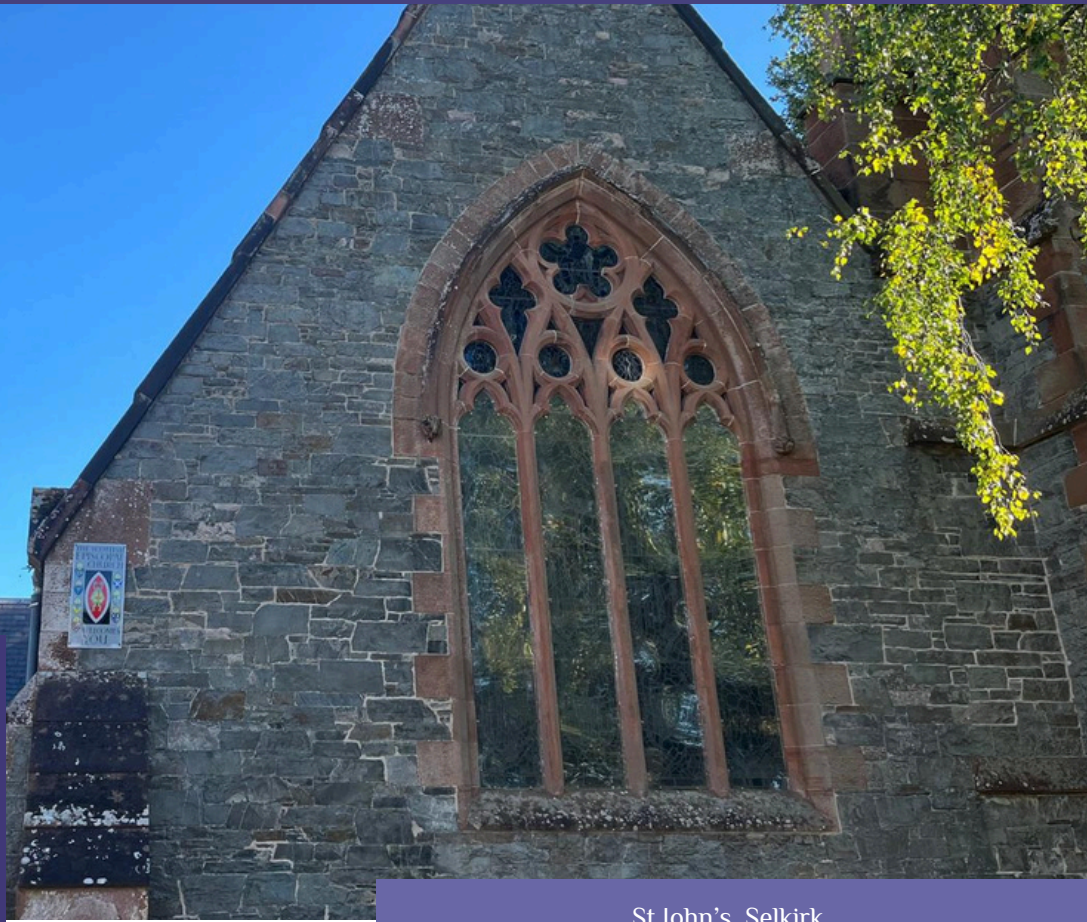




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News and Notices

Diocesan Synod 2025



Notice was sent by email to Synod members giving notice of the Diocesan Synod on **Sat 15 February 2025** at St Paul's and St George's, Edinburgh. For clarity, members are:

HOUSE OF CLERGY – Those who are Instituted or holding a Bishop's Licence or Bishop's Commission

HOUSE OF LAITY – A Lay Representative* from each charge and those who are diocesan-elected members of General Synod

**Please ensure that the names of any recently elected Lay Representatives have been notified to the Diocesan Office.*



Everything you need for the meeting is now/will be on the website:

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/diocesan-synod-15-february-2025/>

Calling a Bishop

This next Synod starts the first part of the Episcopal Election process. As this is governed by **Canon 4** with implications for the appointment at the end of the process, we need to be 100% correct with our own procedures. Only those Lay Representatives currently notified to us and held on our database will be permitted into the Synod meeting as voting members.



As places are likely to be contested we will be rigid about the voting processes on the day, so please bear with us. We will need to evidence our accuracy later on.

**NOMINATION
DEADLINE:
Noon on Wed 12
February**



Area Councils, Spring 2025

A small team from the Diocese, including the Dean, wish to meet with each Area Council between 21 April and 4 June 2025.

