

The Mothers' Union festival service is on Saturday 23 May at St Cyprian's, Lenzie, 11.30am, followed by lunch.

**A** WORKSHOP on Communion from the Reserved Sacrament will take place on Saturday 19 September, 10.30am-4pm, at St John's, Stranraer.

Led by Revd Darren McFarland, convenor of the Provincial Liturgy Committee, and Revd Anne Tomlinson, Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, this workshop is open to all who wish to learn more about these aspects of worship. Cost £3 for the day including lunch, payable on arrival.

Let Revd Beth Tugwell know of your intention to attend (01776 705053). It is hoped to repeat this event in another part of the diocese soon afterwards.

**A** REVIEW day for facilitators is planned for Saturday 22 August at Holy Trinity Ayr, 10.30am-3pm.

It will be a day of review and refreshment, offering the chance to meet facilitators from across the diocese, receive some role-specific training and hear about exciting developments in mission and ministry work. Leaders are Canon Jeanette Jenkins and ministry development officer Ann Tomlinson, with members of the Mission Core Group, Education Action and Spirituality Networks.

A sandwich lunch will be provided.

For further information and registration, e-mail the ministry development officer: [mdu.gg@btinternet.com](mailto:mdu.gg@btinternet.com).

**R**EV D Dr Nicholas Hugh Taylor will be installed as Rector of St Aidan's Clarkston at 2.30pm on Saturday 6 June by Bishop Idris. Diocesan

clergy wishing to attend should advise vestry secretary Graham Vahey ([gvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:gvahey@btinternet.com)) as soon as possible.

Those wishing to robe are asked to wear an alb or cotta and green stole.

**M**ONDAY 8 June is the planned date for the installation of Revd Gordon Fyfe as Rector of St Columba Largs.

**A** COURSE on icon painting in the Coptic tradition will be held at Elshields Tower, Lochmaben, 2-6 June. The tutor will be Dr Stephane Rene, tutor at the Prince's Trust for Sacred Art.

Cost: £550 residential to include tuition and full board; or £400 non-residential. Five hours' tuition per day. All materials except brushes supplied. Write to make a booking to: [info@sacredspacegallery.com](mailto:info@sacredspacegallery.com). More details: [www.sacredspacegallery.com](http://www.sacredspacegallery.com).

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ITEMS for the June issue may be submitted by **Monday 18 May** in prose text (**not** leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown: [dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk](mailto:dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk), or c/o the Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Pl, Glasgow G1 2DH.

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# Diocesan News

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## Honour for fire-walk pensioner

*A retired teacher who just loves walking on hot coals and jumping from planes has received an accolade.*

Barbara Barnes, the Child Protection Officer for St Augustine's Dumbarton, has been named Vale of Leven Citizen of the Year.

Barbara, a JP, also volunteers locally with Alzheimer's Scotland Carers Group, as well as St Margaret's Hos-

pice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The 68-year-old former primary teacher said of the title: "There are so many people worthy of these things, you don't expect it to happen to yourself, but I am delighted."

And she admitted: "One thing I love is fundraising for charity, doing such things as parachute jumps, abseiling, fire walks and zip slides.

**"I try to prove to myself that I am not an old lady!"**

Barbara added: "I just like to be involved in the community, to be honest.

"It is very nice to know that the things we do are recognised as work of value."

Rector Kenny Macaulay said: "I don't know what we would do without her, from her wisdom in vestry meetings, to running Friends of St Augustine's events and Saturday teas and coffees, and taking responsibility for our Sunday School. We are just so proud of her here in St Augustine's."

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# Talking Companions Together

**ABOUT 50 folk with an interest in international companion links gathered in Glasgow for a day conference, Companions Together, on 21 March.**

They came from all over Scotland to the Albany Centre in Glasgow's West End, and the centre did us proud, *writes ANNE PANKHURST*. It is a newly refurbished primary school, with the advantages of spacious rooms, modern equipment and off-street parking.

The conference context was set by the growing number of companion links between the worldwide church and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Among those present – and enjoying each other's stories – were people who have visited Rwanda, Ghana, Swaziland, Zanzibar and South Africa as part of their diocesan or church links. Others, including a youth group, will be on their way soon to experience what it is

EDUCATION ACTION WORKSHOP

## Pray it with Flowers

Saturday 9 May

This is a popular and fun day hosted at St Margaret's Newlands, Kilmarnock Road, Glasgow.

