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News and Notices

Lasswade Celebration

On 25 July, Bishop Dagmar attended the Community Fun Day at St Leonard's, Lasswade. On her Facebook page she wrote about the 'wonderful baking and catering all round, lots of stalls, and beautiful dancing with KIC Dance Company'.

She thanked Peter Harris 'and everyone who so generously supported the project reordering the church with new heating and flexible access for the congregation and community to use, taking a church building from being used once a week to now being available to the church groups and community throughout the week.' You can read more about the project here.

A Walk to Remember

On Thursday 30 July and Saturday 1 August, Bishop Dagmar set off on two walking routes within the Diocese of Edinburgh: a city churches crawl and a Borders walk. For more, visit Bishop Dagmar's Facebook page or our website.

Day One: City Churches Crawl

Route: Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains; St David's, Pilton; St James, Goldenacre; St James the Less, Leith; St Margaret of Scotland, Easter Road; St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge; St Ninian, Comely Bank; St John's, Princes Street; St Columba's by the Castle; Old Saint Paul's; St Peter's, Lutton Place; St Michael & All Saints, Tollcross; St Martin of Tours, Dalry Road; Christ Church, Morningside.

Day Two: Borders Walk

Route: St John's, Selkirk; Holy Trinity, Melrose; St Peter's, Galashiels.

Thank you to our churches for the extra pictures! Bishop Dagmar is hugely grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality received in the various charges.

News and Notices

The Revd Canon David Rimmer

It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of the Revd Canon David Rimmer, who passed away peacefully on Sunday 26 July.

David was ordained Deacon in 1964 and Priest in 1965. He began his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Liverpool, as Curate at Our Lady and St Nicholas and at St Paul's, Daybrook in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, before moving to the Diocese of Edinburgh in 1969 to become Chaplain of St Mary's Cathedral.

He subsequently became Rector of St Peter's, Kirkcaldy, in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, serving there until 1978. David then ministered in a number of charges within the Diocese of Edinburgh, including Holy Trinity, Haddington; St Anne's, Dunbar; and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield.

In recognition of his faithful service, David was appointed an Honorary Canon of St Mary's Cathedral in 1997.

David's funeral is taking place on **Friday 21 August at 2pm** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield.

Please remember David's wife Sheila, his daughter Sarah and her family in your prayers.

The Revd Ian Zass-Ogilvie

It is with sadness that we share the death of the Revd Ian Zass-Ogilvie, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday 29 July.

Ian was a much-loved former Rector of St Peter's, Lutton Place. Prior to his ministry in Edinburgh, Ian also served as Rector of Christ Church, Huntly, Holy Trinity, Keith, and St Marnan, Aberchirder in the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

Please remember Ian's wife, Jenny, and his sons, Andrew and David, in your prayers.

Area Council Meetings

You will have seen that the next meeting will take place at the Cathedral's Walpole Hall on the evening of 22 October. As you **plan your Area Council meetings**, note that the Synod Business will be published a day or so after the Standing Committee meeting on 24 September.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE – NEW DEADLINES

The committee has recently been receiving more applications for Canon 35 consent, Provincial Buildings Grants and Net Zero Grants, which leads to a significantly large amount of paperwork for itself and the office to deal with. Some applications and submissions arrive only a day or so before meetings, which makes it difficult for members to assimilate in time. Going forward, **the committee can only deal with submissions 10 working days before these meetings dates**:

- 7 September* (deadline for papers: 24 August)
- 5 October (deadline 22 September)
- 9 November* (deadline 26 October)
- 30 November (deadline 16 November)

**Provincial Grants deadline too*

This will make sure the office has time to prepare the papers and make sure photos/quotes are included etc. before sending them to the members.

Thank you for your understanding

Vacancies

St Mary's Cathedral: Assistant Director of Music

Ps & Gs, Edinburgh: Social Transformation Lead

Find the details on our Vacancies page.

