

## Events in brief...

### □ MINISTRY CELEBRATION

A SERVICE to affirm and support all licensed and authorised lay ministry within the diocese takes place on Saturday 31 May at 11am in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow.

### □ FAYRE

A SUMMER fayre in St Paul and St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Springwells Avenue, Airdrie, starts at 11am on Saturday 31 May.

### □ AYR CONCERTS

TWO summer concerts continue Ayr Holy Trinity's centenary celebrations of the building's consecration.

Sunday 15 June brings together the Holy Trinity Festival Choir and members of the Ayrshire Symphony Orchestra in a concert including Beethoven's Mass in C.

On Saturday 12 July the York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir

bring a range of works. Both concerts start at 7.30pm.

Donation tickets £8 (£6 concession) from Mackay Music (Cathcart Street, Ayr) or church choir members or at the door.

Contact John19Lewis@aol.com

### □ COURSES

THE Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Care Studies at Glasgow Caledonian University has released details of courses for all in the caring professions, including ministers. Visit [www.gcal.ac.uk/cspcs](http://www.gcal.ac.uk/cspcs) for more information.

### □ ORTHODOX

ELSHIESHIELDS Tower, near Lochmaben, offers a workshop exploring the Orthodox traditions of prayer with Revd Philip Greenhalgh, Saturday 12 July, 10.30am-3.30pm. Contact Revd Ann Shukman 01389 810280 ([ann.shukman@virgin.net](mailto:ann.shukman@virgin.net)).

## The next DNS issue covers July and August.

- ▶ Does the news in your local paper keep you awake? Tell us what people in *YOUR* church are doing about it.
- ▶ Are you putting church growth plans into action? Help us all to learn from your experience by letting us know what you've done.
- ▶ Is something exciting about to come up? Don't keep it to yourselves!

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Faith in action, love in labour,  
and hope in our Lord Jesus  
Christ. *1 Thessalonians 1.3*

**M**Y USUAL stamping-ground on behalf of the SEC is the triangle bounded by Glasgow, Edinburgh and Castle Douglas, so a recent trip to a conference in Sweden was a rare treat indeed.

Its purpose was to offer Anglican clergy an insight into the Nordic Lutheran Churches with which we are now in communion under the Porvoo Agreement.

From a packed four days I'd like to share just one highlight, in a visit to the Parish Centre at Kista—a quite poor and ethnically diverse parish in the northern suburbs of Stockholm.

The building is a modern symphony in red brick, with the church embedded in a complex that includes meeting rooms, offices, café, crèche and crypt-auditorium.

The rector, Dr Michael Öjermo, explained that the architect had drawn his inspiration from a crucifix that now hangs in the Lady Chapel. Found in a flea-market in Cologne in the aftermath of World War II, the crucifix is the bomb-damaged ruin of a once-valuable object: the cross is no more than a remnant of gold leaf, from which hangs a Christ whose arms have been blown off. It's an image both shocking and moving that says to all who see it: 'I have no hands but yours...'

No longer valuable, but somehow more precious.

From that image has risen a church centre dedicated to working for Christ in its community.

And it does indeed work. On a Saturday afternoon the place bustled with activity that clearly was not just for our benefit: two baptismal parties; practising musicians; meetings; people having a coffee. And then there are the Lutheran, Eritrean Coptic, Iranian and South American congregations who deserve an article to themselves.

This surely has to be one model for the future of the Church. Christians of all kinds of backgrounds sharing their faith, glorying in their diversity, worshipping as they work, for the sake not just of themselves, but of the people around them.

And, at the quiet centre of it all, Christ, gently insistent:

'I have no hands but yours.'

*Revd Canon David Bayne*

## Action for spirituality over the past year

*Edith Thorp, convenor of the Diocesan Action Group for Spirituality, reflects on the group's work.*

**THE group members, Sally Gorton, Caroline MacKillop, Rosie Ruth-erford, Clive Wylie and myself, represent four of the seven regions.**

Most of us come from the Ignatian tradition and we are inviting a Francis- can to join us. Shareene Potter is moving to other pastures and Beryl Scott has retired from the group.]

We have met seven times.

As convenor I travelled to Gothenburg with a party to visit a youth centre that the diocese hopes to make into a retreat centre.

Grants of £300 were made for three retreatants. The balance of funds at the end of the year was given to the Walsingham Pilgrimage Fund.

