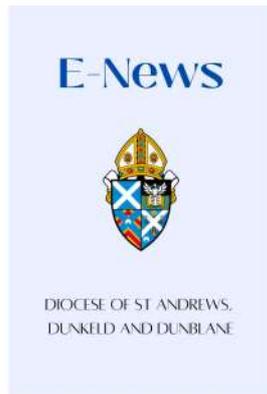


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**April 2022**

**Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the  
Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane.**

We hope you enjoy this month's news,  
and welcome suggestions and comments  
at [media@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:media@standrews.anglican.org)

Further information can be found  
on [our website](#)  
and by clicking on the social media icons below.

**You can view this E-News in your web browser  
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or from the [E-News page](#) on our website.**



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**Holy Week and Easter 2022**



For the last month we have witnessed the violent assault on Ukraine and its people by the Russian army, and the humanitarian tragedy that it has caused. The daily images of destruction and death leave us horrified and heartbroken, and the growing evidence of indiscriminate killing makes us angry and afraid.

This is but one war affecting our world and what is happening to Ukrainian people is part of a worldwide humanitarian crisis that calls on our compassion. We remember also the victims and refugees of Syria, Yemen, and Tigray, and many other places of war and violent conflict.

Churches, like others, have condemned those who are choosing to wage the war in Ukraine, and those Russian church leaders who are seeking to bless it. Like very many Russian church members, clergy and laity, we reject this compounding of violence with blasphemy. We pray for those Russians who are bravely speaking out against this, and against the war.

But the war and our faith do touch each other in a different way. Christians throughout the world are about to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, when we remember the death and resurrection of Christ so that we may renew the heart of our identity as Christians. As scripture tells us, we were baptised into his death so that we may share his resurrection.

For Ukrainian Christians, this Holy Week - if it can even be brought to mind let alone celebrated - will express what has become the terrible reality for millions caught in the violence or fleeing from it as refugees. They are living through a Passion, a Crucifixion, which we can barely imagine.

But as we imagine Christ's suffering next week, we should remember also all who are suffering just a few hundred miles away in Ukraine, and further away in Syria, Tigray and Yemen, all places where Christ is suffering in those who suffer.

And as we remember their suffering alongside Christ's suffering, we should pray for our solidarity with them to grow and deepen. Out of that we may realise what it is we can do to support them - by giving money, or volunteering at a refugee centre, or writing to government, or opening our homes. Most of all, by praying that there will be an end to war and that justice and peace may be established and rebuilding begin.

Holy Week and Easter recall every year the truth that God is a God who brings salvation out of suffering and life out of death, that in the resurrection God will wipe away every tear, and that

death itself will die. That is the promise we are called to take into every situation of our own suffering, and the hope that inspires us to action in every situation where others are suffering.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

*Bishop Ian*

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## **Did you miss the March E-News?**



We currently do not have enough volunteers to produce the E-News monthly, so regrettably there was not one in March.

## **CAN YOU HELP?**



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

- Do you enjoy creative aspects of promoting the mission of our diocese?
- Do you want to help raise awareness of the important ministries, initiatives and activities happening throughout our diocese - in our congregations and communities?

- Do you enjoy discovering and sharing compelling stories?
- Do you like to write, edit, compile, work with images or design copy?

Do you resonate with ANY of the above, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY? Please let us know, and encourage others to get in touch.

If you are reasonably comfortable working with digital media, and can offer approximately 8 hours per month to our E-News communications efforts, we would love to have a conversation with you. Together we can explore how you might use your gifts within our E-News and media team to support our diocesan mission:

*'Our diocese comprises a thriving group of hopeful, caring and committed congregations whose shared life, worship and effective engagement with people and issues in their communities attracts growing numbers of people from diverse backgrounds to share the values and work of our church.'*

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

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## Walking Pilgrimage from Rochester to Canterbury in July



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

### In the steps of William of Perth

A baker by trade and an ordinary Christian who gave freely to the poor of Perth, in 1201 St William of Perth set out on a pilgrimage to Canterbury, the place of the martyrdom of St Thomas Becket 30 years earlier. Near Rochester, William was murdered by his adopted son. William was buried where he died, but his body was later translated to Rochester Cathedral after several miracles were attributed to his prayers.

