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**Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.**

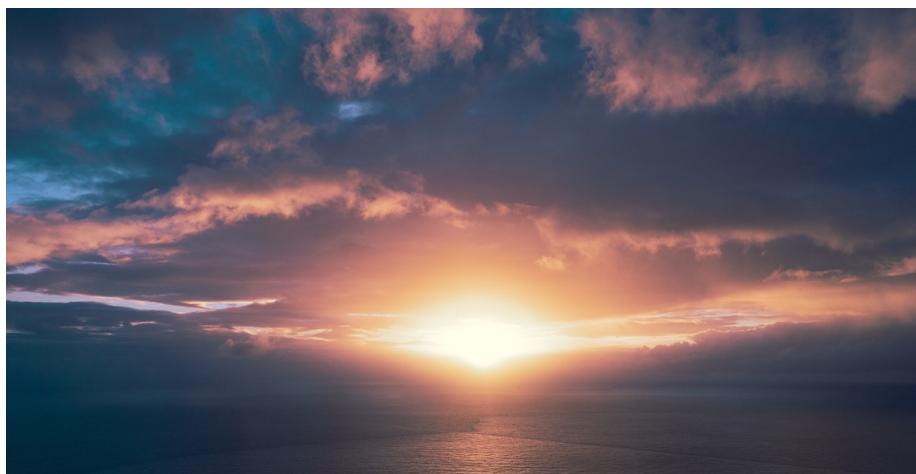
We hope you enjoy this month's news,
and welcome suggestions and comments
at media@standrews.anglican.org

Further information can be found
on our website at <https://standrews.anglican.org>
and by clicking on the social media icons below.

**You can view this E-News in your web browser
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website.**



Signs of Hope



Candlemas on 2 February comes just as the days start to get longer. Tradition makes it a day to predict the weather: 'if Candlemas Day is fair and bright, winter will have another flight; if the day brings clouds and rain, winter will not come again.' So we may hope for a wet day!

Just before Candlemas, on 27 January, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day, for the millions who were murdered. Survivors of the camps said that every Friday some people made candles from threads pulled from worn striped uniforms and fat taken from spare inadequate rations. Other prisoners said this was madness, they were all starving to death and needed the fat as food. But those who made the candles knew, as they kindled the light each Friday night, that the hope it symbolised was more important than food alone. Some of them say that they survived only because of those improvised Sabbath lights keeping hope alive.

Hope is lighting one candle rather than sitting in darkness. It is not a noun, a word for a feeling, an optimism. It is a verb, a word for living in a certain way, an action. Hope makes us act differently, for peace, for truth, for justice, for love.



Every congregation in our Diocese, and every member of it, is called to be a light of hope. In the season of Lent, which starts next month, I want to renew my own calling to hope. The word 'Lent' comes from the old English 'lencten', which means 'lengthen,' referring to the lengthening of the days in spring.

As the days get longer now, I will be looking ahead to the start of that season, and thinking about what I need to do to 'lengthen' the light in my life, so I can become a better sign of hope. I hope that you may join me, and join the times of prayer and study, offered by your church, for growing in hope.

One of my favourite prayers in the Scottish Prayer Book says, "We give thee thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations." Today we are the lights of the world in our own generation. Whenever the candles are blown out in church, it is over to us to be living candles, lights of the world, and signs of hope.

Bishop Ian

Can you help our E-News team?



We are looking for someone who enjoys engaging with the life and

mission of our diocese to join our media team as an E-News Volunteer.

- Do you enjoy creative aspects of promoting the mission of our diocese?
- Do you want to help raise awareness of the important ministries, initiatives and activities happening throughout our diocese - in our congregations and communities?
- Do you enjoy discovering and sharing compelling stories?
- Do you like to write, edit, compile, work with images or design copy?

