

## Digest of notices 12.4.12

1. Vacancies:
  - a) Diocesan Administrator
  - b) Verger: St John's Princes Street
  - c) Rector: Bathgate and Linlithgow
  - d) Church manager and office assistant: Christ Church, Morningside
2. Sikh Festival of Vaisakhi, 22<sup>nd</sup> April
3. Simpson House Trainings
4. Preparation day for churches wishing to engage with the Olympics, 21<sup>st</sup> April, Glasgow
5. Moving our bodies and hearts in rhythm with Jesus, St Philip's Church, Edinburgh, 21<sup>st</sup> April
6. Leading the way: the church and an ageing society, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10-3.30, Lesmahagow
7. Festival of Spirituality and Peace events
8. Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel
9. The new Santiago for Scotland
10. Ecclesiastical Ministry Bursary awards
11. St Mary's Dalkeith: Book, plant and bake sale, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 11am-2pm
12. e-petition re abolition of VAT change announced in the Budget to listed buildings alterations
13. Petition to scrap Public Entertainment Licence Fees: circulated to churches in Edinburgh Presbytery, but applicable to all churches

### 1a.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Edinburgh

Diocesan Administrator

**Incremental Salary £20,880-£26,650; non contributory final salary pension scheme**

A person with initiative and vision required to develop a post which ensures the smooth administration of the Diocesan Office, support of the Bishop in his oversight of the Diocese, effective operation of Diocesan Committees and management of administrative staff within the Diocesan Office.

**Application forms and information packs can be obtained from the Diocesan Administrator, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL; tel.0131 538 7033; e-mail: [office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org) Closing date for completed applications is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

### 1b.

St John's Church, Princes Street, is looking for a temporary Verger (caretaker) to work during the period Easter – September (six months) on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Please contact St John's Church for more information about rate of pay, hours required etc.

[Administrator](#)

[Church of St John the Evangelist](#)

[Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ](#)

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**1c.**



The Scottish Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Edinburgh

**RECTOR OF ST COLUMBA'S AND ST PETER'S CHURCHES.**

This linked Charge with its two congregations of St Peter's Linlithgow and St Columba's Bathgate is seeking to appoint their new Rector to continue the development of the congregations within the community.

Both churches have relatively small congregations and have their own individualities and characteristics. However, we share a joint vision in the desire to both deepen our faith and share it with those around us. With the guidance of an enthusiastic and energetic Rector we foresee potential for growth both spiritually and numerically.

Further details on our vision can be obtained through our profile documents.

The rectory is a modern three bedroom house situated in Linlithgow, a town with excellent schools 15 minutes from Edinburgh Airport and with excellent commuter links to Edinburgh and Glasgow. Linlithgow and Bathgate are both about 20 miles from Edinburgh.

For an informal conversation regarding this role, please contact ***the Secretary to the Vestry***, on 01506843176 or by email ***jane.ramsay@blueyonder.co.uk***

Parish profiles and an application form for this position can be obtained from:

Name, Jane Ramsay, Secretary to the Vestry, 24 Barons Hill Avenue LINLITHGOW EH497JU

Email: ***jane.ramsay@blueyonder.co.uk***

or from

the diocesan website: [www.edinburgh.anglican.org](http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org)

the church websites: [www.stpeterslinlithgow.co.uk](http://www.stpeterslinlithgow.co.uk) or [www.stcolumbasbathgate.co.uk](http://www.stcolumbasbathgate.co.uk)

Applications should be received by **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**. Interviews will be held on **MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AND TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**.

Disclosure Scotland: Enhanced disclosure required

# 1d. Christ Church Morningside

Christ Church Morningside is undergoing a period of transition and growth. Our Rector, Revd Susan Macdonald has been appointed Dean of the Diocese from May 2012 and following the earlier resignation of our Church Administrator, we are taking this opportunity to review our office and clergy support arrangements and have created two new job opportunities:

**Church Manager      Salary £16,350 for 30 hours per week      (Monday to Friday)**

*Occupational Requirement:*

*Required to have a genuine and active Christian faith and commitment*

To be responsible to the Rector for the management and administration of all areas of the life of Christ Church, including liturgical resources, clergy support, supervision of staff and volunteers, use of the church, hall and centre by members and external hirers and coordination of all church activities.

More information and a Job Application Pack is available on the church website

<http://www.christchurchmorningside.co.uk/new-office-posts/>

**Office Assistant      Salary £5850 for 15 hours per week (Mornings - Monday to Friday)**

To be responsible to the Church Manager for the day to day administration of the church office, to provide admin support for the clergy, staff and office bearers, to be the first point of contact for the congregation, visitors and external hirers and to be responsible for administration of the letting of the hall and centre including invoicing and record keeping.

