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St Peter's, Peebles. Photo: S. Filsell



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

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News and Notices



The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter will be installed on Saturday as our next bishop. If you've been curious to know more about our Bishop-Elect, you're in luck! On Sunday's Talking Faith podcast, Revd Pip Blackledge interviewed Bishop Dagmar, asking her about her upbringing and ministry so far and what drew her to Edinburgh. You can also discover what sort of music she likes to listen to and which biblical figure she'd spend an hour with (you'll never guess!). [Access the podcast on YouTube.](#)

We're moving soon!

The moving date for our office move is approaching, and we think the main bulk of activity will happen between 11 and 15 June inclusive.



One major issue will be making sure our 'tech' works, so please can we ask for your patience as we ensure servers and broadband are working. **During that period we might only be contactable via our phones** (see how to get in touch on p5). We look forward to welcoming you to 34 Manor Place. If you'd like to pinpoint it exactly, its What3Words reference is [super.land.bless](#). Yes, really!

Ordinations

On 14 June at 3.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Dagmar will ordain Emma Herd and Lana Woolford to the Diaconate.

Emma will serve as curate at St Peter's, Galashiels and St John's, Selkirk.

Lana will serve her curacy at St Mary's Cathedral.



This month, Christ Church, Falkirk have been delighted to welcome Revd Cletus Sullo as their locum part-time priest. Pictured (left to right): Revd Dr Hamilton Inbadas, Revd Cletus Sullo, and Lay Reader Camayo Hyde.

CHRIST CHURCH MORNINGSIDE 150

FESTAL EUCHARIST
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
SINCE THE FIRST SERVICE AT
CHRIST CHURCH

Preacher:
Bishop Rowan Williams,
Former Archbishop of
Canterbury and
Archbishop of Wales

Music by Alexander McNamee (commissioned for this
service), Herbert Howells, and Philip Stopford

CORPUS CHRISTI, 6:30PM
THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026

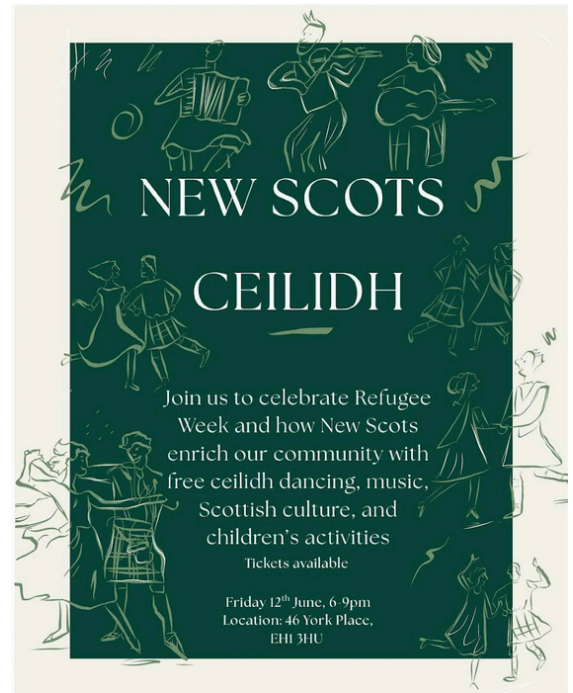
News and Notices

The Rev'd Canon Ian Edward Walter

The Very Revd Margi Campbell, Dean and Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban, has shared the sad news of the death of The Revd Canon Ian Walter on 19 May. Ian was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway in 1973, having trained at Cuddesdon College and gained Masters degrees at Edinburgh University and Keble College, Oxford. After curacies in Greenock and Glasgow, he was appointed Rector to St Barnabas, Paisley. After some time in the Diocese of Manchester, Ian returned in 2001 to the Scottish Episcopal Church to serve his final appointment in St Cuthbert's, Hawick.

