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**News & Notices for the Diocese of
Edinburgh**

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News and Notices

BISHOP SEARCH



Picture: Peter Backhouse

Last week, the Preparatory Committee met to interview and prayerfully consider which candidates to shortlist to present at the Electoral Synod of 7 February.

We ask you to continue to hold all involved in your prayers, particularly the Preparatory Committee and those who have made themselves vulnerable in considering this discernment.

You can find more information about the process on the Bishop Search page of our website: <https://edinburgh.anglican.org/bishop-search/>

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.



Have you got news or stories from your church that you'd like to share?

If so, we'd love to hear from you! Drop us a line at: communications@dioceseofedinburgh.org



Don't forget to like and share what we post on the diocesan social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram and Bluesky). It does make a difference. Links above!

Mrs Sue Crosfield

We have received the news that Mrs Sue Crosfield has died, aged 92, on 13 January. Sue was the widow of The Rev Canon Philip Crosfield OBE, who was a curate at St David's, Pilton in the 1950s, served as Rector of St Cuthbert's, Hawick, and then, through the 1970s and 1980s, was Provost of St Mary's Cathedral.

After retirement Philip was part of the ministry team for St James the Less, Penicuik and St Mungo's, West Linton before he died in 2013. Sue continued to be a faithful and active member of the congregation of St James the Less, and will be greatly missed there. She is also remembered as a very active member of the Diocesan Mothers' Union and of the congregation of St Mary's Cathedral during her husband's time as Provost.



ST JAMES, LEITH: BUILDING LINKS 2025
FUNDRAISING UPDATE: WE DID IT!
2 action-packed months of our community showing up with creativity & passion to raise funds for the improvement of our building & the community groups that benefit from it. We have achieved more together than we ever imagined.
THANK YOU!
Our goal **£20,000**
We raised **£21,639**

After two months of creative fundraising, the Building Links campaign exceeded its £20,000 target! It raised £21,639, a huge achievement and a wonderful effort at deepening connections with individuals and groups across the Leith community.

The project has been led by Mackenzie Klema and Siân Harris, and has brought so many people together from across Edinburgh in a collective effort.

These funds will support the care, improvement and wider use of the building, with initial work already enhancing fire safety and creating a welcoming, quiet space for prayer and meetings.

Mission & Ministry

Lord's Prayer in Finnish

At the end of November's Conference, the clergy of Edinburgh Diocese committed themselves to learning the Lord's Prayer in Finnish. Our Finnish counterparts in Espoo Diocese speak wonderful English and we want to participate in their liturgy when we meet together, even if just a little. We invite YOU to join us! The words and a recording are on our website via the link below.



edinburgh.anglican.org/the-porvoo-communion

Registration Now Open!



TRUSTEE
Training



Join us at 9am for some breakfast
Get into the training at 9:30am
Finish by 1pm

Saturday 25 April

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

Saturday 24 October

St Peter's, Abbotsford Road
Galashiels, TD1 3HS

<https://tinyurl.com/Trustee26>

Mission & Ministry Grants

The Grants Committee for DMMC meets in the first weeks of March, June, September, and December each year. Applications for the following Grants should be with the DMMC Team by 25th of the previous month. Click links to find out more.

[Youth & Children's Grant](#)

[St Hilda's Grant](#)

[CMD Grant](#)



Next CMD Date

The next Continuing Ministerial Development Day for clergy and Lay Readers is on **Tuesday 3 March 2026**. Please do come and join with the **Revd Keith Thomasson** (Rector of St Ninian's, Troon, and Chair of the Provincial Mission Board) as he leads our thinking on **Leadership and Collaboration**.



[Register here](#)

Adventures in Faith

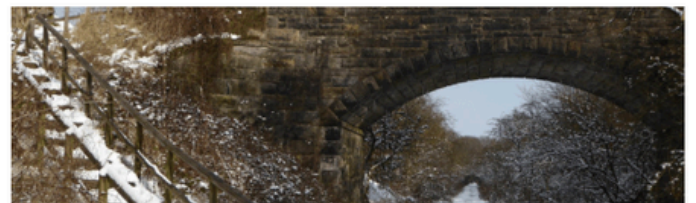
The January Adventures in Faith Newsletter is now available! This month, we explore Spiritual Direction and challenge our readers to share the newsletter with someone. [Read here](#).



Adventures in Faith January 2026

Welcome to Adventures in Faith: where everyone in the Diocese of Edinburgh can explore, learn, and grow in faith and fullness of life.

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Monday 2 February: Personnel Committee

Saturday 7 February: Electoral Synod

Tuesday 10 February: Mission & Ministry Committee

Thursday 12 February: Finance and Management Committee

Saturday 14 February: Electoral Synod

Saturday 24 January: Institution at St Anne's, Dunbar

Sunday 25 January: Confirmations at St Vincent's, Stockbridge

Tuesday 27 January: Service to Commemorate Charles I, St Mary's Cathedral



Saturday 14 March: Diocesan Synod



Online Events Calendar

You can submit your own events on our website! Please find details of upcoming events and submit your own [here](#). It's easy to do!

Events Highlights

24 January: [Christian Aid Prayers for Peace](#), Online

29 January: [Getting Your Church Election-Ready](#), SCPO Webinar, Online

29 January: [Daughters of Donbas: Songs of Stolen Children](#), St Mary's Cathedral

5 February: ['The God of Small Things': Heriot-Watt Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture](#), James Watt Centre, Currie

Until 19 February: ['Interreligious Encounters & Creative Practice' Exhibition](#), Edinburgh University Chaplaincy



Join us at St Peter's to celebrate **LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH** Musselburgh 15th February 2026

'Being your authentic self'

A day of celebration, reflection & conversation for LGBTQ+ folk, allies & friends

10.30am Morning Service
Guest Preacher: John Bell (Iona)
12pm Bring & Share Lunch
1-4pm Seminars & Workshops

Join us for all or part of the day

St Peter's Musselburgh
St Peter's Episcopal Church
High Street (near Lucas), Musselburgh
More info: www.stpeters.scot

On Sunday 15 February, St Peter's Musselburgh invites us to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month. This is a day of celebration, reflection, and conversation for LGBTQ+ folk, allies, and friends.

Revd. Daniel Muñoz has said "Our hope for the day is to have the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of LGBTQ+ folk in society and in the church. We are looking forward to welcoming folk from across the Musselburgh community and the diocese to explore big issues connected with faith, sexuality and being our authentic selves. We are also delighted the Revd John Bell will be joining us for the day and preaching at our special morning service".