More information about both of these job opportunities and a Job Application Pack is available on the church website

<http://www.christchurchmorningside.co.uk/new-office-posts/>

## 2.

From the Edinburgh Sikh Community.

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Guru Nanak Gurdwara

1 Sheriff Brae

Leith

Edinburgh

EH5 5TJ

The Edinburgh Sikh Community would like you to be made aware of the event planned to celebrate the Festival of Vaisakhi & The 313<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of the Khalsa on Sunday 22<sup>th</sup> April 2012, The event is mostly indoors in the Gurdwara (temple) but includes a procession around the Leith area from 12.00 to 1.30pm. This will cause some traffic diversions and drivers may incur slight delays due to single lane closures. **( The route is: - Mill Lane, Left at Gt. Junction St., right up Bonnington Rd, left at light along Pilrig St., down Leith Walk, across to Constitution St. , left at Bernard St, along to lights then left along the Shore, then right at down to Coal Hill then up Gurdwara.)**

We understand that this may affect your normal activity but hopefully with minimum disruption. We would greatly appreciate your understanding and patience for this event and invite you to join us. (ps. head covering and shoe removal is required while inside the Gurdwara).

Vaisakhi is the beginning of the year in the traditional calendar of South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and other countries in this South Eastern Asian region). It is the first day of the first month, Vaisakhi, and a major harvest festival. Generally it falls on the 14th April.

### **Does it have any special significance for Sikhs?**

Yes. On Vaisakhi in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh, the Tenth and last human Guru of the Sikhs established the Order of the Khalsa by initiating five of his Sikhs, and then being initiated himself too. This event holds paramount significance in the history of Sikhism . Sikhs derive their formal, consolidation identity from this day, including their five articles of faith, distinctive physical appearance and the names Singh for males and Kaur for females. Thus, Vaisakhi has a special spirit of hope, rejuvenation and commitments for Sikhs.

Sikhs all over the world celebrate by organizing religious services, including the complete reading of the Sikh scripture – Siri Guru Granth Sahib ji and community service. Culturally there are activities like parades, martial arts, sports festivals and song and dance performances. Families come together during this important festive occasion.

### **Nagar Kirthan (Religious Parade through town) - Its purpose.**

Apart from the normal method of celebrating our religious date in history it is a good way of promoting who we are, the difference between us and other similar looking ethnic groups. We are Scottish Sikh's. This is our home, this is our religion and this is our culture. It is a good method of creating awareness and breaking down barriers of alienation. It contributes in bringing communities together to take part in cultural activities.

### 3.

Simpson House offer a number of **FREE** courses around working with children & young people. These are designed as taster sessions before applying to a course. We still have spaces available on the following dates:

#### **Introduction to COSCA Certificate in Counselling Children & Young People**

Monday 28 May - 10am till 4pm

#### **Introduction to Diploma in Higher Education - Counselling Children and Young People**

Saturday 5 May - 10am till 4pm

#### **Introduction to COSCA Counselling Skills - Generic**

Friday 22 June - 10am till 4pm

If you're interested, [click here to find out more >>](#)

### **Upcoming training**

#### **Post Qualification - Introduction to Counselling Children & Young People (4 days)**

Starts: 18 May - [watch the video NOW](#)

#### **COSCA Certificate in Counselling Skills - Children & Young People (144 hours)**

Starts: 7 September - [watch the video NOW](#)

#### **COSCA Certificate in Counselling Skills - Generic (144 hours)**

Starts: 21 April - [watch the video NOW](#)



The day every church needs  
to be ready for the 2012 Games

# get set

A day where you'll leave with new ideas, strategies, skills and resources. All so your church can make the most of the 2012 Games.

Saturdays 10.30 to 4.30 £10 per person

Register to secure your workshop choice  
at [www.morethangold.org.uk/getset](http://www.morethangold.org.uk/getset)

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
Churches are encouraged to bring a team to Get Set. It is for all who play a key role in children, youth, outreach, events and more.

**Saturday 21 April**  
**Harper Memorial Baptist Church**  
**Glasgow G51 1EU**

Workshop leaders include: **Andy Frost SJ**, **Marty Woods** Fusion Festivals, **Jane Riley** Trackcraft, **Mike Freeman** MRE BGFA, **Malcolm Murray** Street Pastors, **Sarah-Jane Alley** Torch Relay Co-ordinator, **Dave Oakley** Ambassadors in Sport, **John Stephenson SJ**, **Jon Burns** UK Director, More Than Gold, **Barry Mason** YPC, **Jane Holloway** World Prayer Centre, **Dave Rollins** YPC.

#### WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Choose either one subject for the full day. Or up to four from a range of electives.