The Pilgrimage will complete



William's journey, from Rochester to Canterbury. The 40 mile walk between the two cities takes us through some lovely Kentish countryside and lasts around 5 days with overnight hotel stays on the way.

**COST** (as of 29th March 2022)

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

Single pilgrim: £450

Pilgrim couple sharing: £800

Deposit: £200

**To reserve your spot please email:**

[pilgrimage@standrews.anglican.org](mailto:pilgrimage@standrews.anglican.org)

**THE DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT IS 30th APRIL**

## Itinerary

**Apart from breakfast, all other food and drink at own cost.**

Every day there will be plenty of time to pause and visit pilgrim churches along the Way (and for rest stops in pubs!) which are all part of the pilgrimage experience.

### 5th July

0911 Lumo train from Edinburgh Waverley to London Kings Cross

1425 London St Pancras to Rochester

Check in at the Travelodge before exploring the city for a late lunch or last minute items to take on the pilgrimage.

1730 Evening Prayer / Evensong at the Cathedral and short 'William' tour

### 6th July

Walking from Rochester to Thurnham (9 miles)

(Evening prayer in St Mary Magdalene, Gillingham.)

Overnight stay at the Black Horse Inn, Thurnham

### 7th July

Walk from Thurham to Lenham (7.5 miles)

(Evening prayer in Lenham)

Overnight stay at the Dog & Bear Inn, Lenham

### **8th July**

Walk from Lenham to Chilham (12 miles)  
(Evening prayer in Chilham)  
Overnight stay at the Woolpack Inn

### **9th July**

Walk from Chilham to Canterbury (6.5 miles)  
3.30pm Evening Prayer / Evensong at the Cathedral followed by a tour  
(maybe up to the cathedral roof space as well?)  
Overnight stay in the Cathedral Gatehouse Hotel

### **10th July**

Morning Prayer & Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral  
Lunch together at Strada  
1426 train from Canterbury West to London St Pancras  
1613 Lumo train from London Kings Cross to Edinburgh Waverley

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

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## **Diocesan Synod 2022 Report excerpt**

Two years ago we had a Synod in person with never a glance back at how we might do this differently or to even guess at what was to come. Last year's Synod was our first online. What a challenge that was but thanks to our newly recruited Diocesan Digital Missioner we were able to have a very productive and enjoyable meeting.

This year once again it was online, on 5th March 2022. The day began with Bishop Ian leading the Eucharist from his very sunny window space, followed by a few orders of business.

After a break for coffee the first of two sessions began. There were three items in this in this session. After COVID - what concerns and what excites. These things were considered in breakout groups and then shared with the bigger meeting. Interestingly enough, some of the words that came out of the "what concerns" and "what excites" questions were the same. Many were concerned that numbers were dropping in church attendance but there were others that were excited about the new people beginning to attend church. IT and AV equipment has made us more connected to wider communities, but some have difficulties with making the connections with the communities on the doorstep. It was a fascinating discussion.



The second part to this session was on Climate Change. Revd Canon Elaine Garman gave a brief report and invited us to watch videos of initiatives happening around the diocese. There was a sense of people being inspired and encouraged by other people's stories.

The final part of this session was on Ecumenical projects. Mr Nick Cooke, Lay Rep from St Moddoc's, Doune and Secretary of the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum (SPRF) led a presentation on the Fife Pilgrim Way. Revd Jane Barron spoke regarding the new Pilgrim Pastor. This is a new joint initiative with the SEC, Church of Scotland and SPRF in the ethos of the St Andrews Declaration.

Finally, there was a video from the Stirling Presbytery with Revd Dan Harper, Minister at Bridge of Allan and various people from the SEC and Church of Scotland. Their enthusiasm for working together going forward was uplifting and very encouraging.