If you resonate with ANY of the above, are comfortable working with digital media, and can offer approximately 10 hours per month to our E-News communications efforts we would love to have a conversation with you. Together we can explore how you might use your gifts within our E-News and media team to support our diocesan mission:

'Our diocese comprises a thriving group of hopeful, caring and committed congregations whose shared life, worship and effective engagement with people and issues in their communities attracts growing numbers of people from diverse backgrounds to share the values and work of our church.'

Please contact [Karen](#) or the [Media Team](#) if you have an interest in helping with the E-News and media in some way.

Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, the Queen

The celebrations to mark HM the Queen's 70 years on the Throne will take place mainly on the weekend of 2-5 June, while 6 February is also being marked as the date on which she became Queen in 1952. Churches in the Diocese are making plans, with other churches in the community, to mark these occasions. The Liturgy Committee of the SEC has created a prayer which has been authorised by the College of Bishops, and is commended to be used in worship at these times:



*Almighty and eternal God,
you uphold and govern all things both in heaven and on earth,
and by your grace alone kings and queens do reign.
We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed
upon us*

*throughout the reign of our sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth,
whom you have set over us these threescore years and ten.
We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of
peace,
for the care and devotion with which she has served her
people,
for the example of her gracious life.
As we rejoice before you with thankful hearts,
we pray that we may ever be united in love and service to one
another,
as people called to live according to your will,
for the good of all the world,
and the glory of your great name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

If you have stories and plans to share about the Jubilee, please see the article below by the Revd Leslie-ann Craddock inviting you to share them with others.

Tell me a story...

Over much of the past year, our Digital Missioner and Communications Team have issued invitations to all of us to share stories from our lives, communities and churches as part of celebrating the pilgrimage we are on together, and who we are as a diocese – people of diverse interests and experiences. Enjoy the stories shared in this newsletter. We hope you will be inspired to share yours!



There are opportunities to continue to share our stories through many avenues, including submitting them directly to our communications

team (ddm@standrews.anglican.org) and diocesan office (office@standrews.anglican.org). We encourage you to keep them coming!

And we also invite you to consider this most recent invitation (below) from Revd Lesley-ann Craddock in advance of the Queen's upcoming Jubilee!

Tell me your story about celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The most powerful expressions of life are told in stories, passed from one person to another and then onto many. We join in with another person's hopes and dreams, and adventures, pilgrimages, and retreat times, when they honour us with their stories. Being church together is no different; each charge has multiple stories, tiny, small and big. Told by adults or young people about activities happened or in the planning. I have a calling to hear those stories; I am passionate about the smallest as well as the largest stories. Not fiction; but, an event told in narrative form gives a depth to the life of our living church.

I am especially wanting to hear about plans for ***celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee***. How where, why, who, FOOD! The good and the not so good things along the planning route; and after the event, an honest - hopefully with a little humour - account of what ACTUALLY happened.

Context equals meaning; therefore each charge will definitely be different. What unites us will be how we experienced the love of Jesus in the messiness of it all.

I plan to gather these stories - small and bigger ones, and publish them in our diocesan news letter and on the web page. I shall be seeking your permission to do so.

PLEASE contact me, using the details below, and let us all be part of the growing story of the St Andrews and Dunkeld Diocese.

