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# Presbytery of Edinburgh



# **Presbytery Newsletter**

13 September 2017

Welcome to the latest Presbytery newsletter. It has been a busy few weeks and we have a lot of news, events and notices to share in this edition. As always, if you have anything you would like us to share, please contact our Communications Coordinator - julie.dunn@edinburghpresbytery.org.uk You can download a PDF version of this newsletter <a href="mailto:here">here</a>

Presbytery welcomes our new Clerk.



Last week the meeting of Presbytery saw the official installation of Rev Marjory McPeherson as Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery moderator, Rev Colin Sinclair welcomed Marjory with a speech outlining her career in The Church of Scotland and highlighting the legal expertise she brings to the role.

We are delighted to have Marjory join the presbytery team as Clerk, and wish her every blessing as she begins her new role.

# **Moderator blesses new Queensferry Crossing**



Hundreds of lucky spectators took part in the opening ceremony of the new Queensferry Crossing this morning.

Her Majesty The Queen was accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh when she officially opened the impressive new bridge, praising the feat of engineering and reflecting back to 53 years ago when she opened the Forth Road Bridge.

Moderator of the Church of Scotland General Assembly, Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning undertook the official blessing of the bridge, hailing a 'Gloriously dynamic' structure.

# **Queensferry Parish Church builds bridge of kindness**



The opening of The Queensferry Crossing inspired the congregation at Queensferry Parish Church to reach out to people in the local community.

Over the last year, people of all ages have engaged in a wide range of activities to assist people such as DIY, litter picking and gardening. They have kept a record of what they have done on post-it notes attached to a drawing of the new Queensferry Crossing suspension bridge.

Read the full story here

# Updates from Mercy Corps on the Famine in South Sudan



The World Mission Committee has received images and updates from their Mercy Corps worker in Nepal on their work following the devastating floods there.

Click here to read about their important work and how you can help.

# Vacancy for charge at Greenbank Parish Church

Greenbank Parish Church has a vacancy for a charge. You can find out more about this role and how to apply <u>here</u>.

# Fresh Start shopping list for harvest thanksgiving



As we are coming into the harvest thanksgiving season with services in churches and schools, we have been forwarded a <u>Fresh Start shopping list</u>.

Please encourage your congregation or communities to support Fresh Start by collecting some of the items on the list and taking them to their depot at 22/24

Ferry Road Drive EH4 4BR then the Fresh Start volunteers will add them to the Starter Packs which help people who have been homeless make a new home for themselves.

View the shopping list <u>here</u>.

## Scottish Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling "SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN TIMES OF LOSS"

Places still remain at the SAPCC Annual Conference and AGM to be held on Saturday 28 October 2017 at Letham St Mark's Church, Perth, PH1 2HH (10.30am until approx. 2.30pm).

The lecture will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the SAPCC and lunch. Attendance at the AGM is optional but we hope to welcome new faces to the Association.

To book a place please contact:

Suzie Stark (Secretary, SAPCC) at <a href="mailto:sstark1962@btinternet.com">sstark1962@btinternet.com</a>

Please book by Monday 9 October.

The cost of the event (teas, coffees on arrival and lunch provided) is £15, payable on the day.

Please advise of any dietary or access requirements.

Directions and further details will be sent out once booking is received.

This year's **Margaret Allan Lecture**, 'Loss: from misconceptions to making a difference' will be delivered by The Reverend Tom Gordon

# **Palcrafts Fund-raising concert**



Palcrafts (UK) is a registered Scottish charity which aims to reduce poverty in Palestine by selling Palestinian goods through Hadeel, its Fair Trade shop at 123 George Street. After expenses are paid, profits from the shop go back to Palestinian artisans and craft workers in the form of small grants to support and develop their businesses.

Palcrafts is organising a fund raising concert on 29 September, starring the acclaimed Syrian classical guitarist, Ayman Jarjour.

Also performing will be the Choir of St. Andrew's and St George's West.

After the concert, a light buffet (including Palestinian food), wine and soft drinks will be served (covered in ticket price).

