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E-News



DIOCESE OF ST ANDREWS,
DUNKELD AND DUNBLANE



May 2022

**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



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Pilgrim's Progress



A bishop is a permanent pilgrim, always on the move, always moving around the Diocese from church to church. The bishop's staff, or crozier, sometimes feels more like a pilgrim's walking stick than a shepherd's crook. But even as a shepherd's crook it symbolises movement - a travelling shepherd leading a travelling flock. Listening to people talking about pilgrimage, in this Season of Pilgrimage, and in this time of radical change and enforced migration in the world, the idea of living as a pilgrim makes more and more sense to me, and maybe to you as well.

During the next year I will be trying to live this out a little more intentionally. Of course there are the Diocesan pilgrimages - especially to St Andrews in September. And there is the 'pilgrimage' to Canterbury in July, to join with Anglican bishops from around the world at the Lambeth Conference.

But there is another way I will be on pilgrimage. For the next year, I hope to come as a pilgrim to each of the churches of the Diocese, not just on Sundays for worship, but on other days too. Every month I will be coming to join clergy and congregation members on a little pilgrimage in each place. It could be to a holy or historic place, or to communities and people. I hope it will become a pilgrimage from place to place, and from person to person.

And as I go, with others, on this **Pilgrim's Progress**, we will be praying for people whose 'pilgrimage' has not been chosen - the millions of refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and countries, and the millions more whose terrible journeys through horror and war cannot be imagined.

Like every pilgrim, I expect to learn a lot from this **Pilgrim's Progress**, and I hope that those in each place who come with me will also find it is a new way of looking at where they live and worship, and at the world. I also hope we will all learn more about our Diocese,

through the photos and videos we will share on the website and fb page over the course of the year.

If you or your church would like to travel with me as pilgrims when the **Pilgrim's Progress** comes your way, or if you have suggestions of places and people I can come to on the Pilgrimage, please do get in touch. And please pray for me, and anyone who joins me in each place:

*God of pilgrims,
be for us our companion on the walk,
our guide at the crossroads,
our breath in weariness,
our protection in danger,
our shelter on the way,
our light in darkness,
our consolation in discouragement,
and our strength day by day.*

Bishop Ian

Lay Ministries Group

All are welcome at the Diocesan celebration of Lay Ministries Saturday 14th May at the Cathedral

Bishop Ian and the Diocesan Lay Ministries Group invite you to a celebration of Lay Ministries of all kinds. This includes formally authorised ministries such as Eucharistic Minister, Young People's or Children's leader, or Pastoral Visitor, but also many other ministries such as Vestry member, office bearer, those offering church hospitality, a/v support, care of vestments, maintenance of property, flower arranging, music or singing in the choir, and many more. All of these are ministries in service of the Church and the kingdom, and the day will celebrate and affirm those who serve in them, as well as offering an opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese.

Please let us know if any folks from your church will be attending: bishopsec@standrews.anglican.org



**CELEBRATION
OF LAY
MINISTRIES**
SATURDAY 14TH MAY,
2.00PM-4.30PM



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CATHEDRAL, PERTH

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WITH BISHOP IAN IN
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ALL LAY MINISTRIES

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AND USEFUL
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Highlighting Lay Ministries

In the spirit of celebrating our lay ministers throughout the Diocese, enjoy some of these stories and highlights.

THANK YOU for making a difference in YOUR ministry!

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Children's Ministry in St Andrews

Jessica Lang, Young Church Coordinator at Saint Andrew's, St Andrews, provides insights into her lay ministries for both the congregation and the wider community, with emphasis on Godly Play and the Butterflies community group.

Godly Play



One thing I love about Godly Play (although there are so many!), is that I always walk away feeling like I myself have been spiritually fed by the session, especially by the children. There is this sense of 'mutual blessing.'

During the wondering time about the story and the response or 'work' time, I am amazed at how the children help me to see God and my faith in a new way. I often reflect upon Jesus' words about how we must become like little children to enter the kingdom of God. Being close to children in ministry reminds me to stop and wonder and see things in a fresh light—and add more play in my life!

In Godly Play we create a space that is especially for children. It is a space where they can explore our stories of faith, the Christian language system, and our worshipping practices all while making connections to their own spiritual life and life's big questions.