Canterbury tales will be as nothing. 😊

Reverend Lesley-ann Craddock

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Lambeth Conference 2022



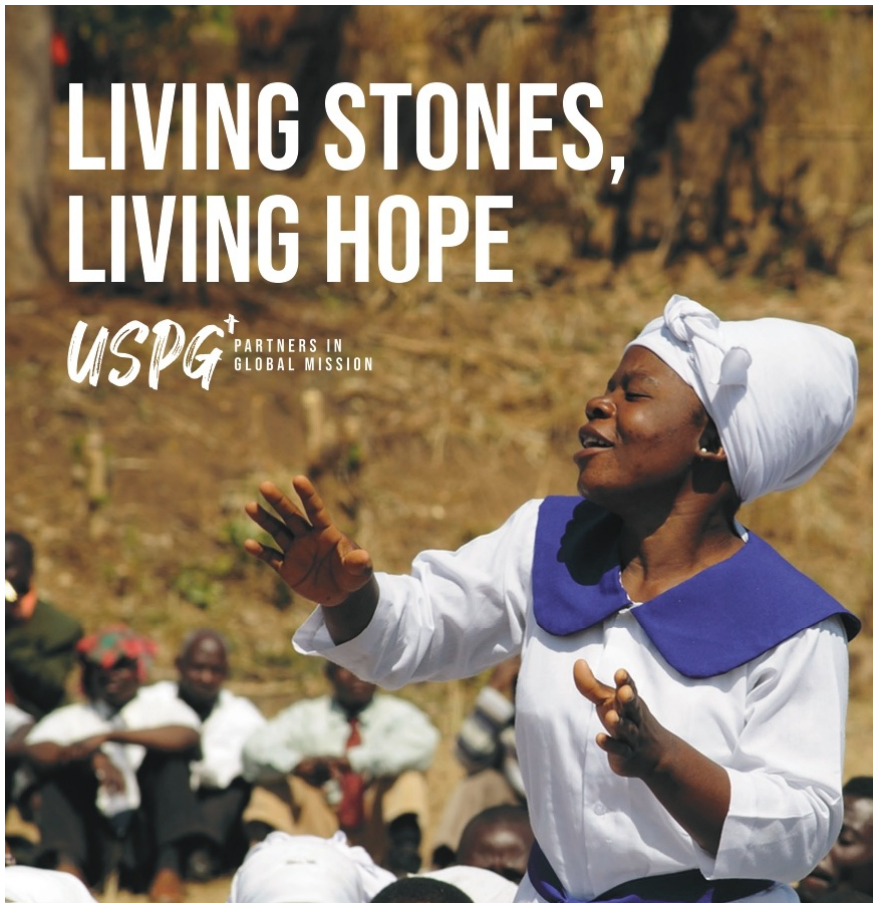
The Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops from around the world is taking place **in Canterbury from 26 July to 8 August**. It was postponed in 2020, but is going ahead this year instead. However, because of pandemic travel concerns, visiting bishops have been requested to travel directly to Canterbury, and dioceses in Britain are no longer being asked to offer hospitality. That means, very regretfully, that Bishop Marinez of Amazonia (Brazil) and Bishop Paritosh of Calcutta (India) will not after all be able to visit us in the Diocese before Lambeth.

The Global Partnership Committee is working on an alternative plan to have a **Diocesan Gathering** on the Lambeth Conference theme ('God's Church for God's World') **after the Conference** instead of before it - in September perhaps - celebrating our global partnership links, including a report of the Conference from Bishop Ian and, possibly, online participation by Bishop Marinez and Bishop Paritosh.

For information about the Lambeth Conference see www.lambethconference.org



Lent 2022



Because the Lambeth Conference is a renewal of our commitment to the world-wide Anglican Communion, Bishop Ian is calling for churches and people in the Diocese to make this our focus for the season of Lent, using Lent study material from USPAG (the international Anglican mission partnership), and supporting the work of USPAG by giving to this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Bishop Ian commends the study course, 'Living Stones, Living Hope', as a way we can connect with the theme of the Lambeth Conference and reflect on the key scripture passages for it, and prepare with him for the Conference.

For information about the USPAG Lent Course, 'Living Stones, Living Hope', see www.uspg.org.uk/lent.

For information about the work of USPAG, see www.uspg.org.uk.

Community Pantry Opens in St Luke's



A new community pantry has opened in St Luke's in Glenrothes to help vulnerable people and families who are suffering from food poverty.

From Fife Today news:

The church originally planned to provide a community cafe, but as more people than ever face hardship, the decision was made to supply a pantry instead to try to stem the numbers going hungry as they chose between heat or eat.

Father Gerry Dillon said: "After consultation with people from the community we decided it would be more practical to provide a pantry rather than a cafe as there are more people than ever facing food poverty.