Ian retired in 2008 and with his wife, May, moved to Oban, where his next 18 years were spent in faithful and stalwart service at St John's Cathedral, latterly also maintaining regular services in St Columba's, Gruline on the Isle of Mull.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



A Warm Welcome

As part of Refugee Festival Scotland, a New Scots Ceilidh will take place at Ps & Gs. [Find out more here.](#) The event also needs volunteers – to help with set-up and registration but also to dance! [Sign up here.](#)



Last call for donations to Aberlour

A hearty thanks to everyone who has donated to Aberlour, this year's Lent Appeal. Currently the total stands at around £4,000, and rising! We will close the donations portal at the end of June, so if you haven't donated and were intending to, please do so as soon as you can.

Aberlour offers a range of support services across Scotland including residential and foster care, recovery for families affected by addiction, disability care and support, and early years support. [Find out more and donate on the diocesan website.](#)

Opportunities

There is a range of vacancies being advertised across the diocese. More details on our [Vacancies page](#).

[St Andrew's Kelso, Rector](#)

[St Mary's Cathedral: Bass Lay Clerk](#)

[St Peter's, Musselburgh: Children and Families' Worker](#)

[Ps & Gs: Social Transformation Lead](#)

WE ARE RECRUITING!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' WORKER

- ST PETER'S CHURCH, MUSSELBURGH
- 12 HOURS/WEEK
- £15/HOUR
- CLOSING DATE: 31 MAY 2026
- INFO: www.stpeters.scot/children

St Peter's Musselburgh
Living God Living People

Mission & Ministry



The organisers of Solas Festival have been in touch to let us know that a bus has been commissioned to help church communities in and around Edinburgh get to this summer's festival.

The family-friendly festival will take place from 19 to 21 June at Errol Park, on the Tay, and with the generous help of the Anchor foundation there will be a bus to get people there on Saturday, 20 June (leaving outside the old Royal High School on Regent Road at 9am and leaving Erroll at 10pm).

Places are free, although any voluntary contributions would be welcome. People will still need to buy festival tickets from the website (children are free). There is a limit of 30 places, so act quickly! **Please get names to Tricia Anderson on tricia.anderson23@hotmail.co.uk by 10 June at the latest.**

Provincial Youth Events

Yeek 26



This summer, encourage your young people to join others from across Scotland at Glenalmond College for the Provincial Youth Week (Yeek), 26 July to 1 August.

Yeek is open to anyone in the Scottish Episcopal Church who is in secondary education and those under 18 years old who have left full-time education.

For more details and FAQs, look on the [YEЕК web page](#). To register, [click here](#).

Pilgrimage to Iona



The Provincial Youth Committee will be hosting two pilgrimages to Iona for young people in October 2026: 10–14 October for 12–18 year olds, and 14–17 October for those aged 18–25+. Pilgrims will stay at Bishop's House and explore the island, visiting Iona Abbey and joining the community there for worship.

Places are limited, and applications should be completed by 10 August. Book here: [12–18 application](#) or [18–25+ application](#).

Finance & Management

Over the coming editions, we will be signposting to new resources, templates, instructional videos and external links all aimed at reducing the sense of isolation we sometimes hear of in secretary, treasurer and other roles.



DIOCESAN OFFICE - UPDATE



As we get closer to our move to 34 Manor Place the planned last-minute work now gathers pace. On **Monday 1 June** the Diocesan Office will be effectively **closed** to enable us to get all our office items ready and to finish scanning/shredding paperwork which has accumulated over many years.

Thanks for your continued patience!

Governance & Committees

The **Standing Committee** met last week and received reports from the Finance & Management and Mission & Ministry Committees, as well as from 3 of the 7 Area Councils. There were General Synod membership nominations which came in after Diocesan Synod met in March, so 1 clergy member and 4 lay members were appointed plus an Alternate lay member. Jennifer Flöther was elected as our Lay Faith & Order Board member. The details of the October Diocesan Synod (22 October) were agreed and that it would be held in the Walpole Hall at the Cathedral.

