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News and Notices



Friday 21 March – OSP Radiant

Heating Open Day. Experience and learn about the new heating system at Old St Paul's (above) from 12noon–3pm. See [Net Zero website](#) for more information.

Calling all Tech Experts

The [Diocesan Office](#) needs to find a contractor or company to support our web hosting and site security etc. Any recommendations welcomed. Thank you!



Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025



This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Abraham's Children in Crisis (ACIC), a small charity working in the Holy Land.

Children in the Holy Land can frequently find themselves living in extreme poverty, sometimes without parental care, often in areas of ongoing violence. ACIC seeks to care for the education, health and welfare of children who find themselves in crisis. It is dedicated to helping children solely on the basis of need, not the faith of the child.

View our web page on the Bishop's Lent Appeal [here](#), or donate [here](#).



Where can I find a Canon 35 form?
How do static card donation points work?

We can help with both these questions ... and more!

First – we have a whole **Resources Section** on our [website](#) which has the following subject areas:



- Diocesan Office
- Finance
- Buildings
- Forms
- Governance & Synod
- Vestry Business
- Bishop's Office

Second – we have an online Support Forum which has over 100 users. This is where you can ask an apparently daft question, find out it isn't so daft, and get replies from your colleagues all across the diocese.

Register [here](#) • Log in [here](#)

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

If you cannot find what you're looking for you can, of course, contact us at the Diocesan Office, but chances are that the answer is on the Resources pages or via the Support Forum – and we're a small team of six staff here so may be a little slower at answering your query!

We're looking at developing and improving all that soon, though, as it's what we're here for – to help ... **you**.



News and Notices



Around 450 people attended the Knitted Bible Festival at St Anne's, Dunbar in February. The knitted scenes included Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, the Good Shepherd and the Last Supper. Knitters from churches across Dunbar added two new scenes to the 36 created by St George's URC, Hartlepool: 'Jesus Calms the Storm' (left) and 'The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost'. [Read the full story.](#)

As part of their celebration of the Transfiguration on 2 March, the congregation at Christ Church, Falkirk decorated around 160 pebbles (right) to be placed around Falkirk and beyond.



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

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



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THE BIG DAY

Blessings on The Way!



SATURDAY
10 MAY
10:30-3:00



Sharing and Celebrating



Blessings and Gifts



Worship and Prayer



Continuity and Change

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St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

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JOB SEARCH

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

Vacancies

- Pension Trustee, Scottish Episcopal Church. More details on our [Vacancies page](#).
- Conveners of SEC's Standing Committee and SEC's Mission Board – email Dr Dee Bird for more information: SecGen@scotland.anglican.org.

Holy Week and Easter Services

In early April we are creating a web page listing charges' Holy Week and Easter services, as we did in December for Christmas services. We'll then promote this page on social media to encourage people in the diocese to visit a church this Easter.

As in December, we'll be taking our information from charges' websites and Facebook pages so it would be very helpful if you could post your service listings by 31 March. Or email us at communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org with the details. Thank you!



Mission & Ministry



TRUSTEE Training

LAST
CHANCE!

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

Trustee Training

This is your **FINAL CALL** to sign up for the spring session of Trustee Training, which will be held on Saturday 15 March in St Ninian's. Please register before 9am on Mon 10 Mar so we can finalise catering arrangements.

Click here or on the image to register by 9am on Mon 10 Mar

Crazy Golf!

We are holding an event for young people in P6–S2 on **Saturday 26 April, 3–7pm**. This will be a chance for those not facing big exams to meet with friends and make new ones, whilst having some fun in the process. Register here: tinyurl.com/MiniGolf25.

VOLCANO FALLS ADVENTURE GOLF

P6–S2

CRAZY GOLF

VOLCANO FALLS
FOUNTAINBRIDGE

26 APRIL, 2025
FROM 3PM TO 7PM
EDINBURGH EH11 1AF

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Pilgrimage to Taizé

This is for young adults aged 18–35, which will be in Taizé **Sunday 29 June–Sunday 6 July** (travel time is extra). More information is on our website, which also has a link to register to join us.

Pilgrimage to Taizé Summer 2025

- Who? What? When?**
Young adults, aged 18-35, are invited to travel together to Taizé in France, for a transformative week of worship, reflection, and friendship. The week will run Sunday 29 June to Sunday 6 July.
- What is the cost?**
Taizé operates on a contribution basis, with the suggested amount varying by age and home country. For our group, it would be around £100 for the week. Travel is extra, with coach being approximately £120 (return).
- Information & Registration**
Additional information and the registration link for the pilgrimage is available on our website: tinyurl.com/EdTaize Final deadline to register for attending: **10 April 2025**.

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March 10: Personnel Committee

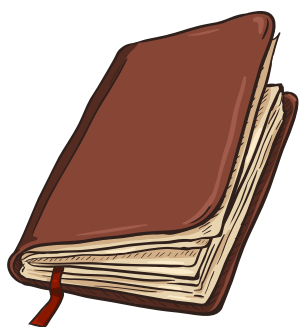
March 10: Buildings Committee

March 20: Diocesan Office CLOSED (Staff Training Day)

March 16: Preaching at Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains, Edinburgh

March 17: Ireland's National Day Reception at the Assembly Halls, Edinburgh

March 23: Confirmation Service at St Andrew's, Kelso



Licensing of Judith Wedderspoon as Lay Reader at Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield, February 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 March:** [Climate Café Transport Chat](#), St Ninian's, Comely Bank
- **8 March:** [Children's Come and Sing](#), St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
- **8 & 9 March:** [Old Saint Paul's Book Sale](#), Old Saint Paul's Church Hall
- **13 March:** [Interfaith in Edinburgh](#), Museum of Edinburgh
- **14 March:** [A Plain Man's Solidarity Pilgrimage to Palestine](#), Livingston United Parish Church
- **15 March:** [Spring Concert, from Darkness to Light: A Sir John Rutter Requiem](#), Greyfriars Kirk
- **16 March:** [Lunchtime Recital at St Mary's](#), St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral
- **16 March:** [Music and Readings for Lent](#), St Michael and All Saints, Tollcross
- **16 March:** [Godly Play Circle](#), St Ninian's, Comely Bank
- **16 March:** [The Upper Room with Christian Stejskal](#), Selkirk Parish Church
- **19 March:** [Talk by Christian Aid partners from the Middle East](#), Augustine United Church