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News from around the Diocese

Father Simon licensed to Mid Argyll and Arran

Simon Peter Munro Mackenzie was licensed as the priest in charge of Mid Argyll and Arran at a wonderful Eucharist held on the 25th November 2013. The Right Reverend Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Argyll and The Isles, preached and celebrated at the packed service in Christ Church Lochgilphead. Local Episcopalian and other clergy, along with many clergy supporters from south of the border, processed into Christ Church, led by local wardens and Christ Church's processional cross. The lesson from Isaiah was read in both English and Gaelic, as Father Simon has studied Gaelic and is a competent speaker of that language. Symbolic gifts were presented by representatives of Simon's new charges: St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran; All Saints', Inveraray; Christ Church, Lochgilphead and St Columba's, Poltalloch. After the service guests from Simon's former parish, Perry Beeches in Birmingham Diocese of the Church of England, mixed with local church members, invited dignitaries, Diocesan staff and many, many more who had travelled to Argyll for the celebrations. The party was held in a specially erected marquee outside Christ Church (specially heated against the November Argyll temperatures!)

As the Advent season starts in Mid Argyll, Father Simon is looking forward to getting to know the people of his charges, the local communities and the joys of serving at least one island community, as the Episcopal priest for the Isle of Arran. The strong ecumenical representation at his licensing service was testament to the good relations between churches in this part of Argyll, and sharing his first Advent and Christmas in the charges should be a positive and life-giving experience.

Father Simon is pictured below (in the centre) after the service with his Diocesan colleagues, the chapter of St John's Cathedral, Oban: The Provost, the Bishop, the Synod Clerk and the Dean.

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Bells Ring out for New Priest at Inveraray

Bellringers marked the licensing of Father Simon Mackenzie as new priest in charge of the mid-Argyll and Arran Scottish Episcopal churches by ringing a peal on All Saints', Inveraray bells on Saturday 23 November. The bells had been requested for the day of the licensing service but the bell ringers thought that loud as they might be, Inveraray bells might not be heard in Lochgilphead. Ruth Marshall, Ringing Master of Inveraray bells said "We like to record special events when peal attempts are made on the bells. The installation of a new priest is something that doesn't happen very often. We are pleased that Father Simon will be starting his ministry in the area which includes All Saints, Inveraray."

The bells of All Saints are the second heaviest ring of 10 bells in the whole of the UK. Their melodic sound needs to be heard to be appreciated.



Background

1. The bellringers on this occasion were all members of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers (SACR).
2. Further information about bellringing in Scotland can be found on the SACR website www.sacr.org.
3. Information on the belltower at All Saints, Inveraray can be found on the website www.inveraraybelltower.co.uk.

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St Kieran's Campbeltown

All three members of the Ministry Team supported the Training Day for Lay Leaders in Oban on the 23rd November. The course, run by Isobel MacNaughtan and organised by Alison Clark, was most enjoyable and it was good to meet up with other lay ministers from the Diocese and reflect on how Mission Possible was progressing. The Team was pleased to learn that the congregation in Campbeltown was making good progress, having reached the half-way point of the year 3 material. All members of the Team take turns to lead the suggested discussions.

On the Sunday before Advent the congregation sang hymns by Graham Kendrick and looked at the reasons for their popularity as well as at the negative opinions surrounding many contemporary popular hymns. The organ voluntaries "Yesterday" by Paul McCartney and "The winner takes it all" by Abba were used to illustrate how modern popular music develops many of the themes of brokenness in human relationships just as we read in many of the stories in the Old Testament.

David O McEwan

St John's Cathedral, Oban

Between the first and second "Mission Possible" sessions with Alison Clark, we at St John's (prompted by Alison) held an informal open meeting to share thoughts and ideas about mission in our local church context. Mission is an activity with such a huge variety of potential strands; seeking to bring the Kingdom of God into our communities is a responsibility we all share. Any church member can have a significant contribution to make. As seven of us mulled this over for about an hour early one evening in the bar of the Caledonia Hotel, we chased one another's ideas, and hopefully all went away with more to ponder and to pray over. The second session with Alison brought us back to thinking again about the theology of mission, and hopefully we will relate this more directly to practical possibilities at a further continuity meeting to be held in early January. Perhaps we will even come up with some "MAD" actions to recommend to the church!