Tickets for this event are available in Hadeel and the Church office. They cost £20, £15 (over 60s, disabled people, students) or £10 (under 16s). You can also book <u>here</u>.

Friday 29 September, 7.30pm. St. Andrew's and St George's West, 13 George Street, Edinburgh.

# 'More Slaves Today than at any Time in Human History'



ACTS Anti-Human Trafficking Group, The Albertus Institute and The Centre for Theology and Public Issues (CTPI) at the University of Edinburgh are pleased to cohost a one day conference, exploring current issues related to human trafficking, from different contexts and perspectives.

To find out more and book your place, click here.



Our churches and faith communities face change, encounter difference and can struggle to manage conflict. We know conflict can be both creative and destructive.

Place for Hope offers one-day workshops to support church and faith community leaders in responding to conflict.

These days are designed for all in leadership, including clergy, elders, deacons, readers, Ordained Local Ministers, youth leaders, mission leaders, licensed or commissioned lay leaders and more.

Find out more here

# Council of Churches in Trinity and Goldenacre Charity lecture



The 'Edinburgh Weekend Club: Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees' is the subject of the 2017 Trinity & Goldenacre Council of Churches charity lecture.

It will be held in Wardie Church Hall at 7.30pm on October 8.

'Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees ' (SFAR) is a project which seeks to co-ordinate and promote action by faith communities in Scotland in supporting asylum seekers and refugees.

The purpose is to foster the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants in Edinburgh by creating an atmosphere of welcome.

The speaker, Wendy Pearson, is a member of the multi-faith group in Edinburgh and acts as a volunteer representing the Christian faith.

## CENTRE FOR MINISTRY STUDIES



### THE ABERDEEN ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY: THINKING AND LIVING FAITHFULLY **AUTUMN 2017 CLASSES**

### Hope and Forgiveness at Creed's End

Led by Professor Philip Ziegler Rubislaw Church Centre, Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen, ABI5 4AB 9.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 7th October - We acknowledge the forgiveness of sins Saturday 4th November - We look for the resurrection of the dead Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – And the life of the world to come

The bishops who gathered at the Council of Constantinople in 381 AD amended the Nicene Creed by, among other things, adding three final statements concerning baptism, and Christian hope in resurrection and eternal life. In this, the final series of classes exploring the ancient creed and its meaning for the Christian life, Professor Philip Ziegler will explore how these teachings have been understood in scripture and tradition, and how we might own them in faith and hope today.

Course costs £45/£30 Unwaged To Register Contact clare.davidson@abdn.ac.uk Phone 01224 272138

9.30am Welcome and Introductions 9.45am Session 1 10.05am Coffee

10.30am Coffee

10.45am Session 2

11.30am Small Group Discussion Time around setquestions

12.00pm Plenary

12.15pm Closing Comments and Prayer

12.30pm. The End



9.30am - 4pm

register free at







The Church of Scotland & Action of Churches Together in Scotland

## **AUTUMN CONFERENCE**

Capturing the Vision: A Vision for the Church in 21st Century Scotland

4 November 2017



Date: Saturday, 4 November 2017, 10.30am - 3.15pm (registration from 10 am). A light lunch will be provided

Venue: City of Edinburgh Methodist Church, Nicolson Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9BX

### Speakers:











### The Rt Rev Mgr Philip Kerr

Vice President, Office of Ecumenism, Bishops' Conference of Scotland Convener, Action of Churches Together in Scotland



**Dr Anette Hagan**Senior Curator of Rare Book Collections, National Library of Scotland and Church of Scotland Elder

The Conference will focus on the theme "Capturing the Vision" taking into consideration the changing church landscape in Scotland and the challenges and opportunities this presents for churches together. In addition, Dr Hagan, who is organising a display of original Lutheran tracts held by the National Library which tell the story of the early Reformation in Germany, will bring a focus on the significance of the Reformation.

