



Diocese of Edinburgh

Scottish Episcopal Church



Published by the Diocesan Office fortnightly, and circulated to all Clergy, Lay Readers, Treasurers & Vestry Secretaries, and Diocesan Synod Lay & Alternate Lay Representatives.

NEXT EDITION:
13 November 2025

Diocese of Edinburgh
21A Grosvenor Crescent
Edinburgh
EH12 5EL
office@edinburgh.anglican.org
0131 538 7033
SC001214

Play Church at St Ninian's, Comely Bank

The Communicant

News & Notices for the Diocese of
Edinburgh

30 October 2025

In this edition...

news & notices: pp.2 & 3
Mission & Ministry: p.4
diary & events: p.5

News and Notices

BISHOP SEARCH



Picture: Peter Backhouse

Prospective candidates are now being sought for the office of the Bishop of Edinburgh. Nominations must have the consent of the Nominee. Candidates may be nominated, or a person may put their own name forward. The Nominee must be an ordained Priest from within the Scottish Episcopal Church, or another Province of the Anglican Communion or from a Church with which the Scottish Episcopal Church is in full communion.

More information about the process, a nomination form, the description of the diocese, a charge profiles booklet and an assent form can be downloaded from: from: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/bishop-search/>.

Closing date: **31 October 2025, 12 noon.**

Bishop Search Prayer

Living God,
you walk with us in all seasons of life
calling us to follow you with joy, hope and love
as we share in your work of renewing the world;
give us humility and discernment to hear your voice,
that those discerning their calling
and all involved in our bishop search
may be encouraged in your ways
and open to your creative Spirit.
Amen.



We've publicised our Bishop Search on our social media channels. Please like and share these posts to spread the word!



NEW SYNOD CLERK



The Reverend Canon Liz O'Ryan was installed as Synod Clerk during Choral Evensong on Sunday 19 October at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

AUTUMN SYNOD

As you will know, from Wilson Poon's email, there was no Diocesan Synod this year. Instead, on Thursday 20 November at 6pm, the Standing Committee will **meet online** with two representatives from each Area Council to transact the formal business.

If you are an Area Council Convenor/Secretary, please remember to contact [Caroline Miller](#) or [Simon Filsell](#) with the names and contact details of your two representatives.

We're starting to plan our social media Prayer Diary for next year, and for this we need photos! If you have any recent photos of your church buildings (without people in them, please!), send them to dmmcadmin@dioceseofedinburgh.org. Thank you!



JOB SEARCH

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

Vacancies

St Mungo's, Balerno & Livingston:

Finance Manager, part-time

St Mungo's, Balerno & Livingston:

Office and Communications Manager, full-time

Mustard Seed, Edinburgh:

Babies and Toddlers Group lead, part-time (deadline is tomorrow!)

St Peter's, Peebles and St Andrew's, Innerleithen:

Priest-In-Charge, full-time

Find details of all vacancies on our [Vacancies page](#). P.2

Mission & Ministry

Support to Vestry Members

Sunday Afternoon Teas

Calling all Treasurers,
Vestry Secretaries, Wardens,
Lay and Alt Lay Reps!

Choose from the menu of dates
and locations, then join with
other Office Bearers for an
Afternoon Tea and a chance to
connect with others across the
Diocese.

Start at 3:30pm; Finish by 5pm

tinyurl.com/VestryTeas

5 October
Trinity Centre
Haddington

12 October
St Ninian's
Comely Bank

19 October
St Peter's
Garniel

9 November
St Ninian's
Comely Bank



TRUSTEE

Training



Saturday 15 November

Join us at 9am for some breakfast (provided!)

Get into the training at 9:30am

Finish by 1pm

@ Trinity Centre, Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX

tinyurl.com/NovTrustee

Subsidised Books to Gift



This book is described as "An affirming Christmas gift to give to families, encouraging them to talk together, be creative, be hospitable, be celebratory, and including activities for all ages."

Congregations can order these books via the Diocese for the reduced and subsidised cost of **£1 per book**. Have look at what the inside is like here, or view a copy the next time you're in the Office.

Order via this form and we will be in touch once they are available!