"We have also highlighted a need to provide classes that focus on cooking skills to ensure that people are able to create nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

"Through funding from the National Lottery Community Fund we have been able to take on a part time community pantry officer, and luckily for us, Gayle Wilson from Leslie Community Pantry has stepped into the role bringing a wealth of experience and knowledge to it."

Father Gerry said that St Luke's goal is to support the community no matter what issues it may face. "We not only help with food poverty but with emotional and mental health wellbeing as well as spiritual support," he said. "Working alongside various partners we are planning several mental health events that will encourage people to take a break and to look after themselves."

Read the full article [here](#).

We wish Father Gerry and all who work to support this community pantry every blessing in this important ministry.

Our Climate Pilgrimage

So many ways to make a difference - what's your story?

Karen Kiefer, Digital Missioner



We will see important updates from our Climate Change Group leading up to and during our Diocesan Synod on Saturday 5th March. As the group continues to plan for initiatives and encourage and highlight the important and interesting things happening and starting to happen in our congregations and communities, we also continue to enthusiastically solicit and engage your stories, no matter how large scale or small - from community and global initiatives to personal commitments that are turning into habits. Everything counts! And our responses to climate change are as interesting, meaningful and unique as we are!

Please visit our [Diocesan Climate Change Group page](#) to see updates, information and highlights of your stories, initiatives and projects so we can celebrate together steps taken toward better care for creation, and also challenge and encourage all of us on our journey to becoming carbon neutral.

In this month's E-News, we highlight stories about two individuals taking and leading action in their own sphere of influence: an adventurous global initiative and the wonderful action and influence from an insightful young person in our diocese. Both are inspiring leaders in their own right. And these two stories both come through one source (me). Look around, even if you don't think you have a compelling story or initiative to share (you are likely mistaken!), you probably know others who do! Share it with us!

Who inspires *you*?

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Adventure, thy name is Erden

I am fortunate to know a dedicated, exciting adventurer who frequently inspires and delights me with his escapades of grand proportion. While working as an IT/Project Management consultant many years ago in Washington, DC, I met Erden Eruç, a colleague and talented software engineer originally from Turkey who lives his life with a discipline, commitment and intensity that I found thrilling, both in the office and in his fascinating endeavours around the world.

He has climbed Denali (Mt McKinley) in Alaska, Mt Kosciuszko in Australia Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa, and has his sights set on Mt Everest and Mt Elbrus in Eastern Europe in the next fourteen months, as part of his current adventure.

As I write this, Erden is on his 227th day in the Pacific Ocean - rowing from Crescent City, California to Hong Kong - on his SECOND solo circumnavigation around the globe. He has seventeen Guinness world records and many historic firsts, including the first solo circumnavigation around the earth by human power (which culminated in July 2012).

He left Northern California on 22 June 2021 and is expecting to reach Hong Kong next month. You can follow his expedition and progress [here](#) and on his home page for [Around 'n Over](#).

As exciting as this is to consider and to follow, why am I including his story here? Because among Erden's many fine qualities is his commitment to our climate. His mission for this current circumnavigation effort is to highlight the plastics problem in our oceans in partnership with Ocean Recovery Alliance (ORA), who is producing a stream of educational content in English, Chinese, Spanish and Turkish. Erden will participate in these classrooms regularly by satellite phone. You can see one of these engagements [here](#). Find out more about his climate action partnership with ORA to raise awareness about plastics in our oceans [here](#).

Erden is also collecting ambient sound data for NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the US) using a high frequency hydrophone. The data will identify the range of Beaked Whales along his transect. Other species may also be identified once the data is archived and made public.

He has been accompanied so far by wildlife both in the sea and the



Erden has frequent visitors who seem to enjoy taking a break from flight on his row boat.



Erden in his row boat just off the coast of Waikiki, Hawaii in early October 2021.