#### The full day choice:

- How to run a **community festival** that has an enduring impact

- Using **sport** to impact children, youth, adults and sportspeople in ways that last

- How to be a **Games Pastor** and develop your ongoing ministry

#### Choose up to four from:

- **New to More Than Gold?** – how your church can make the most of the Games

- How to reach and minister to **children** through the 2012 Games

- How to impact **young people** through the 2012 Games

- How to use the **Torch Relay** to impact your community

- How to build a strong **prayer** foundation for mission in

your community

- How to make the most of an **international Mission Team** during your Games outreach

- How to do mission through the **Paralympics**

- How to take action over Games-related issues of **social justice**

For full list of workshop details and speakers, see over →

5.

# Moving our Bodies and

## Hearts in

## Rhythm with Jesus

**St Philip's Church, Canonmills April 21st**

**10.00 - 4.00pm**

Come and learn some of the words Jesus spoke when he gave the disciples his prayer. Discuss how breath and heartbeat can support our closeness to God and is a strong component of Jesus' teaching. Much of this day is actually moving and learning ways of praying that help us embody our faith, with singing.

Bring lunch to share. Tea and coffee provided

Contributions £15 - £30

Numbers limited, so please book

### 'Adventures in Faith' Booking Form 2011/12

Name.....  
Address.....  
..... Post Code..... Tel.  
No.....Email.....

I wish to book for the following events and I enclose a cheque for £..... Course/ event  
name.....  
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Cost.....(make cheques payable to Edinburgh Diocesan Synod)

Date/s.....

Venue/s.....

☐ I do not wish to be put on the Adventures in Faith mailing list (please tick if appropriate)

Please send your completed form to: Elspeth Strachan, *Adventures in Faith*, Edinburgh Diocesan Centre, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL Email: [adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org) Tel 0131 538 7033 for more details or visit [www.edinburgh.anglican.org](http://www.edinburgh.anglican.org)



**DAY CONFERENCE**

**THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

**10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m**

**MHA Auchlochan Garden Village**

**New Trows Road, Lesmahagow, South Lanarkshire. ML11 0GS**

***LEADING THE WAY***

*The Church and an Ageing Society*

*This conference will explore how the church can respond to the spiritual needs of older people and value their positive contributions within it.*

**Keynote Speakers:     Maureen O'Neill, Director, Faith in Older People, Edinburgh**  
**Keith Albans, MHA Group Director, Chaplaincy & Spirituality**

**There will be an opportunity to participate in Workshops covering:**

- ~ Supporting older people in the community
- ~ Supporting people with dementia
- ~ How ageing affects our view of humanity
- ~ How do we talk about Death?
- ~ Harvesting the wisdom of older pilgrims

**Who Should Attend: Church Leaders and Members, Pastoral Leaders and Carers**



The cost of this conference will be £20, including refreshments & a buffet lunch. To register please detach and return this slip to the address above by 27<sup>th</sup> April with your cheque, made payable to 'MHA Auchlochan', or call 01555 893592. Directions and a full programme will then be sent to you at the beginning of May.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job title/ role \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no. \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest/ expertise \_\_\_\_\_

## **7. Events for Your Diary, April - June 2012**

**Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace, EICSP, Scottish Charity, Sc038996 Website: [www.eicsp.org](http://www.eicsp.org)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/eicsp](http://www.facebook.com/eicsp)**

**Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ EICSP](http://www.twitter.com/EICSP)**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

### **1. Event: Mantra Concert with Satyaa and Pari.**

**Venue:** Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

**Date:** Saturday 21 April 2012.

**Time:** Registration: 7pm-7.30pm. Event: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

**Event Description:** In the early 1990's Satyaa, originally from Switzerland, and Pari, who is Greek, met in Lucknow, India, at the sangha of Sri HWL Poonjaji. Papaji as he was lovingly called by his devotees, emphasized the importance of Bhakti, devotion, as a direct way to recognize the Divine within ourselves. Their mutual love for the Divine is expressed in Satyaa's and Pari's music which is mostly self-composed mantras and devotional songs, and also includes some beautiful traditional bhajans. Each of their CDs offers a carefully selected, powerful collection of mantras and songs from the heart. Today they belong to the pioneers of mantra and chant music. Satyaa and Pari share their music worldwide at various yoga festivals, spiritual gatherings, concerts and in the summer months at the Alexis Zorbas Center in Greece on the island of Corfu where they offer every year chanting and satsang retreats. See: [www.satyaa-pari.com](http://www.satyaa-pari.com), [www.alexiszorbas.com](http://www.alexiszorbas.com)

**Cost: £12/£10 (Concessions). Advance booking is strongly recommended.**

**Contact: Tickets Scotland Ltd, 127 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3DT. 0131 220 3234.**

**<http://www.tickets-scotland.com/> 9am-6pm (8pm Thursday), 11am-6pm Sundays.**

**2. Event: Film Screening: Middle Eastern Film Festival on Tour: Turtles Can Fly.**

Venue: Universal Hall, The Park, Findhorn, Moray, IV36 3TZ.