Donald Shell



In November, Ewen Munro, Youth Worker and Steve Sunderland, Director of Hope2Oban (H2O) attended St John's. Ewen gave a power point presentation of the work that has been carried out in the area during the past year. Ewen and Steve chatted with members of the congregation following the service and a retiring collection was made in aid of H2O.

Ewen Munro, Youth Worker, Very Rev'd Nicki McNelly, Sue Pollard and Steve Sunderland, Directors

At the Cathedral AGM, Irene Main and Neil Home were each presented with flowers and thanked for their many years work on behalf of St John's.



The Provost presented Tosin (Oluwatosin Olubunmi Nelson) a member of the choir, with a present as he returns home to Nigeria for his wedding on 14th December. We look forward to welcoming him back with Thonia (Omolara Omotola Anthonia) on their return in the New Year.

Diocesan Retreat 28-31 October 2013

The food is great, the accommodation warm and inviting. The atmosphere is 'one of a kind'. Richard, myself and Ian Walter represented St John's. There were 18 of us in all, spanning the outer isles to Edinburgh. We were made to feel welcome and relaxed.

This is my second time to go on the retreat and both times they have been gentle and non-threatening with plenty to ponder.

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Diocesan Retreat (cont'd)

There is something so special about drawing aside and spending time listening to your own soul speaking through the rhythm of a retreat. The Cathedral of the Isles at Cumbrae is a very conducive place for this to happen.

It is made more special by being mostly held in silence. It seems strange at first not talking, but once the mind acclimatises to the idea - I found it immensely freeing, just to be with my own process and not worry about others.

The day starts with morning prayer in the lovely small cathedral. Breakfast is a generous experience of fresh pots of coffee, different cooked options, toast, porridge, fruit and cereal. Then came the first talk for the day, held in the sitting room, followed by mid-day communion in the lovely Lady Chapel. The afternoons were free and we took our bikes and cycled around the island. Ian did some pretty impressive walks. The second day we faced into the storm and walked to the top of the island - fully covered from head to toe with waterproofs... but Richard's trousers still managed to get soaked!!!! Evening prayer precedes dinner (always a choice). This is followed by the evening talk and finally compline.

Bishop Brian was our speaker. He spoke on THE HIDDENNESS OF GOD. He has an amazing way of bringing scripture alive. He focused on different stories, both in the Old and New testaments. He wove the stories in such a magnificent way. It nearly felt as if we were there at the wedding at Cana and with Isaiah in the temple. In each story he looked at the hidden gems, elaborated with his life of knowledge and experience. It was never overwhelming but invited us to be curious about history and events and faith. I started seeing the subtle human ways of God working in the hidden places in our lives. He wove the stories so meaningfully with so much to hold our attention.

One of the thoughts that remains with me is that the hidden God comes to us in the ordinary, everyday encounters, rarely as a blinding light. We are found by God in these hidden places in unexpected ways, in which our choices are not usually about 'right' and 'wrong' but about needing to choose 'right' versus 'right' in life. by Bridgid Hess

Breakfast at Cumbrae at the end of the retreat - silence broken!



Lay Leadership Day

The lay readers and leaders met on Saturday 23rd November to explore **Mission Possible – The Lay Leaders’ Calling**. Isobel MacNaughtan guided our reflections on mission and evangelism. We reflected together on our hopes and fears in relation to sharing faith and on how we can support others to be confident in sharing the good news of God's love. Those who were there have a range of responsibilities and not all see themselves as 'leaders' but together the group came up with a rich selection of metaphors to express aspects of our work. These included being the grit in the oyster, the catalyst, the enfolder, the provider of safe ground from which to venture onto 'unsafe ground'. As for the Mission Possible process itself, some charges were 'revving up', some 'gestating' while others were further along the road with the material. Bishop Kevin reminded us that the stone dropped in the pond sends out ripples well beyond itself.



Photograph by
Christine
McIntosh
(goforchris on
Flickr)

Our time together was brought to a conclusion with a eucharist where we offered commitments written on coloured paper and wrapped round roses which were laid on the altar.

The next Lay Leadership Day will be held on Saturday, 5th April 2014.