During this time we adults try not to get in the way. We begin each session with the 'Door Person' getting down on the child's level and taking the time to ask how they are and welcome them into the space. We end each session with the 'Storyteller' giving a word of blessing to

each child. While still sitting, the Storyteller asks each child to come forward, we hold out our hands to each child, call them by name, and speak out a personal word of blessing to them.

In this act of blessing, I am reminded of the ways the children have blessed me too during our time together. This feeling is often shared by the other Godly Play leaders. There have been times that leaders have come up to me after a session to share that the story that morning or hearing the children's response to it touched a deep place in them. They will often remark how they wish that they had been able to participate in a Godly Play circle, or something like it, as children. It is often the times that we are serving others in ministry that we are most deeply ministered to ourselves.

Butterflies - for 'wee ones' and their carers

Butterflies is a weekly community play group for parents and carers with babies and pre-school aged children.



A highlight of Monday mornings is welcoming the children and their grown-ups as they walk through the door into Butterflies. With the majority of those children currently attending having been born just before or during the pandemic, I felt it important to find ways to adapt the playgroup to Covid regulations as soon as allowed so that it was possible for the little ones and their carers to connect with others in a safe, caring space.

Since taking on Butterflies last year, the thing that I've learned the most is that volunteers make or break this ministry. For only an hour-and-a-half playgroup, the set-up and take-down could be double that time. At first it was a struggle to find enough volunteers who had the time and ability to volunteer on a regular basis, but over time we have been able to build up a strong volunteer base. 'Just Love St Andrews' a Christian student volunteer organisation, has been a huge help in this.

Bridging the gap between different parts of our community (locals and students, young and old) has become a key component in the ministry of Butterflies. We also have quite a few dads who attend Butterflies with their little ones—and I think that's a very positive thing! I've been fed by seeing the connections that have been made in the group, the ways children who lacked social interaction are now blossoming, and the positive teamwork of the volunteers.

Lay Ministries at St Ninian's Cathedral

Emmanuel Patterson (BA Music RSAMD, BA hons Theological Studies UHI) shares her experience in lay ministries at St Ninian's Cathedral.

Many years ago, I was a pupil at St Mary's Music School in Edinburgh. I sang in St Mary's Cathedral choir and was the first girl chorister. I have been singing in St Ninian's Cathedral choir in Perth for over 20 years. I also play the piano and the organ. I was previously a professional oboist. I am now an MLitt student at St Andrews University, distance learning, studying the Bible and the Contemporary World. I have completed two modules, and embark on my third one in August. The previous modules were Theological Aesthetics, and Surveillance and Theology, directed by Dr Eric Stoddart. The third module will be on Theological Ethics. I plan to do my dissertation on Disability and Ministry/The Theology of Disability. I completed my honours Degree in Theological Studies at UHI. I was awarded my Degree by Princess Anne in Dingwall at the Highland Theological College. I am a Eucharistic Lay Minister which involves doing home communion visits, usually to the housebound.

It is a real privilege to sing in the choir and to be involved in my other ministries. Music creates joy and happiness. As a choir, we work together to facilitate that. As a Eucharistic Lay Minister and on other occasions I have learned to listen to people and to focus on their needs and not my own, primarily.



There is a good sense of community at St Ninian's. The Provost, Lay Reader Lis Burke and Deacon Peter usually share the tasks of ministry. The choir are very important to the Cathedral and to the worship as well. Geoff Bolton plays the organ and Alister Allan usually conducts. I sing both alto and tenor. There were several Services in Holy Week at the Cathedral. On Palm Sunday, I played the part of Pilate in the St. John's Passion by Handel and sang tenor. I played the piano at the Stations of the Cross Service on Tuesday evening, keyboard on Wednesday at 11am, sang in the choir at the Chrism Mass and the Maundy Thursday evening Service, on Good Friday morning and Easter Saturday evening. Easter Sunday was very joyous, with Bishop Ian presiding and preaching. The Provost, Lis and Peter also took part. The choir did well as always. There is more relaxation with face masks just now, which is so good. However, many people seem to be getting covid and recovering more quickly.

I pray frequently for an end to war and violence in Ukraine, Russia, The Middle East and all over the world. For peace in the heart of President Putin. For a proclamation of peace for all world leaders. For justice for all the refugees.