Registration is from 9.30am, with a varied programme starting 10am.

Lunch will be provided after demonstrations of flower arranging followed in the afternoon by everyone having a go. Bring greenery to share. Book your place by 4 May with Linda Whitby (01294 276838; [lindawhitby@btopenworld.com](mailto:lindawhitby@btopenworld.com)).

to be an Anglican in other contexts.

The speakers gave us much food for thought.

Bishop Idris took us on a tour of the Old and New Testaments, from Moses to Barnabas, to show that building relationships with people is essential both to our understanding of our faith and our human wellbeing.

A different aspect was shared by Canon Edgar Ruddock, international relations director of USPG. With stunning pictures, he gave us the taste of the global-local interface that is the core of modern holistic mission. In this world of increasing instability, threats to the environment and financial insecurity, mission means building up the church across the world, caring for physical and spiritual health, education and development, justice and reconciliation.

Stephen Lyon, who has worked for eight years as partnership secretary in the Anglican Communion, built on all of this with a reflection on the bases for practical action in Companionships. Creating and maintaining a good link means strategic, intentional, honest, humble, holistic and, above all, joyful sharing. The challenge and the checklist are set by the Five Marks of Mission.

The conference concluded with presentations by Revd Canon Duncan McCosh on the Millennium Development Goals, by the Mothers' Union on its work across the Anglican Communion, and by St Andrew's Milngavie with Pastor Elson Mageza from our Companion Diocese of Byumba.

*Dr Pankhurst convenes the international committee of Edinburgh Diocese*

## News and events in brief . . .

**T**HE centenary of St Mary's Bridge of Weir falls on the first weekend in May. There are two special services.

For Choral Evensong at 6pm on Saturday 2 May, St Mary's Cathedral Choir will sing and Very Revd Dr Gregor Duncan, Dean of Glasgow & Galloway, is the preacher. At the 10.30am Eucharist on Sunday 3 May, the celebrant will be Most Revd Dr Idris Jones.

**T**HE annual diocesan ministry celebration service is on Saturday 30 May at St John's Dumfries.

It is for all who are in authorised lay ministry and their supporters. This year, pastoral assistants and worship leaders will be re-appointed during the service.

**A** CHRISTIAN Aid Art Exhibition will take place on Saturday, 16 May, at St Mary's, Hamilton, 10am-4pm. To exhibit, contact Barbara Stobie on 01698 854190 or 07731 861957.

**S**HOULD Church and State be separate? The necessity of secularist régimes is the topic of this year's Gifford Lecture, delivered by Professor Charles Taylor, of McGill University, Quebec, on Thursday 21 May at 6pm.

It's at the Sir Charles Wilson Lecture Theatre, University Avenue, Glasgow. To book a place call 0141 330 3593 or e-mail [A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk).

**T**HE next Provincial Conference for the Scottish Episcopal Church will take place 2-4 October in the Macdonald Highland Resort, Aviemore. The

theme is Living Well: Proclaim, Discover, Respond, and the underpinning Bible passage is the 'Woman at the Well' narrative (John 4:3-43).

Time is short for bookings. Registration forms can be downloaded from the SEC website, which has more information: [www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org).

**A**S part of the St Cuthbert and Carlisle Festival on Friday 1 May there will be a talk on the Bewcastle Cross at Bewcastle at 10am by David Thomson. At 2.30pm Ann Shukman will give a talk on the Ruthwell Cross at Ruthwell. All welcome; no charge.

**E**ARLY Monastic Sites in the Hebrides is the theme of an illustrated talk on Sunday 3 May at Elshieshields, near Lochmaben, at 7.30pm.

The speaker, Mary Lewis, who is ordained in the Church in Wales, lives part of each year on North Uist and has been running 'sea pilgrimages' to the remote rocky sites of ancient hermitages and monasteries in the Western Isles. All welcome; no charge.

**M**OTHERS' Union Worldwide president Rosemary Kempself visits Glasgow & Galloway this month.

On Thursday 21 May she will be at St John's, Dumfries. She will join local members for their afternoon meeting, then preach at the 7pm Ascension Day service. On Friday 22 May she will give an address at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Largs branch at St Columba's, 2-4pm. A strawberry tea will follow.