Alison Clark, Congregational Development Officer

The Lay Leaders' Calling - wow. Is that what it is? Isobel MacNaughtan led us through this latest exploration of the business of being a Lay Leader on a misty Saturday when some 15 of us met at the Cathedral with +Kevin and Alison Clark, for a day that had been billed as being *designed for the development of lay readers and all in leadership roles*.

As always on these occasions, there was never enough time to discuss all the topics that were introduced, either as part of the planned activities of the day or thrown up by something said in reaction to them. Small groups were prised apart after intense discussion, only for someone to announce that the very language of mission could be off-putting and with that to set everyone off on another train of thought. It struck me - as it always does - how important it is for people engaged in any form of leadership throughout our scattered Diocese to be able to share their experiences in a safe environment, to learn from the experiences of others, to take encouragement from someone who has walked the same path. It also struck me how precious it is for us to be able to speak freely with the Bishop, to share frustrations, successes, doubts in a non-hierarchical situation (we talked a bit about hierarchies!) and feel listened to.

This was a valuable day, with enough interaction to involve everyone present. We rounded it off with a Eucharist celebrated by +Kevin in the Cathedral, at which we laid flowers on the altar, each one bearing a specific intention of a participant in developing their role as a leader.

And it was that, as much as anything, that underlined what brings us to leadership in the church. It is indeed a calling. Christine McIntosh

Clergy Training on Cumbrae.

Bishop Kevin and all of the full time clergy team met in Cumbrae in min November as part of their Continuing Ministerial Development (CMD). The team: Dean Andrew Swift, Provost Nicki McNelly and Rev's Alexander Guinness, Adrian Fallows, Shona Boardman and Simon Mackenzie, spent two days and nights in reflection, prayer and worship.

The learning development officer for the Diocese, Alison Clark, was present to facilitate discussions and theological reflection on ministry, and also to guide the team in engaging with this year's Diocesan programme, 'Mission Possible.' (cont'd)

The team shared experiences from their particular areas and ministries, and reflected upon the role of the Diocese in local church life. Issues explored included St John's Cathedral, Oban as the 'Mother church' of the Diocese and other possible Diocesan events, other charges having historic 'inclinations' towards other centres, and Diocesan identity including the 'diaspora' of people worldwide who have links to this area and the churches. The clergy also explored some models of leadership, the roles of retired and unpaid clergy in the Diocese and practical tensions around time and distance.

The days were also a time of farewells, as Shona prepared to leave the Diocese for ministry in Canada, and welcomes as Simon Mackenzie arrives in Mid Argyll and Arran to serve as their priest in charge. The team shared morning and evening prayer and a daily eucharist with Alastair Chisolm, the lay chaplain, and were most comfortably catered for by the warden, David Todd, and the staff of the College of the Holy Spirit on Cumbrae.

Further training and support days are planned for all clergy, lay leaders and others involved in the mission and life of the Diocese.

Dean Swift



The Rev Shona Boardman moves on to a new ministry

Shona Boardman, who for the past two years has served as the most northerly priest in the Diocese, in Stornoway and Eorpaigh on the Isle of Lewis, is moving on in early January. After Epiphany 2014, she will be moving back to Canada, to be instituted by the Right Rev Sue Moxley, Bishop of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, as the Rector of the Parish of South Queens in Liverpool, Nova Scotia. This is a new grouping of charges, about one and a half hours from Halifax, which will present exciting and rewarding challenges for Shona. Shona served in Edinburgh Diocese before she came to Stornoway, and prior to that trained for ordination in Canada.



Bishop Kevin said, "I am delighted that Shona has found this exciting and challenging new post, but I am sad that Shona will be leaving the team here in Argyll and The Isles. She is a gifted and valued priest and has made a major impact in her charges, the Diocese and also in the Province during her time in Scotland. The two years that she has given to ministry in the Western Isles leaves a stronger, more confident Scottish Episcopal presence. She has, with her congregation, built a strong foundation for those that will follow her."

Shona will begin her new ministry on January 16, 2014, and her last Sunday in post on Lewis will be January 5th. Please keep Shona and all her family in your prayers during this time of relocation and return to Canada. Please also pray for the people of St Peter's, Stornoway as they

prepare to say goodbye to their priest and prepare to start the process of finding who will walk with them for the next years of their worshipping, pastoral and business life. Dean Swift

A Celebration of Lay Leadership-Saturday, 7th June

A celebration of Lay Ministry will take place in the Cathedral in Oban. All those who exercise a recognised lay ministry within their congregation will be invited to rejoice in their ministry and renew their pledge to God's service.