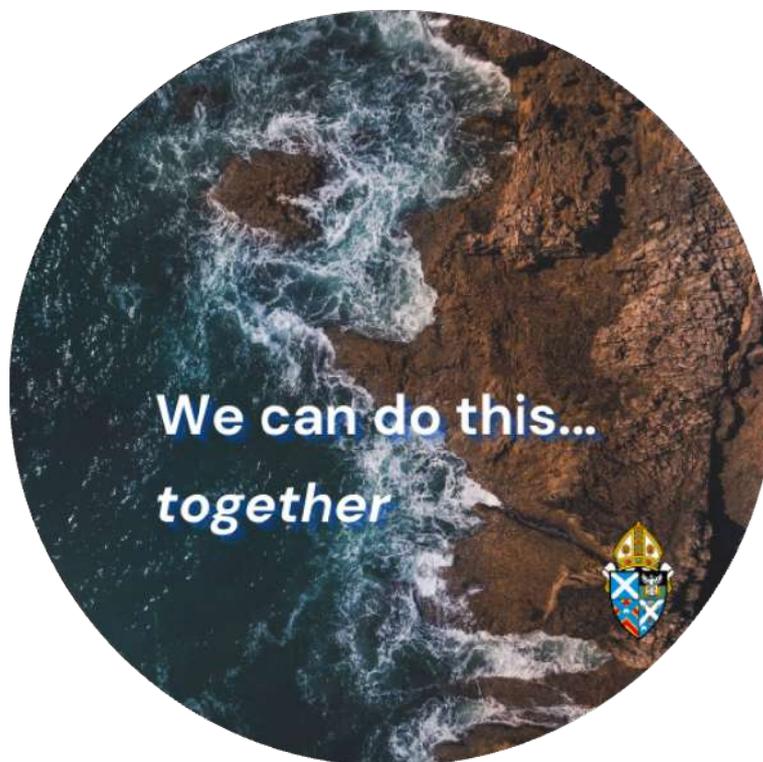
The session after lunch was led by Revd Canon Christoph Wutscher and Revd Nerys Brown who led us through the consideration of the new liturgy from General Synod. The final part of the day was to consider the proposal "that Liliias Graham be included in the Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar on account of her faith-filled life and example". Both the new liturgies and the inclusion of Liliias Graham to the SEC calendar were approved to be taken to General Synod for consideration.

It was an interesting and inspiring day with excellent speakers and topics to consider. My sense of the day was one of inspiration in these dark days and the essence of hope in our daily lives. That what we do in this small corner of the world has some impact and outcome.

*Carol Aitchison*

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## Climate Change Group



## **Promoting Biodiversity and Conservation - Spring is in the air!**

Isn't it wonderful to hear all the birdsong now? It helps us to really connect with the joy of spring.

There are some useful resources available with ideas for simple, small activities that we can do in our gardens (whether at home, at church or in the community) and in the wider countryside as we look about us. You might already have left a patch of grass unmown to feed the bees, or planted some wildflower seed, or even created a 'bug hotel'! If so, please do let us know as every little action in our collective community adds up to a bigger whole.

This booklet is from the Eco-Congregations Scotland website and includes children's activities and simple guides to help us look around to see where little things might make a difference:

[faithactionfornature](http://faithactionfornature)

NatureScot has 10 ideas, and some very nice videos on this website [nature.scot](http://nature.scot)

The Diocesan Climate Change group would love to hear more about anything that you know about too!

*Elaine Garman*

**TOOLKIT from the Provincial Environment Group**



In March 2022, the Provincial Environment Group (PEG) published [Towards Net Zero 2030](#), comprising a Toolkit and Checklist working document, and an Energy Footprint Analyser.

All charges please note that the first task, submission of the charge's completed Energy Footprint Analyser, has the deadline Wednesday 25th May.

## **Our Climate Pilgrimage**

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



This stunning work is by Anja Rožen, a 13-year-old elementary school student from Slovenia.

She is the winner of the international contest Plakat MIRU. She was chosen among 600,000 children from all over the world. "My poster represents the earth that connects and unites us. People stick to each other. If one person let go, the rest will fall. We are all connected to our planet and to each other, but unfortunately we are little aware of it," said the young creator.

***May this inspire all of us to remember we are truly all in this TOGETHER.***

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### **Climate Adventurer makes landfall in Philippines**

In the [February 2022 E-News](#), we heard about Erden Eruç who launched his rowboat from Crescent City, California on 22 June 2021 to begin his Pacific Ocean crossing to help raise awareness about plastics in the ocean with the [Ocean Recovery Alliance](#) and to record data for NOAA (the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration).

Two weeks ago, after 275 days at sea, with brief stops only in Hawaii and Guam, Erden reached Legazpi City in the the Philippines. Currents from the underwater volcanic eruption near Tonga prevented him from following his planned route through the China Sea to Hong Kong.

