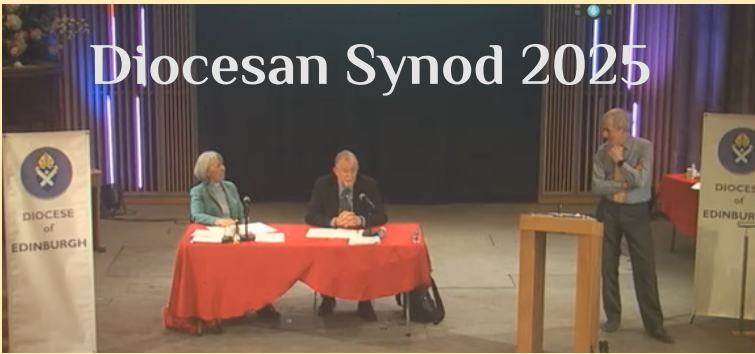
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# News and Notices

## Diocesan Synod 2025



Please make a note of the date of our Diocesan Synod, the usual all-day event, on **Sat 15 February 2025**. The venue will be St Paul's and St George's, Edinburgh.

The items of business will include the usual Annual Reports, financial updates and elections, but **Area Councils** might wish to arrange their next meetings to discuss the specific business of:

- **Investing In The Future:** progress and evaluation of the projects being funded
- **Net Zero Work:** Paul Williams (Net Zero Team) news and updates ... and help!
- **Synod Meetings:** do we always need an Autumn Synod as well as the Spring Synod?

## Congregational Statistics 2024



The questions to produce the annual statistics have now arrived from the Province. Please would **Rectors and Priests in Charge** complete the online form as soon as possible now at: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-vestry-resources/resources-diocesan-office-forms/>

*Thank you – and apologies for the delay*

## Net Zero - Rectories



The Provincial Net Zero Team are working hard across the Province to help vestries to get schemes underway. Our own link NZ Team member, Neil Rawlins, has now attended a Diocesan Buildings Committee meeting, along with Andrew Aveyard, Convenor of our Diocesan Environmental Group. They are currently looking at Rectories and their **Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)**. 13 Rectories do not currently have an EPC and we need to set a 'baseline' for each one so that we can see how Net Zero works (and grants) are making a difference – or not! The Diocesan Office will be in touch with those 13 Rectors soon, as the cost of getting them done can be **covered by a diocesan grant**. Warm Rectors are a good thing!

## Net Zero - where to find....

*click here to find out more about:*



...and much more

**Thursday 16 January:** Webinar National Lottery Funding Community Fund Awards for All. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Assistant Diocesan Administrator

Ceri Ashton has now left her role as Assistant Diocesan Administrator. Any emails for the Diocesan Office administration staff can be sent to [office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org)

From January 2025 a temporary member of staff will be in place to cover the work whilst we recruit.

# News and Notices



## 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/](https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-october-2024/)

*Our link diocese of Dunedin in New Zealand has just elected a new bishop. The Venerable Dr Anne van Gend (pictured right) will be consecrated as the 11th Bishop of Dunedin in January, and we wish her and the people of the diocese many blessings for all that lies ahead. Bishop John has sent our congratulations and assured the Bishop-elect of our prayers and support.*

*[Find out more about Bishop-elect Dr Anne van Gend.](#)*



*Photo: Wynston Cooper ARPS*

## Faith in Older People: Items Going

Now that FIOp has been wound up and the office cleared, are you interested in any or all of the listed items?

- 15 x black box files
- Computer and monitor; computer is approximately 5 years old.

Please contact [info@fiop.org.uk](mailto:info@fiop.org.uk)

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



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

## Vacancies in the Diocese

- **Volunteer Assistant Manager, Community Food Initiative:** St Salvador's, Stenhouse. [Click here.](#)
- **Full-time Priest-in-Charge:** St Margaret of Scotland and Mustard Seed. More details [here.](#)
- **Volunteer Treasurer:** Mission to Seafarers Scotland – home based. [Click here](#)

For all vacancies, visit our [Vacancies page](#).

## 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)

## 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 include

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



# Mission & Ministry



## Adventures in Faith!

There will be one last Adventures in Faith Newsletter for 2024 coming out the week beginning 16 December, so keep an eye out for that and share with your friends.

In 2025, we hope our Adventures in Faith will continue to build momentum. We really would love to share what you are doing and help facilitate whole-Diocese events, where we can. So keep reading, and let us know your thoughts and ideas!



Edinburgh Diocese  
**YOUTH & CHILDREN**

Christmas 2024

Contact Fiona Reynolds: freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org

# CHRISTMAS

2024



## IN THIS ISSUE

About to come hot-off-the-press is the second of our bi-annual Youth & Children Newsletters for 2024. It is full of news and ideas from around the Diocese and not to be missed. And, if you are VERY quick, you can contact Fee and sneak your own story of mission and ministry amongst young people in there too!



Don't miss these Newsletters!

**[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)**



for Adventures in Faith and/or the Youth and Children Newsletters

TRUSTEE  
Training

Registration is now LIVE for the 2025 Trustee Training sessions. Two dates are available for this revised session, which will include updated information about property, insurance, and health and safety requirements. Please encourage all new trustees to attend: and we always welcome returning faces, too!

**Saturday 15 March from 9am**  
St Ninian's Church, Comely Bank

**Saturday 27 September from 9am**  
The Trinity Centre, Holy Trinity, Haddington

**[Click here to register for either date](#)**

## Office Christmas opening:

The Diocesan Office will be **closed from**

**24 December 2024, reopening on**

**6 January 2025.**



**December 22:** Claire Nicholson's Licensing Service at Holy Trinity, Melrose

**December 24:** Midnight Service at St Mary's Cathedral

**December 25:** Christmas Eucharist at St Mary's Cathedral



## 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 14 December:** Godly Play Circle: Advent, Duddingston Kirk Manse
- **Saturday 11 January:** First Aid Training, St Peter's, Luton Place
- **Wednesday 15 January (closing date for registration 13 December):** Liturgy & Prayer in Christian Worship (online option), Trinity College, Glasgow
- **Thursday 16 January:** SEC Webinar: National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All (online)
- **Thursday 30 January (closing date for registration 13 December):** Listening in Mission (online), Trinity College, Glasgow



*Wishing you and your loved ones peace and joy this Christmas.*