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## Presbytery of Edinburgh

# Presbytery Newsletter

12 June 2020

Welcome to the Edinburgh Presbytery newsletter. As we look forward to the time when we can open our doors and meet one another again, we again wish all Presbytery members, local communities and congregations our thoughts and prayers. We understand that the pandemic continues to affect the daily lives of many and we are working to keep you connected and informed of any updates, good news and opportunities to connect and worship online regularly. If you have anything you would like us to share in this newsletter or have feedback, please contact our Communications Coordinator - PLEASE USE THIS EMAIL: [edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com)  
[You can download a PDF version of this newsletter here](#)

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## Pandemic shows rough sleeping "not inevitable"



Very Rev Dr Russell Barr has said one of the “unexpected benefits” of the COVID-19 pandemic is a reduction in rough sleeping, with many homeless people having been moved into hotels and other forms of self-contained accommodation over the last two months. [Read more.](#)

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## Refugee Week 2020



Refugee Week: 14 - 21 June

The week of June 14th through 21st is Refugee week, an opportunity to reflect on our fundamental Christian calling to care for the Sojourner and Immigrant. Scottish refugees have a lot to teach us about hope and resilience and starting again. This [video](#) is worth watching and sharing.

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Time to Talk is a COVID-19 Listening Service for care home residents and their families. No advice will be offered - only kindness, empathy and a willingness to listen.

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
from 11am to 7pm**

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An Edinburgh - Glasgow project of the Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA): a multi-faith organisation which seeks to enable understanding and mutual respect within communities.

Find out more at: [www.edinburghinterfaith.com](http://www.edinburghinterfaith.com)

This project is funded by the Scottish government  
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## Short courses for Church people – all welcome!

### Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context

This course will be of interest to those who wish to explore the possibility of leading worship in their local church setting. It will focus on the history, theology and structure of worship services in a variety of styles, in order to ground current practice in its wider context.

The course will be run in partnership with the Faith Nurture Forum of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners.

All of the components of a church service will be considered in theory and from a practical perspective. Participants will have opportunities to prepare prayers, children's talks and sermons, and to construct meaningful orders of service.

Course organiser: **Dr Alison Jack**

### Where and when?

Classes will take place at New College and online, September-December 2020:

- Six evening classes, 6-8pm
- Two Saturday gatherings

### Assessment

The course is accredited at SQA Level 7 for 10 credits. To be awarded credit, students must successfully complete a final assignment. It is also possible to take the course 'not for credit' and in that case there is no assessment.

### Who is it for?

This course is open to all. Participants are likely to be active in their local Church. Maximum enrolment: 25 on campus, and an overall maximum of 50 including online participants.

### Course fee

£200 (whether for credit or not)

### Contact

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## Introduction to Pioneer Ministry and Church Planting

This course aims to equip participants with a grounding in the theological understanding and practical knowledge needed to begin new worshipping communities or 'fresh expressions of church', through pioneer ministry and church planting.

The course will be run in partnership with the Faith Nurture Forum of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners.

Course organiser: **Dr Sandy Forsyth**



### Where and when?

Classes will take place at New College and online, January-April 2021. The practicalities will be confirmed nearer the time (subject to covid-19 requirements) but the schedule is likely to involve:

- Six evening classes, 6-8pm
- Two Saturday gatherings

### Assessment

The course is accredited at SQA Level 7 for 10 credits. To be awarded credit, students must successfully complete a final assignment. It is also possible to take the course 'not for credit' and in that case there is no assessment.

### Who is it for?

This course is open to all, lay or ordained, and from any Christian denomination. Participants are likely to be involved at present in beginning a 'fresh expression of church' in their context, or are hoping to do so soon. Maximum enrolment: 25 on campus, and an overall maximum of 50 including online participants.

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Place for Hope are looking for a new Director and Reconciliation and Mediation Team Manager. The two appointments will support Place for Hope in its ministry of reconciliation and peacebuilding through these times of transition that we all face.

Further details can be found at [www.placeforhope.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://www.placeforhope.org.uk/about/vacancies).

The closing date for both jobs is 10th July 2020.

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## UPDATES TO ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP

### Coronavirus crisis resources

#### Important updates

- ★ [A message from The Presbytery Clerk](#)
- ★ [Latest advice from The Church of Scotland](#)
- ★ [Online resources from The Church of Scotland Ascend pages](#)
- ★ [Information on conducting funerals and weddings during the Coronavirus outbreak](#)

#### Online worship and resources around Edinburgh

[Palmerston Place Church](#) - publish a recorded video worship service online each Sunday at 11am

[Queensferry & Dalmeny Churches](#) - will live stream services on Sundays at 10:30 am

[Polwarth Parish Church](#) - updates, video devotions and sermons posted via [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

At this time of social distancing, there are many online resources available for churches and individuals that offer advice, guidance or simply a means of connection. The Presbytery of Edinburgh has continued to collate links to many

useful resources on our dedicated webpage, including a new and updated list of links to available online worship and reflections being published by many churches. You can access the updated resources by [clicking here](#). If you have an online resource you would like to add, please email [edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com](mailto:edinburghpresbyterycomms@gmail.com).

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