Diocesan Synod Tuesday 11th - Wednesday 12th March

Diocesan Synod will be constituted at Eucharist on the evening of Tuesday, 11th March with the business taking place on Wednesday, 12th March. Rev Dr Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway will be the leader for discussions within both Diocesan Synod and the Diocesan Conference. Notice, letters of invitation and papers will be sent out early next year. Please let the Diocesan Office know as soon as possible if there has been a change of Lay Representative for your charge. Any member of the Diocese may attend Diocesan Synod although they will not necessarily have the right to speak or vote.

Diocesan Conference Day Tuesday, 10th March

This year, the Conference Day will be led by Rev Dr Anne Tomlinson. As last year, charges are invited to send up to four people including their Lay Representative. Some charges will be invited to make a short presentation and all will have space on display boards on which to show responses to the questions and any relevant photographs.

You are invited to Share your Mission Possible story, focussing on:

What we believe Jesus is calling us to do

How we are sharing the vision of God's Kingdom with each other

How we are sharing that vision with our community

Further information will be sent out in the New Year. Please contact Alison Clark (Tel: 07974 744156 or 01700 500489 alisonclark52@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Christ Church, Lochgilphead November News Round Up

We have had a very busy time in Christ Church this month and as I write there are still events to come.

The month started with a Quiet Evening led by the Rev Michael Kitchener. An opportunity for contemplation, meditation, to listen to readings and music.

Then it was full steam ahead for this year's Christmas Market. Last year we had about 12 or 13 stalls, this year we had over 40! Nearly 1000 visitors braved the horrid weather to enter the seasonally decorated & scented Church, candles lit, carols playing and a Christmas tree twinkled in the corner.



The local Community Choir came along and entertained us for over an hour with Christmas tunes, people sat and enjoyed the atmosphere, whilst drinking hot spiced cordial and munching mince pies. They passed through the Church in to the Rectory which was stuffed to overflowing with crafts stalls, a vintage country Christmas shop

and a takeaway tearoom. And still there was more to see with food and craft stalls

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Christ Church Lochgilphead (cont'd)

in a marquee and the garage. It was generally agreed to have been great fun and we were delighted to have raised £1343.95p!

On Remembrance Sunday we also remembered our former Rector, the late Rev Roy Fergusson Flatt, with a short dedication ceremony lead by the Rev Keith Pagan, of a plaque erected in his memory. We were delighted to see Andrina and the boys, and had a chance to catch up with their news during the congregational lunch, which followed the service.

The most important event of the month however took place on Monday the 25th of November, when we welcomed a great number of visitors, from both north & south of the border, to witness the Licensing of Reverend Father Simon Mackenzie as our new Priest in a service led by Bishop Kevin. Following the death of Rev Roy Flatt three years ago Christ Church has been without a Rector and worship has been lead by our Worship Group and members of the congregation. So we are greatly looking forward to all that Father Simon brings us and the start of a new chapter in the history of Christ Church.

This Saturday sees our annual Ecumenical Carol Service with a retiring collection for Christian Aid. The service of lessons and carols will be lead by various local Ministers and Church leaders and will be followed by refreshments.

Kate MacDonald

Faith in Action— HIV/AIDS

This month we are asked to remember those affected by HIV and AIDS. The HIV pandemic affects every part of our world,



including Scotland. Some people have been living with HIV for 20+ years, living with changes in their prognosis and the knowledge that many of their friends and loved ones have already died. Thanks to the development of effective treatment, many people are now living with HIV rather than dying from AIDS. However, these treatments are difficult to sustain, particularly for people who have additional social or health problems.

