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*Scottish Episcopal Church*



First sight of the new SEC Catechism

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# News and Notices

## DIOCESAN OFFICE AWARD

The plans for the fit-out of the new Diocesan Office were nominated for a prestigious UK-wide award. At the 2026 Office Spiritual Comfort Award Retrospectives (a.k.a. The OSCARS) the Diocese of Edinburgh beat some stiff competition, with what the judges said was an “Immaculate Reception”.

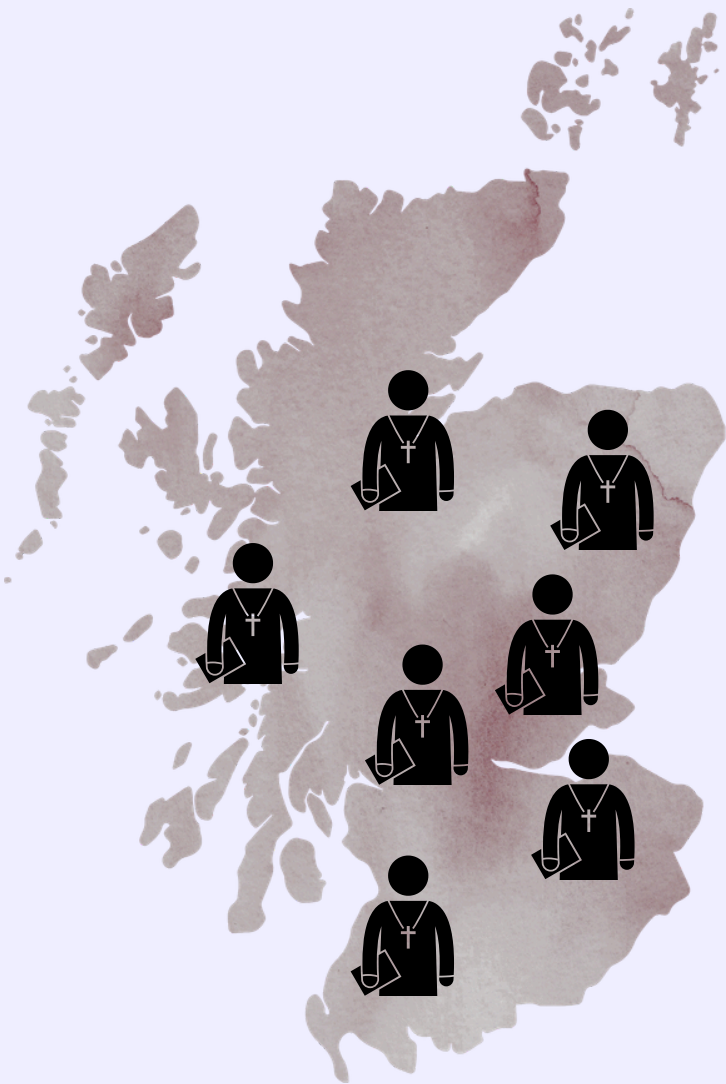


## NEW GSO APP LAUNCHED

As the SEI begins to deploy more ordinands, Bishops are being issued with a new app to locate existing clergy and deploy the new ‘Mixed-Robe’ ordinands where gaps appear.

The new app, the “Rev Counter”, (available from the Apple App Store, Google Play and Crozier Solutions) will help clergy across the SEC when contacting their Bishop to provide cover.

All clergy will be microchipped to aid short-notice decision-making. Brother Tom Sure, from Minuscarden Abbey who developed the app, believes it will transform the Episcopal palmprint of the future.



The New Pet Services proposals will require altar-ations to the SEC liturgies. Our Scotland correspondent, Doug Collor (left), said these were genuine proposals and not to be sniffed at.

## FUNDING LAUNCH

The Province has launched the new St Spey Fund for Diocesan Offices to promote hospitality. 90% grants are available as a share is also being made available to Angels



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## Synod to be overhauled

As the Diocesan Standing Committee begins its review of the Administrative Scheme (the charity constitution of the diocese), a new proposal has emerged which aims to promote attendance at Diocesan Synods.

After a pilot year, the aim is for a new **Synod Loyalty Points Scheme** to be launched in 2027. Future attendance will mean points. The points will be scaled according to distance from the venue and the Net Zero impact of mode of travel (fewer for 4x4s & SUVs, more for walking or solar-powered drone).

Points will double after a sequence of 2 or more consecutive Synod attendances. Reach 20 points and get a voucher for a free Motion on any subject or, for clergy, a room upgrade at the clergy conference. The scheme may be extended to Area Councils in 2029.

## Cope-ing with chilly churches or parky pews??

The Provincial Net Zero Team is administering a new grant fund to help clergy in the colder churches in dioceses. Whilst many charges are installing new and efficient heating systems, the Province recognises that a first step for some will be smaller and more-affordable solutions. A new grant will enable clergy to be supplied



with self-heating copes for those winter months. The new Thermocope has been developed using NASA (Not A Summer Alb) technologies and includes a quilted lining for extra comfort.

## COMMUNICAN'T MONTHLY GLOSSARY:

### Caesarea:

A town in Philippi. Not to be confused with an enquiry into the whereabouts of the Roman Emperor, as in “is Caesar ‘ere?”

### Canon:

A big noise in the Scottish Episcopal Church

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## Robes getting a bit frayed round the edges?

Ministry of Defence cuts have resulted in an over-stock of military chaplains’ regalia. Edinburgh Diocese has negotiated some special off deals via the the Army Surplice Store.



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