Mission & Ministry

TRUSTEE Training

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

Saturday 24 October
St Peter's, Abbotsford Road
Galashiels, TD1 3HS

https://tinyurl.com/Trustee26

SONGS OF UNITY

Saturday 29th August '26
Stockbridge Parish Church, Edinburgh EH3 5BN

PAY WHAT YOU CAN
SINGING WORKSHOP
11.30-17.00
£20/£25/£30/£35

CONCERT
19.00-21.00
£12/£14/£16/£18

"an inspired empathy"
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"probably one of the best songwriters in Britain today"
***** *SpiralEarth*

"thoroughly enjoyed myself - so worthwhile...fantastic to be part of something from scratch" "brilliant workshop!" "feeling happy and relaxed"
(singing workshop participants, 2025)

edfringe.com

Looking forward to Creationtide

Creationtide, or the 'Season of Creation', begins on 1 September and runs until 4 October.

To enable you to mark Creationtide supported by a range of resources, we have updated the Creationtide web page on the diocesan website. The page now includes a message from Bishop Dagmar about the ecumenical European-wide celebration of creation as agreed in the Charta Oecumenica, and details about the newly instated Festival of Creation in Christ, to be marked on the first Sunday in September.

You're Invited to Pizza Bowl!

29 August 2026, 4–8pm
Fountainbridge, Edinburgh
For 12–18 year olds in the Diocese of Edinburgh

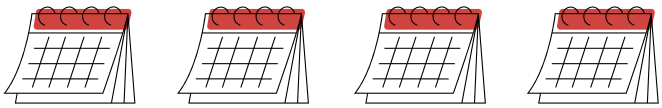
- **Bowling**
- **Chatting**
- **Making new friends**
- **Eating!**

Register here!

Events

Diocesan Diary

Monday 10 August: Buildings Committee



SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 22 October
Diocesan Synod (evening)

Bishop's Diary

Saturday 8 August: The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Sunday 9 August: Edinburgh International Festival Service at St Giles' Cathedral

Sunday 16 August: Festival Service at St Mary's Cathedral

Events

Submit your own event details here. It's easy to do!

- **10 August:** "Whoever Has Ears to Hear": Edinburgh Fringe Church Tour, St Vincent's Chapel
- **10–13 August:** Godly Play at the Fringe, Salvation Army City Corps, Edinburgh
- **14 August:** Symphony of Light, Salvation Army City Corps, Edinburgh
- **15 August:** Assumption Festival High Mass, St Michael and All Saints, Tollcross
- **15–16 August:** The Tormain Project, St Mary's, Dalmahoy

Plus, don't miss Old Saint Paul's Summer Concerts on the evenings of Tuesdays 11, 18 and 25 August! Tickets from the Fringe Box Office.

Festival at St Mary's Cathedral

From musical recitals to tours to art installations, there are exciting events throughout August at St Mary's Cathedral. Find out more on the Cathedral website.

Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts, 16–22 August

Here are the EFAS events to be held at our charges.

For the full itinerary, see the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts website.

Sunday 16 August
3pm: Exploring Sacred Space 1, St James, Goldenacre
7.30pm: Tango Mass & Magnificat, Mackintosh Choir, St John's, Princes Street

Monday 17 August
10am: Opening of Exhibition: Bordering on the Sacred (closes 22 August), St Vincent's Chapel
3pm: Exploring Sacred Space 2, St James, Goldenacre

Tuesday 18 August
1.15pm: A Hymn on Divine Musick: Britten's Baroque Songs, St Vincent's Chapel
7.30pm: Christopher Marlowe's Dr Faustus, St John's, Princes Street

Wednesday 19 August
11am: Exploring Sacred Space 5, Old Saint Paul's
2.30pm: Christopher Marlowe's Dr Faustus, St John's, Princes Street

Thursday 20 August
11am: Exploring Sacred Space 6, St Michael and All Saints

Friday 21 August
7.30pm: To Be a Pilgrim: Words and Music in Search of God, Old Saint Paul's

Saturday 22 August
11am: The Life of Moses, St Vincent's Chapel
4pm: Festival Closing Service, Old Saint Paul's