In contrast, there was a wonderful event recently taking place at St John's Episcopal Church in Perth. Bishop Anne shared art and Scripture with us all. The majority of attenders were priests. Bishop Ian was also there with Dr. Carrie. I took part in midday prayers.

I have been involved in two Lent Courses this year. One at St Ninian's Cathedral, and one with Dr Hull, the Director of Studies of the Scottish Episcopal Institute. His series is termed 'Episcopalians and their Ethics' which ties in with my next module on Theological Ethics at St. Andrews University.

I wish you all a very happy summer. May God bless you all as you partake in His wonderful Creation. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Muddy Church at Highland Perthshire Charge

On Good Friday we held our first Muddy Church, in the Serenity Garden at Holy Trinity and in the Church Hall as it was cold. A small group of children and adults shared the story of Easter, with Coffee and Chocolates and made our Christingles.

Using apples, to represent the world, this took us to the garden of Eden and the story of how evil came into the world. While the fruit Eve offered to Adam is not identified, tradition holds that it was an apple.

Inside the top of the apple, wrapped up in foil at the base, is a white candle. It represents the light of Christ, white and pure, come into the world, but not yet lit. The 4 pieces of cocktail stick were tied together to make two crosses, either side of the candle, representing the two thieves and the different ways we can relate to Jesus.

Around the apple we placed a plaited strand of wool, red for the blood shed, black for Jesus' death on the cross, and purple for the robe Jesus was dressed in as the soldiers mocked him. These were fixed to the apple, with 3 drawing pins, representing the nails in his hands and feet.



On Easter Day, at Holy Trinity & Kilmaveonaig we replaced the plaited wool with a strip of gold ribbon and light the candle. As we celebrated the light of Christ risen again in the dawn of Easter Day.



Lots more Muddy stories to follow!

Rev Liz Baker



Lay Ministries at East Perthshire Charges





*Photos from various lay ministry events at the East Perthshire charges.
Clockwise from top left:
Café Church, Messy Church artwork
Harvest celebration in care home, Christian Aid Shop workers*

Shirley Mann, a Model of Lay Ministry



Shirley Mann has devoted herself to lay ministry over the past 40 years. She has been a member of **St Peter's Kirkcaldy** since around 1977. Since that time she has done quite a number of things:

- Vestry Secretary for 30 years
- Lay Rep and General Synod member
- Lay Eucharistic Minister
- Organised a Mother and Toddler and later Mother and Baby Group
- Organised numerous Rotas
- Developed and organised the Music Group and accompanies services on the piano
- Organises a weekly Zumba class
- Manages the St Peter's Facebook page

She finds these ministries, especially that of Lay Eucharistic Minister, a great privilege. However, before agreeing to speak at the forthcoming event to celebrate Lay Ministries at St Ninian's on 14th May, Shirley says she never really thought of any of what she does as being a "ministry", but simply just helping the smooth running of St Peter's. 'In fact', she says, 'St Peter's is fortunate to have many members of the congregation - for instance our group of talented flower arrangers - who give of their time and I imagine that none of them will consider what they do is a ministry'.

Well, we hope many across the Diocese WILL come to realise their own lay ministries and join us on 14th May at the Cathedral!

Chrism Eucharist

On Maundy Thursday we celebrated our first Chrism Eucharist in person since 2020, the last two years having taken place as virtual services online.

This was a joyful celebration of ministry enhanced by music from the Cathedral choir and followed by lunch in the Chapter House. At this service oils were blessed for the coming year and all ministers, lay and ordained, renewed their commitment to ministry.



Canon Installations

The Revd Elaine Garman and the Revd Christoph Wutscher were licensed and installed as Canons during the Chrism Eucharist.



Climate Change Group



TOOLKIT from the Provincial Environment Group



In the April edition of the Diocesan e-news we mentioned the launch of [Towards Net Zero 2030](#), comprising a Toolkit and Checklist working document, and an Energy Footprint Analyser.

Can we remind all charges that **the submission of the charge's completed Energy Footprint Analyser is due by Wednesday 25th May.**

**Christian Aid Week
is 15 to 21 May**

We're raising our voices to call for climate justice.

Together, we can restore justice to our world.

[Click here to visit the Christian Aid site for more information
and to make a donation](#)

From the site:

This Christian Aid Week, we stand with the women who are standing strong against the threat of drought. In rural Zimbabwe, vulnerable communities face the threat of more intense droughts, floods, and storms. Here, 7 out of 10 women rely on farming to provide for their families, but with no rain, women can't grow enough food.