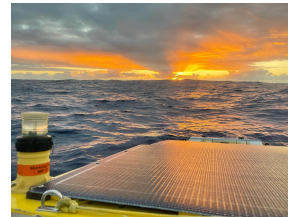
air, with whale, shark and marlin sightings, and many avian visitors taking refuge on his boat from long flights, including red-footed boobies, noddy terns and shearwaters. An occasional flying fish may also find its way onto his deck.



A marlin swims below



Red-footed booby



Another stunning sunset

As grand as his adventurous pilgrimage is, his primary actions in response to climate change are just like ours - raising awareness, taking responsibility for his own carbon footprint, whether on sea or on land (you will notice the solar panels he has fitted to his row boat) and encouraging all to do the same. He is integrating that commitment to the climate into his passion for adventure. While rowing ourselves across an ocean is not a climate action any of us reading this newsletter will likely ever take, we *can* find ways to incorporate climate change awareness and action into our own passionate projects and our daily lives.



Erden asks: If you were to embark on an epic journey of discovery - in your area or beyond - what would your priorities be?

How is your own climate pilgrimage an adventure?



Tiger Lily

While Erden has set off on a climate adventure around the world, one of my local heroes is modelling for all of us the way we can make an important difference right where we are.



Young Lily Drage lives with her family - parents Dan and Kimberly, and younger sister Joanna - in St Andrews. They each are inspiring leaders in raising climate awareness and modelling and encouraging change. Together, they are quite a force for climate action in our community.

At thirteen, Lily is doing her part to help keep her carbon footprint small. She is most pleased about her and her family's efforts to buy second hand, reuse items and reduce plastic - especially single use. She has been encouraged by what is happening at home and at school, saying, 'My family has been buying a lot less single use plastic

and brand new things made of plastic; and my friends and I do make an effort to put our rubbish in the bin and avoid single use plastic.' In addition to these actions, Lily believes that two of the most tangible impacts she is making personally are using a reusable mask and a metal insulated water bottle. 'It makes me feel better that I am doing something to help,' she commented.

In addition to efforts at her home and school, Lily is very pleased with the commitment she sees in her church community of Saint Andrews, St Andrews and is encouraged by the initiatives underway. It is inspiring to see her so knowledgeable and attuned to what is happening within the congregation, and to hear her, without skipping a beat, mention all the impactful initiatives our Eco Congregation group here have stewarded (it perhaps helps that her mother, Kimberly Drage, is a key member of this group!):

- Double glazing the windows in the church hall.
- Getting [solar panels](#) on the roof of the church soon.
- The green ticket scheme people are using to track their carbon savings and sacrifices.
- The COP26 24-hour prayer vigil with reflection stations held at the church.
- Developing the gardens around the church (in which Lily and other members of our Young Church take part, led by Jenny Evetts, the church's wonderfully dedicated 'garden keeper' and Eco Congregation member.



Jenny Evetts with young helpers

Lily helped make the signs for the plants in the beds on the outside wall of the church and said she 'got cool information about potatoes from Jenny - how they grow and how to take care of them.'

Lily feels most passionate about climate change when she is out in nature: 'It's about respecting the world,' she says. Nature - especially animals and walking the Lade Braes in St Andrews - is what is most personal for her, what is most familiar and what she likes.



Tiger: Paws by Lily Drage

She cares very much about the impact of climate change on wildlife and took part in making climate change posters at her school. For her part, Lily made a drawing, and named the work *Tiger: Paws*, a play on the homophones 'paws' and 'pause'.

She said she imagined 'wildlife talking to us humans and asking us to hear them - they don't like it.' She said she feels guilty (on behalf of all humans) about the animals' predicament - 'It's not their fault.'

She hopes to encourage people to pause and pay attention to our wildlife.

Like most, Lily feels the enormity of climate change and the challenges we face, especially in believing we can make a difference as individuals. She comments, 'Sometimes you feel like you are on your own. . . and it can be hard to feel hope about it'. But she offers encouragement:

'Keep going, even though it may seem like a lot of other people aren't doing enough. There are lots of people who are. A lot of people are aware and that gives me hope.'