Email: Ros Milne - rmilne@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 0131 225 5722 Ext 2370

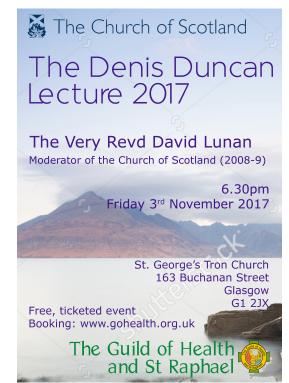
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LECTURE 1 - A WORKPLACE CHAPLAIN'S PERSPECTIVE Thursday 14th September, 7.30pm lain McFadzean, CEO, Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland

LECTURE 2 - A PSYCHOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE Thursday 12th October, 7.30pm David Craigie, Co-Founder, Craigie Partnership

LECTURE 3 - A TRADE UNIONIST'S PERSPECTIVE Thursday 9th November, 7.30pm Grahame Smith, General Secretary, STUC

Palmerston Place Church, 12 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH12 5AA Tea and Coffee from 7pm





We invite you to 'At the Heart. On the Edge.', a day hosted by Revd Dr Richard Frazer, Minister of Greyfriars Kirk, and Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, which includes theology, ideas, solutions and support, with a programme developed jointly by Greyfriars Kirk and St Martin'

The day, to be held at Greyfriars Kirk on Tuesday 21 November, will explore mission and ministry in

- Congregation Liturgy and worship for day-to-day communal life gathered and local Commerce Starting and sustaining distinctive enterprise to generate finance for your church Compassion Growing participation and volumering to address social need locally Culture Using art, music and performance to reimagine the Christian narrative in your context

HeartEdge is a growing ecumenical network of churches and other organisations working across the UK and overseas, initiated by St Martin-in-the-Fields.

- For those working at the heart of commerce, culture and commu With those at the margins and on the edge Building association, learning, development and resource

earn more about HeartEdge http://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/church/worship/partnerships/

We very much hope you can come to this exciting day of mutual learning and development.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/at-the-heart-i-on-the-edge-edinburgh-tickets-36649868744

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There is no cost for the event, but if you have any enquiries please contact jack@palmerstonplacec



### A lively hands-on practical course for anyone wanting to explore and play more effectively 'The King of Instruments'

### Do you want to have lots of fun while:

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### For more information contact:

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Email: sheilachis28@gmail.com

http://sheilachisholm.weebly.com/positif-organist.html

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## **RESOURCING** THE RURAL CHURCH

The Church of Scotland Rural Working Group have created a suite of resources aimed at supporting the rural church and would like to share them with those interested in, or involved in, rural ministry - ministers and non ministers.

### Rural Resourcing Roadshows 20 7

[10:30 am to 3:30pm with a light lunch]

Lairg Parish Church - Sutherland - Saturday 21st October

Kilmonivaig Church - Lochaber - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

St. Madoes & Kinfauns Parish Church - Perthshire - Tuesday 7th November

Melrose Parish Church - Scottish Borders - Saturday 18th November

Aberlour Church - Moray - Thursday 30th November

To book a place at any of these free events please contact

Wayne Morris: wmorris@churchofscotland.org.uk 0131 225 5722 - http://bit.ly/cofsruralroadshows

Rural Working Group of Mission & Discipleship Council The Church of Scotland - Scottish Charity Number SC011353











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## CENTRE FOR MINISTRY STUDIES



### **WINTER RETREAT 2018**

### Sustaining a Faithful Ministry: Remembering who called us

One of our greatest challenges today as church leaders is to remain faithful to the ministry to which we were called and for which we are gifted. Distractions, in various disguises, seek to disturb and mislead us. During our Retreat together we shall spend time in the company of jeremiah. Reflecting upon his call, we shall consider what helped him remain faithful to the ministry he was given, and shall seek to receive encouragement from his example.



The Retreat will be led by Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey.

The Bield, Blackruthven, Perthshire www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

Tuesday 9th -Thursday 11th January 2018 Cost £195

To register, contact Clare Davidson, clare.davidson@abdn.ac.uk, 01224 272138 www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/centreministrystudi



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