Date: Saturday 28th April 2012.

Time: 8pm.

Event Description: Part of the Middle-Eastern Film Festival, Turtles Can Fly puts the focus on Kurdish Cinema. The first film to be made in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Turtles Can Fly is set in a Kurdish refugee camp on the Iraqi-Turkish border just before the US invasion in spring 2003. Director Bahman Ghobadi concentrates on a handful of orphaned children and their efforts to survive the appalling conditions. Using an entirely non-professional cast, Ghobadi vividly immerses the viewer in the nightmarish realities of daily existence in this makeshift community. 97 mins, Kurdish with English subtitles Cert 15 - Please note: contains implied sexual assault and war trauma so is not suitable for children under 15.

Winner of the Peace Film Award at the Berlin International Film Festival 2005.

"I wish everyone who has an opinion on the war in Iraq could see Turtles Can Fly." Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times.

With support from Regional Screen Scotland.

**Cost:£4, admission on the door.**

**Contact: [uhall@findhorn.org](mailto:uhall@findhorn.org), 01309 691170.**

**3. Event: Film Screening: Middle Eastern Film Festival on Tour: Turtles Can Fly.**

Venue: Crail Town Hall, Marketgate, Crail, KY10 3TL.

Date: Thursday 3 May 2012.

Time: 8pm.

Event Description: Part of the Middle-Eastern Film Festival, Turtles Can Fly puts the focus on Kurdish Cinema. The first film to be made in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein, Turtles Can Fly is set in a Kurdish refugee camp on the Iraqi-Turkish border just before the US invasion in spring 2003. Director Bahman Ghobadi concentrates on a handful of orphaned children and their efforts to survive the appalling conditions. Using an entirely non-professional cast, Ghobadi vividly immerses the viewer in the nightmarish realities of daily existence in this makeshift community. 97 mins, Kurdish with English subtitles Cert 15 - Please note: contains implied sexual assault and war trauma so is not suitable for children under 15.

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**Cost:£4, admission on the door.**

**Contact: Jack Jarvis, [jj@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:jj@st-andrews.ac.uk), 01333450426.**

**4. Event: Talk/Forum on the Consequences of the Arab Awakening.**

Speaker: Prof Paul Rogers, Professor of Peace Studies, the University of Bradford.

Title: The Consequences of the Arab Awakening.

Chair: Dr Cecelia Clegg, Senior Lecturer in Practical Theology, the University of Edinburgh.

Forum on Consequences of the Arab Awakening.

Forum Panellists: Billy Briggs is a freelance journalist who writes about human rights issues. His journalism has been recognised by Amnesty International and the European Union; Prof Dabir Tehrani, Honorary Professor at Heriot-Watt University since April 1984; Dr George R Wilkes, Director, Project on Religion and Ethics in the Making of War and Peace, the University of Edinburgh.

Venue: Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Date: Wednesday 9 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 6.30pm-7pm. Discussion/Forum: 7pm-9.15pm.

Event Description: Hopes still remain for the Arab Awakening, but one year on and it has become much more complex. There have been many different events across the entire region including some progress in Tunisia, reform in Morocco, regime termination in Libya, suppression in Bahrain and rebellion in Syria. What prospects are there for the future, what are the underlying trends and will the early promise be maintained?

Paul Rogers is Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University. He worked originally in the biological and environmental sciences, including lecturing at Imperial College, London, but has worked for the past 30 years on international security. He is a consultant to Oxford Research Group, an independent UK think tank, and also writes a weekly analysis of international security issues for [www.opendemocracy.net](http://www.opendemocracy.net). The most recent of his 26 books are Global Security and the War on Terror: Elite Security and the Illusion of Control, (Routledge, 2007) and the third edition of Losing Control: Global Security in the 21st Century (Pluto Press 2010).

**Cost:£5/£3 (Concessions) on the door on the night.**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

**5. Chloe Goodchild Visit, 12-13 May 2012, Edinburgh, and, 19-20 May 2012, Glasgow**

**5.1. 2-Day Edinburgh Retreat:**

**Event: Two-Day Retreat: Sound Evolution - Singing our World Awake.**

Facilitator: Chloe Goodchild.

Venue: Islay Room, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Dates: Saturday 12 May - Sunday 13 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Retreat Days: 10am-5pm.