It's unjust that drought robs women like Jessica of the power to provide food for their families. But together, we can restore justice to our world this Christian Aid Week and beyond. We won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from hunger.

Every gift. Every action. Every prayer. Every one of us can change lives.

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Our Climate Pilgrimage

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

*Let us know!
ddm@standrews.anglican.org*



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

Look around, what compelling story or initiative do you see?
Share it with us!

Who inspires you?

We can DO this... together!



Still time to do a mini pilgrimage at the Art Exhibition at the Bield!

There are still two weeks remaining for this incredible exhibition.

DON'T MISS IT!

The Stations of the Cross are a mini pilgrimage, a set of meditations which help us to remember and share in the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.

During the early centuries of the church, Christians travelled to Jerusalem to walk in Jesus' footsteps. Pilgrims travelling to the site of Christ's crucifixion often walked one particular route known from the 16th century as the Via Dolorosa. They would stop at regular intervals to pray and to remember key moments of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion.

When pilgrimage to the Holy Land became difficult, imitation Stations of the Cross spread across Europe.

Come make a pilgrimage of your own
at the contemporary re-creation of the stations in this exhibition.

Liz Crichton, Art Facilitator at the Bield

Stations of the Cross

Exhibition with meditations



A contemporary interpretation by invited artists

Each artist started with a pallet...

The Barn Gallery

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8th April 2022 to 20th May 2022

Closed Mondays and every other weekend

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Open Dates

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26th April-1st May 2022

3rd – 6th May 2022

10th – 15th May 2022

17th -20th May 2022

www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk



**Visitors to the exhibit respond,
and encourage you to come and see:**

Indescribable beauty, power, poignancy and energy.

Made the story of the passion connect with modern living.
Encouraged empathy for all those suffering and in pain.
An emotional experience.

Incredibly powerful, thank you to all the artists who shared their
gifting with us.

Very meaningful – each station very poignant – a lot to ponder – thank
you.

A deeply touching and powerfully profound experience.

Deeply moving powerful experience – very tactile,
a real journey with Jesus.

Found it an incredibly moving exhibition. Some of the pieces made
me want to cry, they were so profound.

I was drawn in going around the stations until I was there
in ways I haven't felt before. Very profound.

Didn't know what to expect, going into the tomb actually felt like
going into someone's grave! The film of the burning flame was very
poignant.

I never considered Simon looking into Jesus eyes before.
He carried his cross!! That will stay with me from now on.
Thank you, very profound indeed.

Came in out of a sense of duty to support people I loved.
Went out... wordless! Thank you.

A very moving experience.

Feeling Jesus's pain at every station,
wonderful displays, thank you for this special time.

So glad to have been able to pay a visit
and bring friends with me on this mini pilgrimage.

Thanks for all artists and the God who inspired their creativity.

Hesitant to start listing the meaningful moments,
there are several that I could do with a whole day to sit with.

Thanks again!

Profound, moving and a new perspective. Wonderful.

Amazing depths of imagination



Station 1



Station 10



Station 11



Station 6



Station 8



Station 14

*Just a preview!
Do stop by to engage them in person and reflect on the artist
meditations.*

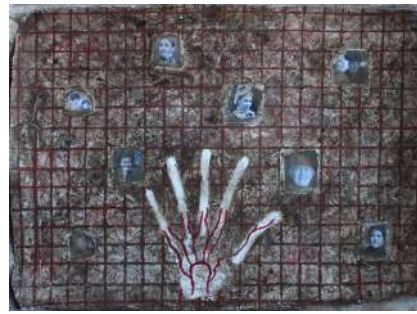
**Highlights from the *Interface*
multi-disciplinary arts & theology
exhibition
at All Saints' in St Andrews**



What does it mean to connect to others in a world of masked faces and virtual meetings?

This year's exhibition put on by Transept, a group of artists and theologians connected to the Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts at St Andrews, explored what helps and hinders humanity's never-ending search for communion.

[See the visual art works here.](#)



TWO performances in the exhibition space explored our stories beyond the visual art installation.





Young People Events

Diocesan Youth Sleepover at St Mary's Birnam

On the weekend of the 23rd and 24th April, a group of young people and two youth leaders were welcomed by St Mary's Church Birnam for the first Diocesan Young People's sleepover event in many years. Previous youth events and sleepover have been supported by the Provincial Youth Committee but this one was fully supported by Diocese as part of the Young People's forum development weekend.