HeartEdge Conference

SEC congregations are invited to attend this inspiring and informative HeartEdge Conference in Edinburgh on **13 November**. £10 for first person, £5 thereafter for groups.

ABUNDANT CHURCHES CREATIVE MISSIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE

OPEN TO ALL DENOMINATIONS

Workshops, conversations, and shared reflections to help our churches flourish in daily life and mission.

Come expecting insight, inspiration, and new ways of seeing what God is doing among us.

GREYFRIARS
CHARTERIS CENTRE
138 - 140 The Pleasance
Edinburgh
EH8 9RR

November 13th
2025

9.30 for 10am to 4 pm

TICKETS;

£10 | £5 for additional
group ticket

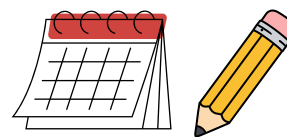
include lunch and refreshments

Church of Scotland
General
Trustees

heartedge
Congregation Compassion Culture Commerce

- 3 November:** Buildings Committee
- 5 November:** **OFFICE CLOSED** for staff training
- 11 November:** Finance & Management Committee
- 18 November:** Mission & Ministry Committee
- 20 November:** Standing Committee + Area Councils

- 29 November:** Confirmations at Fettes College
- 30 November:** Presiding at Rosslyn Chapel



Following the retirement of Bishop John Armes, Bishop Mark is our Acting Bishop. He will not be spending much time in Edinburgh Diocese, and much of the work that was done by Bishop John is being covered by Dean Frances. If you wish to contact the Bishop, please do so via [Hannah Harcus](#), who will coordinate all the various needs with Dean Frances and Bishop Mark's PA. Thank you.

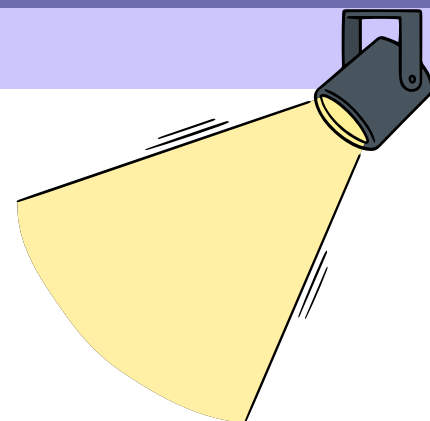


Online Events Calendar

You can 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

- 31 October:** [Requiem Eucharist](#), St Salvador's, Stenhouse
- 1 November:** [November Swap Shop and Coffee](#), St Mary's, Dalkeith
- 1 November:** [Requiem Eucharist for All Souls](#), Christ Church, Morningside
- 1 November:** [Taizé: One Week in July](#), St James the Less, Penicuik
- 1 November:** [Sarah Jones: Everyday Normal](#), St Columba's by the Castle
- 2 November:** [Musical Play for Under Fives](#), Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains
- 2 November:** [Ecumenical Memorial Service](#), St Leonard's, Lasswade
- 3 November:** [Time of Reflection for All Souls Day](#), Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains
- 7-8 November:** [New College Festival of Books and Belief](#), School of Divinity, New College
- 9 November:** [READ WRITE HEAR](#), St Michael and All Saints, Tollcross
- 12 November:** [Uniting for Peace & Friendship Service](#), 40 George Square, Edinburgh
- 12 November:** [Queer & Christian – an Evening with Rev Brandan Robertson](#), St Augustine United Church
- 13 November:** [Abundant Churches: A HeartEdge Conference](#), Greyfriars Charteris Centre (details on p. 4)
- 14 November:** [Children in Need Charity Concert](#), St Matthew's, Roslin



Advent Retreats in the Diocese

22 November, St Mary's Cathedral:
Homecoming: An Advent Quiet Day

Led by Revd Dani Muñoz. More information and booking on the [St Mary's Cathedral](#) website.



29 November, St Columba's by the Castle:
Star of Wonder

Led by Heart in Pilgrimage. More information and booking on the [Heart in Pilgrimage](#) website.



29 November, Holy Trinity, Haddington:
Gifts Past, and Gifts to Come

Led by the Holy Trinity Lantern Group. More information from Janet McKinnell:



janet.mckinnell@btinternet.com