Event Description: Sound Evolution - Singing Our World Awake, provides a sanctuary of sound, where we will discover how our spoken and singing voice energises us with a renewed stamina and inner resilience to navigate the challenges of these times with awareness, self-confidence, courage and wisdom. You will learn a range of vocal practices that build your self-confidence in all realms of life. This weekend will enable you to access simple playful ways of listening, co-creating and evolving consciousness together through the transforming power of shared sound and song.

Supported and sustained by the witness consciousness, you will learn to observe yourself and others without judging. The witness is a unique faculty of attention that enables you to step out of the tight shoe of your reactive mind, and expand your awareness to express the far-reaching

and joyous dimensions of your soul. The witness is strengthened through the practice of musicianship skills, specific sounds, vowels, devotional words or phrases, sacred chants, healing love songs and more, that inspire open-hearted listening, compassionate communication and unconditional Love.

Chloe Goodchild is a singer, sound healer, transformative teacher, workshop leader, author and founder of The Naked Voice Foundation based in Bristol, England. "A Universe Singing Inside You" is the title of Chloe's forthcoming book, available in 2011. Her autobiography "The Naked Voice: Journey To The Spirit Of Sound" (Rider 1993) is now available as an EBook from The Naked Voice. Chloe has made a range of recordings "Devi" (1996), "Sura" (1998), "Fierce Wisdom" (2004), "Laughing Heart" (2009), "Thousand Ways of Light" (2010) and others, all available from Naked Voice Music ([www.thenakedvoice.com](http://www.thenakedvoice.com)). Chloe's instructional audiobooks "Your Naked Voice" (3CDs 2006), and "Awakening Through Sound [5CDs and DVD]" (2007) are available from The Naked Voice and from [www.sounds.true.com](http://www.sounds.true.com) (if you live in USA). Chloe is co-creating an ongoing "Singing Field" in Scotland with local committed singers, sound practitioners and evolutionaries.

**Cost:£100 (Both Days), £55 (Per Day).**

**£180 (Both the Edinburgh and Glasgow Chloe Goodchild Retreats). For a Registration Form:**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

#### **5.2. 2-Day Glasgow Retreat:**

**Event: Two-Day Retreat: Your Naked Voice - The Touch of Spirit on the Body.**

Facilitator: Chloe Goodchild.

Venue: Shrine Room, Kagyu Samye Dzong Glasgow, 7 Ashley Street, Glasgow, G3 6DR.

Dates: Saturday 19 May - Sunday 20 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Retreat Days: 10am-5pm.

Event Description: Your 'naked' voice is the mouthpiece of your soul. It enables you to harness all the energies of love within you, to engage playfully and courageously with your emotional body as you transform your negative energy into positive human feeling. This practice is supported by the witness consciousness, our self-observing mind, which calms your nervous system as you discover, through self-acceptance, gratitude and forgiveness, how your authentic voice is an essential key in unlocking the treasures of your heart's message. This experiential weekend reveals the full potential and spectrum of your unique vocal expression. Everyone is welcome, and previous 'singing experience' is not necessary. Your Naked Voice, provides you with the essential communication skills - inspired by deep, non-judgemental listening, healing breath work, devotional chant, sacred mantra, energy movement and the magical 'seven sounds of love' - to explore and redeem your true voice in all kinds of ways, spoken, and sung, for everyday life.

**Cost:£100 (Both Days), £55 (Per Day).**

**£180 (Both the Edinburgh and Glasgow Chloe Goodchild Retreats). For a Registration Form:**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

#### **6.1. A Celebration of Celtic and Middle Eastern Spirituality through Music and Chanting.**

Facilitators: Sister Fionntulach, and Sounds of the Eternal.

Venue: Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Date: Friday 25 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 7pm-7.30pm. Event: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Event Description: There will be two contributions to the evening:

1. Sister Fionntulach.

Sister Fionntulach, of the Céile Dé Order, will share some of the beautiful and haunting sacred chants of her tradition. Some are in either Irish or Scots Gaelic, others still are in Old Irish, the ancestor of modern Gaelic. Some of the chants are long, some are short and almost mantra-like, so there will be opportunities for the audience to join in should they feel moved to do so.

2. Chanting for Peace with Sounds of the Eternal.

Formed in 2005, the Sounds of the Eternal group consists of seven Edinburgh musicians and singers who have a shared vision for music as a force for peace and harmony between diverse spiritual traditions. They invite you to join them in a series of chants drawn from the sacred texts of Christianity, Islam and Judaism, with the aim of emphasising our common vision and encouraging transformation in ourselves and our world. The musical palette features the peaceful and mysterious tones of Middle Eastern and Celtic styles, led by a variety of stringed instruments, clarinet, piano and the vocal power and purity of Suzanne Butler.