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## More to learn from Sweden about funding

It seems that information I passed on last month about funding of the Church of Sweden was not quite correct, writes *LINDA WHITBY*.

Church funds come from members and not, as I had stated, all taxpayers. Each congregation decides what to ask its members to contribute and this cash is only paid by members. The State collects it and then allocates the money.

This service is offered to every religious group. It isn't a tax but a voluntary individual subscription. The State also allocates grants to churches for maintaining publicly important and culturally and historically interesting buildings.

By tradition the vast majority of over-18s are church members, but the last 10 years have seen a notable drop in the numbers who contribute financially to the church.

Because of previous good financial

stability, the church has been seen as a good employer with people being paid to do what we in Scotland do voluntarily.

Now, though, with smaller budgets, reorganisation is taking place with small congregations joining together to be more viable.

Vestry positions in the past were seen rather as status appointments – now these people are having to do the jobs themselves!

We shall watch with great interest to see what new strategies they find to solve difficult problems – so we might learn from them.

*Linda was invited to Gothenburg recently to explain how Scots churches run on volunteer labour.*

## New course on worship and the arts

**EDUCATION Action Network is indebted to its ever-enthusiastic tutors for devising a five-week Thursday evening course on Worship and the Arts.**

This is not a certified Journey in Faith unit; just one to enjoy and extend our knowledge.

It begins by exploring worship and literature with Revd David Jasper, Professor of Literature and Theology at University of Glasgow.

This is followed by an evening with the diocesan architect, Rebecca Cadie, as she discusses church architecture as Christianity evolved.

The next lecture, by Revd Donald Orr, secretary to the arts chaplaincy

in Scotland, considers painting in worship.

He'll offer insights on what we see, what the artist wanted us to see.

Music will be the next topic, covering the history of music in worship and the changes and patterns that have evolved.

Last of all Chris Taylor, chaplain to the arts in Cumbria, will guide participants through the drama of worship.

Classes are all at Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley, 7.30pm, starting 1 September.

Booking forms will be available soon. To register interest, contact [lindawhitby@bopenworld.com](mailto:lindawhitby@bopenworld.com).

## Net gain for worship

*A nativity cast of Hollywood proportions – with multiple Marys and Josephs? It's down to new technology – and we're not talking CGI. June Gray discovered the simple device one church uses to help pack its pews...*

**THE Sunday prior to Christmas I attended the children's carol service at the Surrey church where my daughter and her family worship.**

This is an active church with a lot of outreach in the local area, including the local C of E primary school.

The 9.30am service is always a busy one with lots of provision for the children.

On this occasion the children - and adults if they wished - had been invited to attend in suitable attire for a nativity play.

Most nativity plays allow only one Mother Mary with her Baby Jesus, so this was a great opportunity for those not chosen for their class enactment to join in the unfolding of the story.

The church was alive and humming

as the congregation assembled. The narrator began the tale. Then the Josephs and Marys gathered with their babies in the flexible area at the front of church, followed by the animals, angels, shepherds and, finally, the wise men.

There were about 150 children in church there that day, and certainly 100 adults.

The children retired to their own area for Sunday School and our morning service continued.

After the service I chatted with the vicar about this exceptional attendance.

He explained he uses e-mail to remind his flock of special events. He believes that encourages families to participate.

Later, I learnt from my daughter that on one day in January when there were two baptisms there were at least 250 at that early service.

On other occasions when I have been able to worship there the attendance has always been in three figures.

*June Gray is a member of the diocesan Information and Communications Action Network (Infocomms).*

## It pays to learn

**COULD you serve your congregation better if you had some formal training?**

If your annual income is no more than £18,000, you are eligible for ILA Scotland funding of up to £200 a year.

That's enough to cover a qualification in areas such as food hygiene or first aid. And there are thousands of other courses you can enrol on. Phone 0808 100 1090 for more information.

▷ STILL finding your web feet? How can Infocomms help? Or if you are making the most of communication technology, tell us how you've made it work for your church. E-mail: [dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk](mailto:dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk).

# The making of a Bishop

AS Bishop Idris Jones has announced his intention to retire at the end of July, the process of appointing his successor is starting.

The electoral process will involve four meetings of Diocesan Synod.

The first is a special Diocesan Synod on Saturday 20 June. Voting members of this Synod will form the Electoral Synod.