Contacts, ideas and prayers are available from the SEC website (www.scotland.anglican.org)

Cascade conversation

The Design Group for Discussion of Same Sex Relationships is now working on a Cascade Conversation—in the form of an overnight gathering to be held in early 2014. The aim of this gathering will be to provide a model process to then cascade to dioceses and charges enabling people across the Province (and beyond) to contribute to this conversation. The Design Group is chaired by the Rt Rev Dr Nigel Peyton, who says “the Design group is meeting each month to consider a range of processes to facilitate respectful dialogue, to offer resources and opportunities for individuals, congregations and dioceses to enable such dialogue and to create a model for discussion of challenging questions in the life of the Church. We believe that the Cascade Conversation will provide such a model.” (reproduced from Inspires online [online@inspires.org.uk])

Provincial Committee Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Provincial Committee for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. The work of the Committee oversees and supports the activities of the Provincial Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults which deals with the Church’s responsibilities for safeguarding the vulnerable, including the compliance with relevant legislation, membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme and the suitability of clergy, employees

and volunteers to undertake regulated work with children and vulnerable adults. It would be helpful to have some knowledge of, or a professional background in, issues relating to safeguarding and protecting the vulnerable or in a related field such as teaching, social work, child psychology or similar. The Committee meets three times a year at the General Synod Office in Edinburgh with additional contact by means of telephone or e-mail. Enquiries in this respect should be directed to the Secretary General at the General Synod Office—secgen@scotland.anglican.org (reproduced from Inspires online [online@inspires.org.uk])



Ending the Silence on Domestic Abuse

Reflection: Being the Body of Christ

What you do to another, you do to yourself and to all of us.

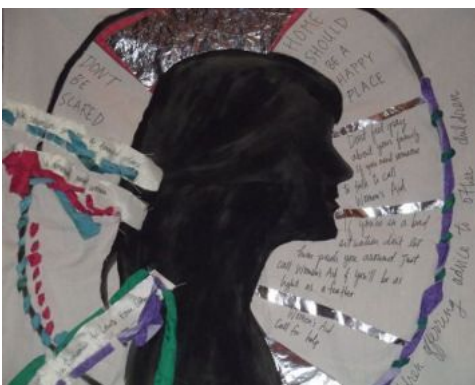
In the deepest sense, we are one person, a universal body.

When we destroy another person, we also destroy something within ourselves, and as a consequence, something in humanity. But this does not mean that we are all alike. There is a great diversity among us, in the same way that diversity exists within each and every one of us.

Keep Watch, Dear Lord,
With those who wake, or watch or weep this night,
Tend the sick,
Give strength to the fearful,
Sustain those who despair,
And calm the suffering
All for your love's sake.
O Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Stir up your power, O God,
And come among us.
Heal our wounds,
Calm our fears
And give us peace;
Through Jesus our Redeemer.
Amen

Find your local Women's Aid group at
www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk/advice-information



This collage was produced for the 57th United Nations Commission of the Status of Women held in New York in July 2013. Scottish Children wrote words of advice from their own experiences of Domestic Abuse.

Material produced by:
The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
The Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality
The Mother's Union

60 bishops support White Ribbon Day

The Bishop of Aston, Andrew Watson talks about the White Ribbon campaign which aims to highlight the issues of gender violence. He has got support for the day of awareness from over 60 bishops. In this interview he explains more about the campaign and talks about how he was approached by colleagues from the Anglican Communion around the world ...he goes on to talk about the vote about women bishops in the Church of England.

<https://soundcloud.com/the-church-of-england/white-ribbon-campaign>

Godly Play—Discovery Days

Dundee Saturday, 11th January; Stirling Saturday 1st February; Edinburgh Saturday 22nd March 10am—4pm

Discovery Days let you discover a little more about Godly Play; allowing you to see and experience a Godly Play session and to find out a little of what Godly Play is and how it works. Contact admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk

Scientists in Congregations Scotland

Scientists in Congregations Scotland is calling for churches across Scotland to propose projects that will generate a deeper level of conversation between scientists, clergy and congregations about questions of faith and science.

The programme is looking to support around fifteen churches in Scotland, from a range of denominations, to develop (just under) two-year projects that will excite and facilitate constructive engagement between the church and the scientific world.

In addition, the programme will host major conferences that will bring together church-leaders and scientists from all over Scotland to engage with world-leading figures in the dialogue between faith and science.

The application process is straightforward and all the details of the grant can be found in the Request for Proposals document (see RFP tab in the menu bar).

<http://arts.st-andrews.ac.uk/scientistsincongregationsscotland/>

Action by Christians Against Torture—UK

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS CARD LIST 2013

It is a tradition each year for ACAT—UK members and churches to send greetings to prisoners at Christmas. Prisoners need our support all year, but we can all tell them at this time of year that they are not alone or forgotten. A card can mean so much to them. Please join us in bringing a little light into a prisoner's life.