And she, like so many young people who are helping to lead climate action efforts, give all of us hope.

We can DO this... together!

St Ninian's Cathedral is a favourite virtual tour

In the report on *Doors Open Day 2021* from the Scottish Civic



Trust, St Ninian's Cathedral features at the top of the list of their favourite virtual tours of religious sites across Scotland!

From Explore Scotland:

Take a 360-degree photo tour of the first cathedral to be built in Britain since the Reformation. Recently restored, its stunning architecture features beautiful sculptures and stained glass.



Please [click here](#) to enjoy the virtual tour for yourself!



**PERTSHIRE
RAINBOW
TABLE**



We are here!



7.30pm Thursday 17th February 2022
Thursday 17 March, Thursday 21 April all at
St Columba's Perth Rd. Crieff. PH7 3EB.

Friday 3rd June Lunch Party at Hunter's..
details to follow

We are an ecumenical Christian worship community which offers a warm welcome to people who are: **LGBTQIA+** and their friends- all who seek an inclusive Church.

We aim to create a safe sacred space for you to explore your faith and what it means for you.

Whoever you are, wherever you come from,
you are welcome here.

<https://strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk/>
Contact Revd Gennie Evans rev.gen@btinternet.com





Our (Digital) Pilgrimage: Let's Chat!

I would love to hear how things are going in your congregation, including, but not limited to:

- what went well last year,
- how you and your congregation adjusted, found edges for growth, impacted your community, were impacted by your community,
- and how you connected with your mission, among other things, including online goals.

I welcome the opportunity to accompany you in this exploration, and how together we might plan for your vision for 2022.

Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in a conversation!

*Karen
Digital Missioner*

Christian Aid
Scotland Online Supporter Gathering
Tuesday 22nd February 2022 10am -
12pm



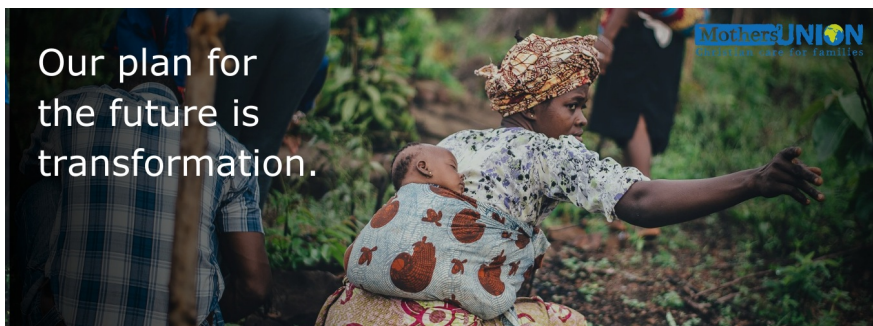
Christian Aid Scotland is delighted to welcome staff from Christian Aid South Sudan to their virtual Gathering in February. They will speak about the impact of climate change and conflict on vulnerable communities.

They will also talk about new ways of participating in Christian Aid Week, celebrate the Kiltwalk's success and let you know how you can get involved in 2022. This will be an interactive session on Zoom with lots of opportunities to ask questions. You are encouraged to save the date and invite others to join.

Email to register and receive the joining instructions:
edinburgh@christian-aid.org

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From Mothers' Union



Our 2022 Theme: Transformation - now!

As we approach the start of a new triennium at Mothers' Union and look towards the future with fresh vision, our goal for 2022 is Transformation - now!

Our members have shown such incredible resilience, responsiveness and adaptability throughout the global pandemic. As an organisation, the pandemic forced us to change the ways we work and support those who benefit from our services.

Now is the time to:

- Transform ourselves, personally and spiritually, to live out our faith.
- Transform the churches and communities we work with and of which we are a part, to reflect Christ's kingdom.
- Transform Mothers' Union to be relevant for 21st century life.

Find out more about Transformation Now on [our website](#) and find out how you can get involved.