So far, we only have dates for Edinburgh Forth and Edinburgh East. Availability for the team to fit in the other five Area Councils is disappearing fast.

Please contact your Area Council colleagues ASAP, as per Kristine's email of 4 February, to arrange a date and time. Please then liaise with Kristine to finalise this with the Dean's diary. Thank you.

If you require a printed copy of the Annual Report & Agenda papers, please send your request to Morgan Walker, Interim Assistant Diocesan Administrator:
administration@dioceseofedinburgh.org

News and Notices

Diocesan Office Staff News

Interim Administrative Assistant (Mission & Ministry)

We have appointed an interim Admin Assistant to support the work of DMMC and Fee as ACL. Kristine will be working Mon–Wed, 9.30–3pm. Her contact details are 0131 346 9085, dmmcadmin@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Bear with us!



With our staff shortages during the busiest time of the year approaching Synod, a backlog of work has built up. If we don't respond to emails etc. as promptly as usual, it is not because we have our feet up! It will take some time to get through all the work which has come in, so we thank you for your patience.



Don't miss the Knitted Bible Festival at St Anne's, Dunbar! 15–17 February 2025

Check your online Directory entry!

We've recently updated the Church Directory on the diocesan website. Please can you take a look at your page to ensure all the information, including service times and contact details, is up to date. We'd be delighted to receive updated photographs, too, if you'd like to replace any for your charge. Please email changes to Cathy 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

- **Rector:** St Columba's-by-the-Castle, Edinburgh.
- **Volunteer Assistant Manager, Community Food Initiative:** St Salvador's, Stenhouse.

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

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 around 100 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

2025 Lent Course



Christ has no body now
but yours

[Click here
or on the
image to
access the
course.](#)

Trustee Training



TRUSTEE
Training



Saturday 15 March

Join us at 9am for some breakfast

Get into the training at 9:30am

Finish by 1pm

@ St Ninian's, Comely Bank, Edinburgh, EH4 1AG

[Click here or on the image to register for
Trustee Training on 15 March.](#)

PROVINCIAL YOUTH SLEEPOVER EVENT



WHAT

An event for teenagers in the Scottish Episcopal Church! An evening of fun followed by food and a sleepover, and worship with our host church on Sunday.

Games, Chill & Chat



WHEN

1-2 March 2025

Arrival by 4pm. Departure at 11.30am from the church. Families are welcome to join us for Sunday worship at 10am.

WHERE

Our host church is:
Holy Trinity & St Barnabas
Church, St James' Place,
Bank Sneddon Street
Paisley PA3 2AF

WHO

If you're in S1-S6, or a Yeek 24 grad, you are welcome at this event. Bring a friend! It will be led by PVG-checked Provincial Youth Leaders and supported by the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

COST

£10

SIGN ME UP!

Deadline 23 Feb

Form for
parents →
[here](#) or scan



Young People

Here are the next couple of events for those in S1-S6 or Yeek24 grads. Please spread this information, and encourage/support attendance.

Church Bagging. Our next Sunday evening 'Church Bagging' event is at **St John's, Princes Street, on Sunday 16 February.** Fee will be at the church for 5.45pm to meet those joining us, and the service starts at 6pm. If anyone wants to be met at Waverley train station or St Andrew's bus station, [please contact Fee to arrange before Friday 14 February.](#)

Provincial Sleepover. We now have details of the Provincial Sleepover that is taking place on 1-2 March in Paisley: see poster to left. [Note the sign-up deadline of Sunday 23 February!](#)

February 10: Personnel Committee

February 15: Diocesan Synod

March 10: Buildings Committee

February 9: Judith Wedderspoon's Licensing Service at Good Shepherd, Murrayfield

February 11: CMD Day at St James, Leith

February 15: Diocesan Synod at St Paul's and St George's

February 16: Preaching at St Vincent's, Edinburgh



Left: Confirmation Service at St Columba's, Bathgate, 26 January 2025



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

- **8 February:** Climate Cafe, St Ninian's, Comely Bank
- **11 February:** Scriptural Paratexts (CMD), St James-the-Less, Leith
- **15–17 February:** Knitted Bible Festival, St Anne's, Dunbar
- **22 February:** Godly Play Discovery Day, Duddingston Kirk Manse
- **22 February:** Ring Out for Climate Justice, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
- **23 February:** Lunchtime Recital, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
- **25 February:** Christian Aid Annual Gathering, online
- **25 February:** An Introduction to Ways of Praying, start of six-week online course