Due to upcoming Typhoon season, he will have to postpone the remainder of his circumnavigation of the earth until late in 2022.

*Erden arrived in Legazpi City,  
Philippines on 24th March 2022*



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

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

Who inspires *you*?

**We can DO this... together!**

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**Provincial Youth Committee Newsletter**

The Spring edition of the [Provincial Youth Newsletter](#) brings exciting news of this



year's Provincial Youth Week, which is now open for booking and will be held in person for the first time since the pandemic began.

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

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## **Artists and Theologians launch multi-disciplinary *Interface* arts exhibition**

*What does it mean to connect to others in a world of masked faces and virtual meetings? What helps and hinders humanity's never-ending search for communion?*

**Please join us for the opening night launch event of Transept's 2022 exhibition, *Interface* on FRIDAY 8th April at All Saints' Church in St Andrews!**

**Come mingle, view the art and meet the artists at 7pm before the performance begins at 7:30pm.**

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

The exhibition will be open to the public 9am-4pm from Saturday, April 9th until Wednesday, April 13th.

**And don't miss a special evening of Playback Theatre in among the art on Tuesday 12th April at 7pm!**

**An exhibition...**

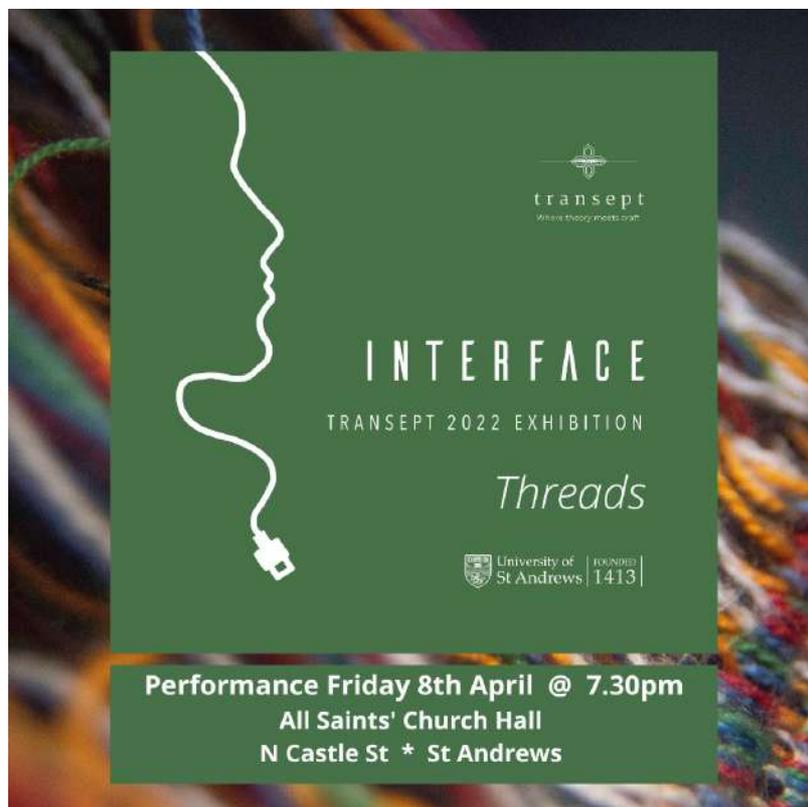


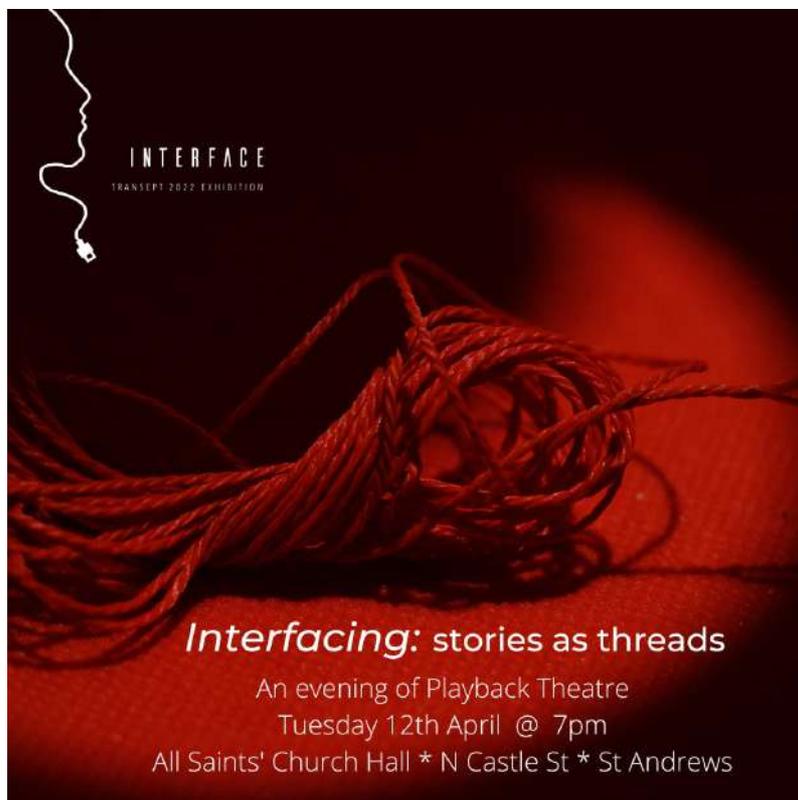
# INTERFACE

What does it mean to connect to others in a world of masked faces and virtual meetings? This exhibition explores what helps and hinders humanity's never-ending search for communion.



**And TWO performances in the exhibition space...**





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## **A New Art Exhibition Launches at the Bield!**

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

During the early centuries of the church, Christians travelled to Jerusalem to walk in Jesus' footsteps.

Pilgrims travelling to the site of Christ's crucifixion often walked one particular route known from the 16th century as the Via Dolorosa.

They would stop at regular intervals to pray and to remember key moments of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion.

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