Staff Profiles

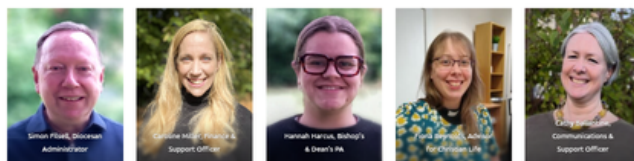
Over the next few editions, we will feature some short profiles of each of us, so you can get to know us better and get a good picture of what each of us do.



Getting in touch.....

<https://edinburgh.anglican.org/who-we-are/office-staff/>

You can click on the subject titles on this page and it will take you to the person you need to contact.



Who should I contact?

I'm looking for:

| BISHOP & DEAN | COMMUNICATIONS | FINANCE, BUILDINGS & SYNOD | MISSION & MINISTRY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bishop's PA and administrative support Bishop's diary Canon 31 marriage permissions Dean's PA and administrative support Clergy licensing PVG checking Vacancy Procedures for appointing a Rector | Diocesan news stories Bishop's social media and public profile Communications training and resources The Communicant Internal communications PR Social media Website | Canon 35 administration Canon 35 queries Data management Diocesan Administrator Office Facilities management Diocesan Standing Committee Secretary Diocesan Synod Secretary Finance & Management Committee and pendant committees secretary Finances (day-to-day) Governance Office Personnel & HR | Adventures In Faith Advisor For Christian Life DMMAC News Faith nurture and growth Ministerial development and training Mission and Ministry administrative support Mission and ministry resources Support for people in authorised ministry Youth and children's ministry support and resources Youth and Children's Newsletter |

CANON 35 - 2026 CONSENTS GRANTED:

St. Peter's, Musselburgh – **Solar Panels** project

St. John's Princes Street – Siting of Pisces **Sculpture** in curtilage of church

St. James, Goldenacre – Phase 2A of **refurbishment** project

St. Adrian's, Gullane – Building of Centenary **Extension** and Installation of **secondary glazing**

Holy Trinity, Haddington – Building Western **Extension** inc toilet refurbishment

St. James, Leith – **Refurbishment** of Sanitary provision and **installation of radiant heat** provision

Events

Diocesan Diary

Monday 1 June: Diocesan Office CLOSED

Thursday 11 June to Monday 15 June:

Diocesan Office move

Bishop's Diary

Sunday 14 June: Ordinations at St Mary's Cathedral

Saturday 30 May, 11am: The Translation and Installation of Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter as Bishop of Edinburgh

The event will be livestreamed at [this link](#).



Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 June: General Synod 2026

The 2026 meeting of the General Synod will take place at the Stirling Court Hotel at the University of Stirling between 11 and 13 June.

The meeting will commence with a Celebration of the Eucharist led by the Primus. Find more information, plus the papers, [here](#).



General Synod 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 22 October Diocesan Synod (evening)

Events

Submit your own event details [here](#). It's easy to do!

Saturday 30 May: [Music in Peebles Saturday Afternoon Concert: Howells Reid Duo \(flute and harp\)](#), St Peter's, Peebles

Saturday 30 May: [Durufle Requiem](#), Christ Church, Morningside

Tuesday 2 June: [Folk and Acoustic Open Mic Night](#), St Peter's, Luton Place

Thursday 4 June: [Corpus Christi Festal Eucharist](#), Christ Church, Morningside

Thursday 4 June: [Corpus Christi: High Mass and Procession](#), St Michael and All Saints

Saturday 6 June: [Car Boot Sale, St Mary's](#), Dalkeith Country Park

Sunday 7 June: [Plants Are Our Teachers: Drawing a Spiral of Resistance](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 7 June: [St Scruff's Dog Show](#), St Mary's, Dalmahoy

Sunday 7 June: [Organ and Piano Recital: Jeremy Filsell Plays Leighton](#), St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 7 June: [Concert of Anglican Choir Music Through the Church Year](#), St Peter's, Luton Place

Friday 12 June: [New Scots Ceilidh](#), Ps & Gs, Edinburgh

We love hearing your updates! Please email us 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.