**Cost:£10. Advance booking is strongly recommended. For a Registration Form:**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

**6.2. Event: Day Workshop: A New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul.**

Facilitators: Ali Newell and John Philip Newell.

Venue: Mull Room, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Date: Saturday 26 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Workshop: 10am-5pm.

Event Description: As never before in the history of humanity, we are becoming aware of our inter-relatedness. We are beginning to comprehend that what we do to other species is what we do to ourselves. We are beginning to perceive that what we do to other nations and peoples is what we do to our own soul. The question is whether we will choose to translate this emerging consciousness into transformative action. Celtic Spirituality offers unique insights and practices for this work of transformation in our lives and world.

The Saturday workshop will be led by John Philip Newell and Ali Newell, internationally acclaimed for their work in Celtic theology and spiritual practice. Formerly Wardens of Iona Abbey, they have a passion for peace in the world and a fresh vision for harmony between the great spiritual traditions of humanity. They have played a leading role in the re-birthing of creation spirituality for today. Philip's best known titles include his introduction to Celtic Spirituality, Listening for the Heartbeat of God, and his recent visionary work, A New Harmony: the Spirit, the Earth, and the Human Soul. And Ali is celebrated for her imaginative embodiment of these themes in movement, music, and art. The workshop will provide a combination of presentation, reflection, and practice.

**Cost:£50. For a Registration Form:**

Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.

**6.3. Event: Day Workshop: 'Thy Kingdom Come' and 'The Marriage of Heaven and Earth':**An exploration, honouring some of the themes of both Easter and the ancient Celtic festival of Beltaine, of the dissolving of duality into Oneness.

Facilitator: Sister Fionntulach, Head of the Céile Dé Order, a Celtic Christian Holy Order based in Scotland.

Venue: Mull Room, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB.

Date: Sunday 27 May 2012.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Workshop: 10am-5pm.

Event Description: An exploration, honouring some of the themes of both Easter and the ancient Celtic festival of Beltaine, of the dissolving of duality into Oneness.

The earliest Gaelic Christians happily dovetailed their spirituality with some parts of their native pre-Christian lore. It is clear that in many ways they viewed their Druidic past as a sort of 'Celtic Old Testament.' This spirit of inclusivity is one of the hallmarks of the Céile Dé tradition as it is practiced today. In this gathering, Sister Fionntulach will share some of the sacred prayers, chants, lore and practices of the Céile Dé tradition. It is hoped that this day of prayerful exploration of the teachings inherent in sacred story - a medium especially loved in Celtic culture - will both introduce the Céile Dé tradition to some and also open many to wider ways of exploring their own chosen spiritual path, whether it be Christian, Pagan or any of the other ways that, ultimately, lead us all to the Sacred Union with the Great Mystery who is beyond naming.

Sister Fionntulach belongs to the Céili Dé (The Servants or Spouses of God), a Celtic Christian Holy Order based in Scotland. She took her vows in 1991. Since 2004 she has been Head of the Order.

Today, she is a teacher of the tradition and an Anam Chara ('Soul Friend' or Spiritual Guide). Her life is divided between leading a contemplative life, serving her community and giving teachings to the growing number of people, both in Europe and in the USA, who feel called to walk the Céile Dé Path in these times.

Sister Fionn, as most people call her, describes the tradition as "a glorious blend of Celtic reverence for Nature, disciplined practice and Christ-consciousness - the transformative power of Love." See:

[www.ceilede.co.uk](http://www.ceilede.co.uk)

Cost:£50. For a Registration Form:

Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2012@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.

**7. Scottish Screening Tour of 'Dalai Lama Renaissance' Film with Director Q & A, 4 - 14 June 2012**

See: [www.eicsp.org](http://www.eicsp.org) for finalised details.

**8. Latif Bolat:**

**Turkish Mystic Sufi Musician, Singer and Composer**

**Visit to Edinburgh**

**8.1. Event: Healing Sounds of the Wandering Dervishes of Turkey:**

**Turkish Mystic Sufi Music, Poetry, Stories and Images with Latif Bolat.**

Venue: Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Date: Friday 15 June 2012.



Time: Doors Open: 7pm. Evening Event: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Event Description: Turkish Mystic Sufi musician, singer and composer Latif Bolat will present mystic Sufi music, poetry, stories and images of the Wandering Dervishes from the ancient land of Turkey. Travelling from the Mediterranean city of Mersin in Turkey, Latif Bolat plays Turkish Folk ballads and ecstatic devotional Sufi songs. These are the ritualistic music and poetry of the Anatolian mystics since the 12th Century. From the horrifying years of the Crusaders and Genghis Khan's destruction in the Middle East, through to the present days, people found great comfort in this Sufi culture. Throughout, Latif Bolat will also recite devotional poetry from 13th Century Sufi poets Yunus Emre, Rumi and other ancient poets, and will show images of the Turkish people and sacred places from the land of Anatolia.