Diocesan Dates for your Diary



24th February 2022	CMD Study Day on Climate Change Ash Wednesday - beginning of Lent
2nd March 2022	Diocesan Synod Mothers Union Lady Day Eucharist - St John's Perth
5th March 2022	
24th March 2022	Palm Sunday (Start of Holy Week) Maundy Thursday (Chrism Mass at Cathedral)
10th April 2022	Good Friday
14th April 2022	Easter Day General Synod
15th April 2022	Rochester to Canterbury Pilgrimage Lambeth Conference
17th April 2022	Fife Pilgrim Way / Three Saints Way
9th - 11th June 2022	Pilgrimages
June 2022	
26th July - 8th August	

Music in Aberfoyle: McIntyre Recital



Our next concert is a recital of music by the brilliant young organist, Steven McIntyre, "Christmas to Easter - Bach and Baroque". Steven comes from Grangemouth and is a former assistant organist to Paisley Abbey and organ scholar at Peterborough Cathedral. He is currently assistant organist at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow. He is a Scottish Churches Trust Sir Boyd Tunnock Organist's Travel Bursary scholar who intends to study in Paris, chiefly at St Severin with M. Christophe Mantoux, and to explore some of the Parisian organs of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll. You may listen to him play [here](#).

Concert details:

Sunday 20th February at 3pm in St. Mary's Church, Aberfoyle

Entry is by voluntary donation and you may reserve a place by sending an email to aberfoyleconcerts@gmail.com

I am also delighted to announced that we are now able to enjoy a cup of tea after the concert.

*With best wishes,
Christopher Road*

Upcoming Church Pastoral Aid Society training events

Church Pastoral Aid Society has provided details of their January and February training events for church leaders. You can also see a full list of upcoming CPAS training events at www.cpas.org.uk/events.

PCC Tonight Training Evening
Online, 15 February (7pm-9.20pm)

Building on our popular PCC Tonight resource, CPAS is running an online event

to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore some common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to shape its life. Book at www.cpas.org.uk/pccevents.

**How to Encourage People to Step Up in an Era of Stepping Back
Online, 16 February (10-11am)**

The latest Changing Church reports reveals that 59% of churches have seen a decrease in 'volunteering' (EA October 2021). People are stepping back for all sorts of reasons, and leaders are feeling the impact. What can be done? Book at www.cpas.org.uk/stepup

**Live Launch: How to Nurture a Faith-Sharing Culture
Online, 3 March (12.00-12.45pm)**

Join us for the live launch of this exciting new resource for church leaders (available for free!), which explores how small shifts can make big changes. Packed full of creative ideas and inspiration for nurturing an evangelistic church culture. Book at www.cpas.org.uk/livelaunch

**Tackling Procrastination as a Leader
Online, 9 March (9.30am-12.30pm)**

Procrastination is something all leaders experience. But for some of us it feels like an insurmountable struggle. Join Pam Macnaughton (CPAS Leadership Enabler), as she explores how to overcome this life-limiting challenge, whether you wrestle with it yourself, or want to better understand colleagues who do. Book at www.cpas.org.uk/belowthesurface

**Moving On
Online, 10 March (9.30am-1pm)**

For clergy seeking a new post. This online, forum-style event will offer clergy insights into the tricky subject of moving jobs. Starting from Scripture, we will explore the discernment process and the practicalities of completing good applications and handling interviews well. Book at www.cpas.org.uk/movingon



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Salary: £9.70 per hour

Applicants must have a working knowledge of desk-top publishing and have an interest in supporting development projects in the third-world.

Duties include production of the twice-yearly SECMA magazine and other publications, as required, servicing the SECMA committee and management of the office. The applicant must be well motivated, flexible and able to work unsupervised in SECMA's Edinburgh office.

Further information and an application form from secma@live.co.uk or from
SECMA, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EE.
Closing date for applications; 28/02/2022.



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signs of hope***

Please share our diocesan newsletter with your colleagues and on social media!