The Youth Forum would like to thank the Rev Lesley-Ann Craddock, Priest in Charge, the Vestry, and the Congregation of St Mary's Birnam for their hospitality and warm welcome. The group of young people had a wonderful weekend which finished with them leading the Service of the Word at the Eucharist service which they had prepared on the Saturday afternoon. As well as preparing the service on the Saturday afternoon before dinner, some of the young people also learned how to plan intercessions for when they are leading them in their own congregations. Part of the work of the youth forum is to help empower our young people to grow in confidence to lead parts of the services in their own congregations.

After dinner, the group had a walk around Dunkeld and Birnam, visited the Beatrix Potter Garden, played a few rounds of werewolves in the park and visited the Co-op to buy cream and marshmallows for Hot Chocolate and popcorn while watching a film back at the church once

sleeping mats, bags, or chairs were arranged.

Saturday's main activities finished with Evening Prayer outside gathered around lit candles placed in the shape of a cross which included the Easter Sunday Gospel reading read out by different voices around the semi-circle.



*Candles on the stone drive for
Evening Prayer*



Group photo after evening prayer outside

Sunday Morning was an earlier start for the leaders as Pastries, Bacon, potatoes scones, and eggs were made in the kitchen for breakfast while the young people tidied up their sleeping bags and reset the room that they had been sleeping in on the floor.



After Breakfast had been had, and the hours of sleep, or not sleep had been counted and discussed the young people rehearsed their parts in the worship and welcomed everyone who attend to the service. The young people did a stretch exploring how a modern-day Thomas might react to the news of Jesus' resurrection if it was on Social media or reported on the news by a 'Generic Politician'.

The young people led the intercessions and as part of that, they invited members of the congregation to write their own prayers on post-it notes which were collected by the young people and placed on a table near the chancel step to be offered up in prayer.

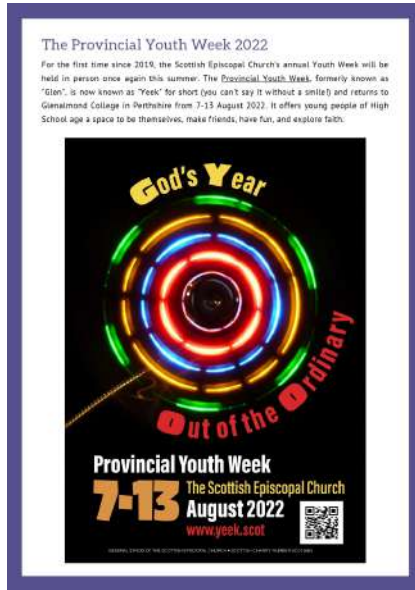


If you have any young people of P7 and secondary school age in your charges we would love to hear from you, as they would be more than welcome to join the Youth Forum and help plan Diocesan Youth events such as this one soon. Get in touch with James Gardner: Youthandchildren@standrews.anglican.org.

The young people shared that they had all had a wonderful time and are looking forward to returning to St Mary's Birnam in the future.

James Gardner

YEEK! Provincial Youth Week in August



The Spring edition of the [Provincial Youth Newsletter](#) brings exciting news of this year's Provincial Youth Week, which is now open for booking and will be held in person for the first time since the pandemic began.

The theme is 'God's Year: Out of the Ordinary', and the headline article highlights what is in store for delegates, as well as the new Youth Week (or "Yeek") website and a moving promotional video, in which young people talk about what the event means to them.



Perthshire Rainbow Table is having a Jubilee Garden Party



at Hunter's, Upper Greenside, KY14 6EL
12.30PM FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022

Bring your own Bottle

Abernethy Rd A915



Turn off A915 onto lane signed 'Upper Greenside' and follow to end of lane.

Upper Greenside – Hunter's House

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

Global Partnership Group

Diocese of Calcutta



The Diocese of Calcutta CNI, organized an open-air Live in Concert entitled, Celebrating the Risen Christ, on 24th April on the breezy lawns of St Paul's Cathedral. The Rt Revd Dr Paritosh Canning, our Bishop, warmly welcomed everyone to the great gathering. He said Kolkata is a City of Joy and everyone understands the language of music. He said that they had already begun a School of Music in their diocese where they are teaching piano and English vocals. Later they might expand it into dance and other forms of music.