There were 22 participants at the bi-annual retreat led by David Balfour at Cumbrae.

The Diocesan Prayer Calendar was updated, and feedback has been fa- vourable.

We made one presentation to the Ayrshire Regional Council.

A day planned for Tertiaries, Oblates or Associates of Religious Houses and Communities had to be cancelled, but an afternoon was hosted on 5 May, when Philip North, from Walsingham, was the speaker.

Two days for spiritual directors took place. The Bishop led the first. Ruth Holgate, Director of the Ignatian Centre, Glasgow, led the second, focusing on aspects of supervision – something that is essential to maintain the pro- fessionalism of this particular ministry. The aim was to enable group super- vision to be part of the diocesan framework for directors. One group has already met again with Ruth, and plans to alternate its own group supervi- sion with supervision with Ruth.

ACTS is promoting a quiet day around the weekend of St Andrew's tide. Although we are not actively promoting that, the diocesan Advent Quiet Day will be run on that same weekend, as it was last year.

Three of the Group participated in the Prayer input on the Diocesan Jour- ney in Faith Programme.

There has been great encouragement for the promotion of Vocation Sun- day which had fallen into neglect over recent years.

## Mission and Ministry

**THE Provincial Mission and Ministry Board is coming to the end of its first term after the merger of the two separate Min- istry and Mission Boards of the General Synod.**

Consequently there has been a period of reflection on the progress made.

D Y A N

**Diocesan Youth Action Network**

An event for young people of secondary age + leaders  
at

Holy Trinity & St Barnabas' Paisley  
St James' Place, Moss Street,  
Paisley  
[www.episcopalpaisley.org.uk](http://www.episcopalpaisley.org.uk)

**Sunday 15 June**

**Friendship**

Arrival between 2pm and 2.30pm  
Worship, followed by food

Then to **Xscape, Braehead**,  
for bowling, approx 4.30pm

Disperse after 6.30 from Braehead  
All groups responsible for their own  
transport to Braehead

Numbers, please, of young people and  
leaders, for both food and bowling  
to Judith Johnstone  
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(0141 583 4051) or Bobbie Lundy,  
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It has been generally agreed that the members have worked well together and that the Board, though large, gives its members a good overview of the many and various strands of the Church's work.

A major achievement has been the streamlining of the Provincial funding for ministry.

This now comes from the Board, rather than from two separate sources, and will be given to each diocese in the form of a block grant.

The dioceses will then have greater freedom, within certain lim- its, to channel the funds towards their own priorities in ministry.

The major reports *Journey of the Baptised* and *New Century, New Directions* are now several years old and it was felt reviews were necessary.

These were done in tandem, as their subject matter is interlinked.

The reports have just been completed and the Board is in the process of deciding what action needs to be taken to implement them.

Here, too, we see the Church's mission and ministry evolving in the light of changes in the world around us.

*Revd Peter M Potter,  
Diocesan representative,  
Mission and Ministry Board*

## Back to Church Sunday comes to Scotland

**BACK to Church Sunday** has reached thousands of lapsed churchgoers since it began a few years ago. This year it will be introduced in Scotland, and training has already started. **HELEN BALL**, of the diocesan Mission Core group, was one of four Glasgow & Galloway delegates to attend an interchurch training conference in Edinburgh. She writes...

Since this exciting initiative was pioneered in the Diocese of Manchester four years ago, hundreds of churches from all kinds of denominations have joined to encourage new people to come along to church.

Four delegates from our diocese recently attended an interchurch training conference in Edinburgh, where Michael Harvey, *Back to Church Sunday* developer, explained all about it.

On *Back to Church Sunday*, at the end of September, participating churches make a special effort to be really visitor-friendly.

In the run-up to the day, everyone in the congregation is praying and

thinking about a friend to invite. Local media help to publicise what the church is doing.

This easy-to-use mission venture shows that the personal invitation really works. Newcomers are more likely to come if they know that other newcomers will be there too. It appeals to older people and younger people.

Nearly 2,000 churches took part last year; nearly 20,000 people came back to church.

And nine out of ten of them said they would come again.

*Back to Church Sunday* will be facilitated in Scotland by ACTS this year. For information e-mail Lindsey Sanderson at ACTS ([lindseysanderson@acts-scotland.org](mailto:lindseysanderson@acts-scotland.org)) or contact a member of your diocesan Mission Core Group. To see more about *Back to Church Sunday*, visit [www.backtochurch.co.uk](http://www.backtochurch.co.uk).