Human Rights defenders and Human Rights groups are also in great need of support, prayer and encouragement. Let them know you thinking of and praying for them. So often they and their families are at risk because of the work they do. Please try and involve others by asking friends, family and church members to participate. Even though the card is a small token it means a lot to prisoners who receive them. Even if they do not receive the card in person, they usually find out that cards have arrived for them. In this way the Prison Authorities know that someone is thinking of them and their prison conditions can be improved as a result.

For further information about ACAT—UK, write to ACAT—UK, c/o 19 The Square, Knowle Park, Bristol, BS4 2ST Email uk.acat@gmail.com Website www.acatuk.org.uk Registered Charity number 107262

We are happy for the list to be photocopied and distributed in other formats **but please would you attribute the list to ACAT—UK giving our contact details.**

The list is available from the website above or from the Diocesan Office.

Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

25th January—2nd February Standing with people in crisis—give, act, pray.

Throughout the scriptures we see that God is always on the side of people who are poor, oppressed, homeless or marginalised. In this time of economic crisis, people experiencing poverty and homelessness are being hit harder than anyone else by the recession and spending cuts. Churches are called to show God's bias by standing alongside these people.

Church Action on Poverty, Housing Justice and Scottish Churches Housing Action respond to that call through practical action and campaigns. We invite you to give act and pray with us during Poverty & Homelessness Action Week 2014.

Free worship resources, prayer calendar and ideas available from www.actionweek.org.uk

Philippines Typhoon Appeal

Thousands of people have died and 900,000 have been forced from their homes after one of the most powerful storms ever recorded.

£21 could provide a month's emergency food for three families.

£40 could provide essentials for a family whose home has been destroyed

£100 could provide 50 families with hygiene kits to prevent disease.

"We have nothing left; the typhoon ripped our house apart, leaving only the floor intact." Mary Theresa Convreres, eyewitness

Donations can be made through Christian Aid www.christianaid.org.uk

ACTS: 'VALUES FOR SCOTLAND?'

Resource materials in preparation for the Referendum

The Referendum on the future of Scotland will take place on 18 Sept 2014.

To help people prepare for this, ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland) has produced some Scripture based group reflection materials:

The aim of these materials is to inform, deepen and widen the discussion and debate around the Referendum and to encourage people to exercise their democratic rights and responsibilities by coming out to vote.

Each session ends with the same two questions:

- 'What will you personally take away from this session?'
- 'Who will you talk to about what we have reflected on?'

ACTS "VALUES FOR SCOTLAND?" offers materials for four sessions. Each session is based on one of the four virtues inscribed on the Scottish Mace: Justice, Wisdom, Compassion and Integrity.

The Scripture passages are based on the lectionary readings for Advent (Year A) although the sessions are intended for use at any point in the coming year.

The format is simple and familiar: with a few open questions and time for both personal and group reflection. The resource includes notes for facilitators and suggested prayers and worship materials.

The four Scripture passages are taken from four different translations and include one from the book of Wisdom which, as part of the 'Apocrypha', may be unfamiliar to some traditions.

Resources are available from ACTS Scotland (www.acts-scotland.org)

You can view the White Paper on Independence at www.oscr.org.uk

Book Corner

Haphazard by Starlight - A poem a day from Advent to Epiphany.

This new anthology by Janet Morley, one of our finest modern liturgists, promises an inspiring journey. As with her Lent collection which was my daily companion, she guides the reader through the season with literary and spiritual commentary on her chosen poems, ending with a suggested reflection for each day. Her selection spans a period from George Herbert to the present day and includes both familiar and (to me) unfamiliar pieces.



It came to me as an early Christmas present so that I could begin next weekend. A gift idea for someone - or for you? Alison Clark

If you have a book you would like to share with others, please send the details to

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Diocesan Diary

21st January	Diocesan Finance & Property Group
	Diocesan Mission and Ministry Board
28th January	Diocesan Standing Committee
11th March	Diocesan Conference Day & Synod Eucharist
12th March	Diocesan Synod
5th April	Lay Leadership Day
7th June	Celebration of Lay Leadership

Christmas Holidays

The Diocesan Office will be closed over the Christmas period but e-mails and telephone messages will be checked regularly.