On Easter Day 17th April the United Christians of Calcutta came together to witness to the rising again of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from the grave. Christians of all denominations joined together as they walked from St Paul's Cathedral through Chowringhee Road to Sacred Heart Church and then from Lenin Sarani Esplanade to Moulali and then to St James' School grounds. There was a short service in the grounds where the leaders of their churches gave Easter greetings and ended the service with a blessing. The two hour walk also had trailer lorries where the Resurrection was enacted and singers sang praises. The joy of those who witnessed, walked, sang and shared was contagious and indescribable. The Christians of Kolkata were united in witnessing that Jesus is indeed risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

Bishop Paritosh has applied to the Provincial Global Partnership Committee for a grant for Arunima Hospice.

There has been overwhelming temperatures of 50C in West Bengal.

People have been dying from the heat. A matter for our prayers!

Diocese of Amazonia



A matter for celebration is that Bishop Marinez of the Diocese of Amazonia has received the Archbishop of Canterbury's award for her environmental work. Bishop Ian has congratulated her.

See the [Global Partnership web page](#) for more information.

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 **Global Gathering**

at the Cathedral **after the Conference** - likely 4th September - 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 [click here](#).



Refugee Action



Rev Bonnie Evans-Hills, St Margaret's Leven and convener of SEC Inter Faith Relations Committee offers some helpful advice on providing support for displaced Ukrainians:

There has been a lot of confusion over how to provide support for Ukrainians seeking a safe home here in the UK. The UK government webpage is rather confusing – you sign up, and then usually hear nothing more. People are recommended to find an individual themselves, without providing the means for doing it – and is somewhat of a safeguarding nightmare for all concerned. But of course, doing this well is not impossible!

The Scottish Episcopal Church is a partner, alongside others, in Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees (SFAR), which has a helpful page that can guide through at least some of the red tape: [click here](#).

Anyone interested in providing support, whether in their own homes, or in other ways – such as befriending, help with language, providing for daily needs, or advocacy, can best be guided through the SFAR.

See Bonnie's full article on the new [Refugee Action page](#) on the diocesan web site for more information, or [email her directly](#).

Social Media and Other Guidelines

During the just-ended election season, some questions arose as to how to cover issues and candidates in our local communities and beyond, keeping in mind both that our commitment to, support of, and care for our communities are at the heart of our Christian mission, and that our churches are the face of the wider diocese and SEC.

To assist in these and other such issues, the province has provided Social Media Guidelines and the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office (SCPO) has issued guidelines for elections and hustings.

You can find both of these on our diocesan website. Click the links below for more information:

[Social Media Guidelines](#)

[SCPO Guidelines for Elections and Hustings](#)

Walking Pilgrimage from Rochester to Canterbury in July



There are still a number of spaces for the walking pilgrimage from Rochester to Canterbury, set for **5th to 10th July 2022.**

ITINERARY

For details on daily itineraries, [see our Diocesan Pilgrimage page](#)

COST (as of 29th March 2022)

(incl. return rail fares, Bed & Breakfast accommodation and cathedral tours)

Single pilgrim: £450

Pilgrim couple sharing: £800

Deposit: £200

To reserve your spot please email:

pilgrimage@standrews.anglican.org

THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT IS NOW 6th MAY

For information on other Diocesan Pilgrimages in 2022
visit the [Pilgrimage page](#) on our website!

Interfaith Scotland

[Click here to see the Spring Newsletter](#)

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'The Gift' of Poetry

**Interfaith Scotland and Scottish Poetry Library
are creating an anthology of poems about the pandemic crisis**



**Below is an invitation from Frances Hume
to submit a poem:**

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consetetur sadipscing elitr, sed diam nonumy eirmod tempor invidunt ut labore et dolore magna aliquyam erat, sed diam voluptua. At vero eos et accusam et justo duo dolores et ea rebum.

Dear all

The Covid-19 pandemic has had, and continues to have, a profound impact on individuals, families, communities, and community leaders. Feelings of loss, loneliness, stress, and anxiety have become widespread, and it is often difficult to find means of support, refreshment, and inspiration. One possible route might come as a surprise; research shows that reading poetry as a way of reflecting upon, recognising, and reinterpreting our experiences can be a very helpful tool. Encountering the right poem, at the right time, can open up a difficult moment and offer connection, hope, and respite; in this way, a poem can act rather like a prayer or meditation.