One of the most well-known Turkish musicians in the US, his mesmerizing performances draw on ancient texts and employ traditional instrumentation such as the Saz (long necked lute). Now partially residing in New Mexico and Turkey, Latif Bolat has presented his music all across America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore, Bulgaria, Spain, Turkey, the Philippines, Ireland, England and Scotland. In addition to the workshops, music events and lectures around the world, he has recorded 4 very successful CDs, made many TV and Radio appearances, and composed music for the PBS Documentary "Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet," and George Lucas's TV series "Young Indiana Jones." He is also the co-author of the compilation book of ancient Turkish Sufi poets entitled "Quarrelling with God: Mystic Rebel Poems of the Dervishes of Turkey." Latif Bolat has recently performed at the Carnegie Hall in NYC and received the Best Collaboration CD Award from the European Union for his work with the Bulgarian Jazz group Lot Lorient. Latif Bolat Website: [www.latifbolat.com](http://www.latifbolat.com)

**Cost: £10. For a Registration Form:**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2008@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2008@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

### **8.2. Event: Day Workshop: Sufi Mystic Poetry and Storytelling since Prophet Muhammed.**

Venue: Sanctuary, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EL.

Date: Saturday 16 June 2012.

Time: Registration: 9.30am-10am. Workshop: 10am-4.30pm. Lunch Break: 1pm-2pm.

Event Description: In this workshop, we'll review the development of Sufi mystic poetry and storytelling within the religion of Islam starting from the time of Prophet Muhammed and after. These developments will be taken from historical, spiritual and artistic dimensions. In addition to the history and philosophy of Sufi poetry and storytelling, we'll concentrate on the artistic expressions of the Sufi mystics for the past 1,000 years, especially from the Turkish perspective. We'll review the poetry of Yunus Emre, Rumi, Nesimi and many other Bektashi poets. We'll work on the songs of these Wandering Dervishes from the 12th century on. You can expect to go home with a good understanding of the Turkish mystic Sufi poetry and storytelling of the past 1,000 years after this workshop.

**Cost: £25/£20 (Concessions). For a Registration Form:**

**Contact: Neill Walker, [mesp2008@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mesp2008@hotmail.co.uk), 0131 331 4469.**

8.

*Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.*

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*(Please note that we will not be sending hard copies of the application pack and we can only receive electronic forms).*





## 9.

### **The new Santiago for Scotland**

You will be aware of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. When it was revived, in the 1980s, in the first year there were 68 pilgrims. Today, it attracts the well over 200,000 pilgrims a year by foot or bicycle, of which 50% are under 25.

There are plans to revive the pilgrimage to St Andrews along similar lines and a pilot scheme is being introduced this year, which starts at the Catholic Cathedral in the centre of Edinburgh at the top of Broughton Street and finishes in St Andrews on July 5 to coincide with the high mass in the ruins of the cathedral. The route mainly uses existing bicycle routes and way-marked parts, and walkers will enjoy spectacular views.

Accommodation in church halls etc is being made available at various places along the route by the local community without charge.

Hopefully, the numbers will grow to emulate Santiago de Compostela. . Of course, It is, a “rolling pilgrimage” - i.e. it can be done at any time and from any place. Everyone is welcome, whatever their religion or belief.

Maps, accommodation addresses and contact details, way cards, and badges will be available on the website by the end of April. <http://www.thewayofstandrews.com/>

Any queries to: Hugh Lockhart, 10 London Street, Edinburgh, EH3 6NA

0131-556-3743

## 10.

Ecclesiastical has once again opened its annual Ministry Bursary Awards for entries. Now in their 25<sup>th</sup> year, the awards are open to all clergy in Anglican Christian faiths and aim to provide financial support to members of the clergy for sabbatical breaks and projects.

The awards were established to celebrate Ecclesiastical's centenary year in 1987 and have, to date, supported nearly 800 members of the clergy and provided financial support in excess of £800,000. The sabbatical projects that have received financial support have varied greatly over the years and range from traditional and modern-day pilgrimages, to study visits, spiritual retreats and pursuits of lifelong dreams and hobbies.

We don't often appreciate how challenging and busy modern-day ministry is for our clergy with the changing nature of our congregations, financial pressures and the increasing need for spiritual guidance in troubled times. We all need to

take time out and refresh ourselves every now and then so we can continue to give our best to those who need us. I'm therefore extremely pleased that Ecclesiastical can once again show its support to those members of the clergy with sabbatical plans for 2013.