**STAY abreast of church growth initiatives and exchange news, ideas or advice. Sign up to Glasgow & Galloway's new Yahoo group:**  
[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sec-church-growth](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sec-church-growth)

### Schubert at Newlands

Second Sunday Concert Series  
St Margaret's, Newlands

#### WINTERREISE

Edward Caswell (baritone)  
Michael Bawtree (piano)

**Sunday 8 June at 3.30pm**

Tickets £5 (seniors/students £3)  
at the door. Under-16s free.

The Group has recently produced a leaflet to help people to find a spiritual director if they so wish.

DNS Prayer Corner has been introduced, to enable the diocese to pray for each other in a more immediate and focused way than the Prayer Calendar can accommodate.

Finally, among events planned for this year is a Tapestry of Prayer day, hosted at St Margaret's Newlands on Saturday 13 September. The threads throughout the day are eight different aspects of seeing 'Prayer Through...'

Leaflets with more information will be distributed to churches soon. Contact me, Edith Thorp, on 01556 610816, or email [edith.thorp@virgin.net](mailto:edith.thorp@virgin.net).

## MAGAZINE EDITORS' DAY

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*Free. Light lunch and refreshments provided.*

*Editorial teams or sole editors welcome.*

*Booking essential: [dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk](mailto:dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk)*

## MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

***THE Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway, mindful of the need to explore new patterns of ministry, and to provide support and development for stipendiary clergy, wishes to appoint a Ministry Development Officer, with the following initial remit:***

- ◆ to gain an overview of the development of various forms of ministry within the diocese. These range from Initial Ministerial Education (IME) to Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD4+) for clergy, as well as for other authorised ministries;
- ◆ to enable the diocese to provide appropriate ministerial, theological, and pastoral education and training for both lay people and clergy;
- ◆ to develop the mission of the diocese through the ministry provided in charges;
- ◆ to enhance among the stipendiary clergy a sense of professional worth and dignity, through professional support and training;
- ◆ to work with the Ministry Advisory Group, reporting to the Bishop;
- ◆ to liaise with the Education Action Group, the Mission Core Group, and other diocesan resources as appropriate.

*The Ministry Development Officer will be expected to travel throughout the diocese as required.*

*This is a full-time appointment for three years and open to ordained and lay people. Salary: SEC standard stipend (currently £21,600) plus housing allowance (taxable) and non-contributory pension.*

*Applicants should apply by **15 June**, enclosing a CV, to: Mrs Christine Hughes, Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2DH.*

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## Ministry Advisory Group charts progress

*New faces, a new post for supporting and encouraging ministry and a fresh batch of candidates for the ministry figure in the highlights of the Ministry Advisory Group's past year.*

*Revd Peter Potter, its convenor, reports...*

### **LAST year we did not have any-one starting training for the authorised ministry.**

However, by the autumn we hope to have as many as six people beginning courses.

This all depends on whether they complete the selection process in time. The Church takes great care over this process and so it is necessarily lengthy. The downside is that it is difficult to predict just when a candidate will be ready to start training and how many there will be from one year to the next.

The March Diocesan Synod approved a proposal for a full-time Ministry Development Officer who will be able to have oversight of all the various facets of ministry in the diocese and be more available to support and encourage ministry, especially among stipendiary clergy.

This past year has been marked by changes in membership of the Group. There are more on the way.

Maureen MacGlashan did sterling work in setting up the system of Individual Development Plans (IDPs) for clergy and Lay Readers.

This has been up and running for a couple of years now and is proving a useful tool in helping people to

develop their ministry and keep abreast of changes in both the Church and society. Maureen felt the time had come for her to step back and we thank her for all the work she contributed in this important field.

Robin Paisley had been involved in ministerial matters in the diocese for over 10 years, as Director of Ordinands and latterly in encouraging individuals and vestries to foster vocations in their congregations. He too decided it was time to hand over the baton to someone else but remains a source of wisdom and knowledge for the Group.

Jeannette Jenkins has taken over Maureen's role and has been busy organising training for IDP facilitators and making sure the administration is up-to-date and not a burden for those involved.

As this report goes to press, the next MAG event is the Ministry Celebration service on Saturday 31 May in the Cathedral.

This has become a regular feature in our calendar and is the way the whole diocese can give thanks for the immense contribution so many people make to the Church's ministry.