Interfaith Scotland is working with the Scottish Poetry Library to create a book of poems on the theme of 'The Gift'. The poems will be written by people from diverse faith and belief backgrounds, and will be offered to community leaders and activists with thanks and gratitude for all they have done to steer us through the current crises. The

theme of 'The gift' allows those submitting poems to write about what inspired them and helped bring them through the pandemic; gifts such as faith, community, connections, nature, family, friends, music etc.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to submit a poem for the anthology. Poems should be a maximum of 40 lines and on the theme of 'The Gift' as outlined above. We have brought together a small panel with representatives of different faiths to select poems for the anthology. Although not all poems submitted to us may be selected for the anthology we hope you find the poetry writing a positive and uplifting experience.

Please [send your poems to us](#) by 14th June 2022.

Best wishes
Frances

National Development Officer
Interfaith Scotland
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Music in Aberfoyle: Sirocco Winds



Our next concert is on **Sunday 15th May** and will be given by Sirocco Winds. They came to Aberfoyle last summer to play on the grass by the river, and although the audience of picnickers was not their usual fare, it was very appreciative of their playing. I also heard them play recently at an open air 100th Birthday Party as representatives of Live Music Now, and they were on cracking form, so I hope you will make a note in your diaries to come and hear them on the 15th. As well as well-known pieces by Malcolm Arnold, Elgar and Holst, they will be playing amusing pieces by Danzi, Paquito D'rivera and Paul Patterson.

**Sunday, 15th May at 3pm
in St Mary's Church, Aberfoyle**

This May concert would normally be the last in this season but we are very fortunate to have been offered a concert in June by Ursula Smith, who is Professor of Cello at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and this year is an external examiner at RSC, so please make another note in your diaries for 19th June - more details to follow nearer the time.

Look forward to seeing you on the 15th,
Christopher Road

E-News Volunteers

We do not have enough volunteers to produce the E-News monthly.

CAN YOU HELP?



We are still looking for someone who enjoys engaging with the life and mission of our diocese to join our media team as an E-News Volunteer.

There are many ways to help, including pulling event information and other submissions into 'article form' - this would be a big help!

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



Our (Digital) Pilgrimage: Let's Chat!

I would love to hear how things are going in your congregation, please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in a conversation!

Karen
Digital Missioner

Diocesan Dates for your Diary



14th May	Lay Ministries Celebration, Cathedral 2pm-
9th - 11th June	4.30 pm
5th - 10th July	General Synod
26th July - 8th	Rochester to Canterbury Pilgrimage
August	Lambeth Conference
4th September	Global Gathering at the Cathedral
5th - 10th	Fife Pilgrim Way / Three Saints Way
September	Pilgrimages

Upcoming Church Pastoral Aid Society training events

Church Pastoral Aid Society has provided details of their upcoming training events for church leaders. You can also see a full list of events [here](#).

Leading a Church Plant Online, 10 May (9.30-11.30am)

The second session in a three part series for those who are wondering about leading a church plant, leaders of sending churches, and those who are in the early stages of planting. Attend this session as a one off or as part of the series. Session three will be held on 14 June.

[Click here to book](#)

PCC Tonight Training Evening Online, 10 May (7pm-9.20pm)

A training evening for your whole PCC. Clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, explore some common dysfunctions, and be introduced to material you can use to shape its life.

[Click here to book](#)

CPAS Leadership Webinar Online, 19 May (10-11am)

Hosted by one of our team, James Lawrence will provide some input and there

will be an opportunity for sharing ideas and exploring issues.
[Click here to book](#)

Making Meetings Matter
Online, 21 June (9.30am-12.30pm)

Full of practical insights, and exploring a simple model that can be used for any meeting (everything from the PCC to a pastoral occasion, from a supervision to a gathering of the WI), join us to improve your meetings.
[Click here to book](#)

Leading in Evangelism
Online, 28 June (9am-12.30pm)

How do we encourage people to show and share their faith in appropriate ways? This interactive session, led by James Lawrence, CPAS Leadership Principal, will explore struggles and ideas for leading well in evangelism through this season.
[Click here to book](#)



Eastertide Blessings!

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