We are particularly proud to be able to offer this support once again to our clergy during a year when we celebrate both the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our business and continuing support to the Church of England, but also during the year when we celebrate 25 years of the establishment of the Ministry Bursary Awards.

The awards for 2013 are now open for applications until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012. Judging of the applications will take place in November and awards will be made during December 2012. To find out more about the Ministry Bursary Awards, eligibility criteria and to download an application form, please go to [www.ecclesiastical.com/mba](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/mba)

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St Mary's, High Street, Dalkeith  
(the church in the park)

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11am–2pm

# *Book, Plant & Bake Sale*

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## 12.

You will be aware that in the recent Budget, the Chancellor announced a proposal to abolish the currently available zero rating for VAT on alterations to Listed Buildings. In future therefore VAT would be standard rated on such alterations. The Chancellor suggested that Churches in future will be able to apply to the already-over-stretched Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. However, there appears to have been no promise of additional Government money to go into that scheme and, in any event, its current mode of operation means that there is no certainty as to the likely level at which any VAT recovery might be made.

The Church of England has estimated that the proposed change will cost it up to £20 million per year.

An e- petition has been set up to call on the Chancellor to bring back zero rating and I set out below an extract from a Church of England Press Release which contains a link to the e-petition.

The matter was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the provincial Buildings Cottee and I should be grateful if you could draw this to the attention of your Diocesan Buildings Committee and indeed any others you think appropriate in your Diocese, since the more signatures on the e- petition, the better.

I have raised the matter with the Scottish Churches Cttee and I expect we will be putting in formal representations on the subject on behalf of the Scottish Churches after the next meeting of that Cttee.

I am copying this email to Bishops for their information.

Kind regards

John Stuart

*The Church of England has today created an e-petition calling on the Chancellor to bring back zero rate VAT to alternations to the CofE's 12,500 Listed churches. It follows the recent launch of a consultation by HM Revenue & Customs on VAT charging to approved alterations to listed buildings, which closes on 4 May 2012. The e-petition can be signed online now at:*

*<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229> .*

*In a letter to the Chancellor, sent today, Anne Sloman, chair of the Church Buildings Council, writes that a very large proportion of the alterations to listed churches "are concerned with making these buildings viable for use by the wide community... The imposition of 20 per cent VAT on this work means in practice most of it will simply stop... it seems that this VAT proposal was aimed at householders and that the implications for the Church were not fully understood."*

*The Bishop of London and the Second Church Estates Commissioner, Tony Baldry MP, have also written letters to the Chancellor to voice serious concerns about the proposed imposition of VAT on alterations to listed buildings.*

## 13.

Dear Colleagues,

### Public Entertainment Licences (PELs)

It is clear that the Council have received representation from a number of charitable bodies concerning PELs. In the light of this the Council is looking at adding a new option which would in effect be an exemption for varieties of functions providing there is no charge (or donation asked) for attendance at these events.

The Council is proposing that the following activities would not require an entertainment licence:

- \* Functions for charitable, religious, youth, sporting, community, political or similar organisations;
- \* Exhibitions of art work;
- \* Readings, story-telling and other oral recitals; and
- \* Premises where live music is incidental - for example, record shops that host one-off performances to promote record sales

providing these events allow free public access and the venue can hold no more than 200 people.

A Public Consultation went live on the web a few days ago and responses are invited **by 13th April**. (We have been told that responses can also be made until 19th April). The link to the questionnaire can be found half way down the following web-page:

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/309/public\\_entertainment\\_licences/935/public\\_entertainment](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/309/public_entertainment_licences/935/public_entertainment)

The questionnaire is about this specific proposal and does not take long to fill in. It would help greatly if as many Churches as possible responded.

It would be helpful for respondents to highlight:

- **Support for the exemption** - this proposal will make a considerable difference to many Churches and together with the exemption already in place for activities connected with a religious body's normal activities, it should cater for most Church activities.
- That it would be of public benefit if a **further Licence type or amendment were added for fund-raising events of a charitable purpose for which a charge is made or a donation sought**, such as a musical concert for the Church or the Organ Fund or a charity such as Christian Aid, etc. We think it would be good to reflect that these are not commercial events and to suggest that they are either included in the exemption or that a further Annual Licence is created at modest cost to allow Churches and others to offer these events regularly.
- You may wish to express a view on the **numbers permitted at events covered by the exemption**. This is 200 at the moment but this aspect appears fluid. It would seem to add to the scope of the arrangement if the number were higher so we suggest a figure of 400.

It is accepted that in the case of commercial lets a Church will need to apply for a commercial license, such as when Church premises let their Hall for a Festival function. The discussion we are having applies to events that are 'free' or linked to charitable fund-raising.