The purpose of the June meeting is to discuss a draft description of the diocese (see below) and to elect two clerical and two lay members of the Synod to a Preparatory Committee whose job will be to produce a list of three–five candidates to be put before the Electoral Synod. The Preparatory Committee will be convened by the Primus (or senior Bishop) and will also consist of one

other Bishop, and five members of the Provincial Panel for Episcopal Elections (including the two from Glasgow & Galloway: Revd Kenny Macaulay and Mr Graeme Hely).

The second meeting is the Preliminary Meeting of the Electoral Synod to consider the working of the process for the election. It will probably take place in the first half of September.

At the third meeting, probably around December, the Electoral Synod will meet the candidates.

The fourth meeting, possibly in January, is the Meeting of the Electoral Synod to elect the new Bishop.

It is the Diocesan Council's responsibility to have the Description of the Diocese compiled. A draft has to be ready for the June Synod, and the document must be finalised by the end of July. The Council will appoint compilers at its meeting on 9 May, and nominations are invited of suitable candidates for this work.

They do not have to be members of any diocesan committee or Synod but should have sufficient knowledge of the diocese, its personnel, workings, buildings, traditions, expectations, trends, options and geography, to give them a feel for what is relevant; and sufficient knowledge of the Scottish Episcopal Church to be able to provide a context for applicants from outside the Province. To nominate someone who is willing to be a considered as a compiler, e-mail diocesan secretary Gib FitzGibbon c/o [office@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:office@glasgow.anglican.org).

REVD Emmanuel Gatera, provincial secretary for Rwanda Kigali, will be visiting the Scottish Episcopal Church for the General Synod.

He will be in our diocese 13-17 June.

As well as his other responsibilities, Revd Gatera looks after a congregation of about 600. He is currently undertaking training for counselling of victims of trauma, which he expects to be very useful for his ministry in Rwanda.

Any church that would like our visitor to preach on Sunday 14 June or visit any day between 14 June and 16 June, should contact the diocesan centre or Gill Young ([gill.young@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:gill.young@ukonline.co.uk)).

## Manage your church's carbon footprint

LEARNING how to manage your church's carbon footprint is the subject of a new action pack to be issued soon from Eco-Congregation Scotland (ECS).

In preparing the course material for this 13th ECS module, the compilers worked out the carbon footprint of about 20 church buildings from their fuel bills.

The results ranged from 20 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year to 150 tonnes.

Just to put that in perspective, the average UK citizen's annual output is 10 tonnes, while Bangladesh produces 0.3 tonnes per person.

Of course, the church buildings in the survey differed a lot in size and in the way they were used.

And the research didn't calculate

what congregation members were contributing to global warming.

But doing that is a major part of this new module.

As the authors say: "Reducing the carbon footprint of your church is just the beginning... the collective footprint of a congregation will almost always be far larger than the footprint of the church buildings. So the next step is to take action in your own lives."

ECS Module 13: *Managing Your Carbon Footprint* is at the pre-publication review stage right now. Visit [www.ecocongregation.org/Scotland](http://www.ecocongregation.org/Scotland).

## Stewarding your democratic talent

THERE'S help for Christians who want to stimulate discussion ahead of next month's Euro-elections.

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) has published a booklet of suggested points to be raised with candidates.

The material can be found at [www.ecumenicalvoices2009.eu](http://www.ecumenicalvoices2009.eu).

The Trade Justice Movement (TJM) is also offering an MEP lobby pack. It aims to help voters to lobby candidates about Europe's trade deals.

Said a TJM spokesman: "This is a key opportunity to put our opposition to Europe's trade deals on the political agenda and to help bring about a fairer approach to Europe's trade with poor countries."

The pack contains lobbying advice and background information on Europe's trade deals, a list of MEP can-

didates by region, and template letters and press releases. You can download it by visiting [www.tjm.org.uk](http://www.tjm.org.uk).

**THE AGE OF STUPID**

Franny (McLibel) Armstrong's acclaimed new global warming docu-drama

'Captivating and constantly surprising'—George Monbiot

'Knocks spots off *An Inconvenient Truth*'—*The Ecologist*

**Book the film for a screening at your church from 22 May. Visit [www.ageofstupid.net](http://www.ageofstupid.net)**