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

*Liz Crichton, Art Facilitator at the Bield*

# Stations of the Cross

Exhibition with meditations



A contemporary interpretation by invited artists

Each artist started with a pallet...

## The Barn Gallery

@The Bield at Blackruthven, Perth, PH1 1PY

**8th April 2022 to 20th May 2022**

Closed Mondays and every other weekend

**Open from 10:00 to 16:00**

Open Dates

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

26<sup>th</sup> April-1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

[www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk](http://www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk)

## Music in Aberfoyle: Palm Sunday Concert



A concert will be given on Palm Sunday by STEWART KEMPSTER, bass, KATHERINE WREN, viola, DAVID MARTIN, viola, and KEVIN DUGGAN, organ.

### Concert details:

**Palm Sunday, 10th April  
at 3pm  
in St. Mary's Church, Aberfoyle**

Their programme will be:

Adagio ma non tanto  
*From Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 (BWV 1051)*  
J S Bach (1685-1750)

Betrachte, meine Seel  
*From Johannespassion, (BWV 2450)*  
J S Bach

Passacaglia on an old English tune  
Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979)

Panis Angelicus  
Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Fantasia for viola and organ  
York Bowen (1884-1961)

Spirituals:  
Deep River  
Swing low, sweet chariot  
Trad.

Paraphrases on "Veni creator"  
Kevin Duggan (b. 1959)

Irish folksongs:  
She moved through the fair



# *Music for Holy Week*

*Colleen Nicoll Soprano*

*Ulrike Wutscher Mezzo-Soprano*



*Pergolesi Stabat Mater*  
*and*  
*Arias from Handel's Messiah*

Accompanied by John Walker  
and string ensemble

Sunday the 10th of April, 3pm

St Marys Episcopal Church,  
Birnam

**Admission Free - Collection  
for Ukraine and The Bishops  
Lent Appeal**

MUSIC FOR  
PASSIONTIDE



**ST JOHN'S PASSION**  
*by*  
**HANDEL**

Sung by the choir of Perth Cathedral  
with invited soloists  
directed by Geoff Bolton

An hour of readings and reflective music  
as we move into Holy Week

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**10TH APRIL**  
**3.30PM**

St Ninian's Cathedral  
North Methven Street  
Perth

A Service with Music and Readings for  
Passiontide at Holy Trinity



# *Stabat Mater*

by G. B. Pergolesi

Colleen Nicoll - soprano

Ulrike Wutscher - mezzo-soprano

Alistair Warwick - organ

**12<sup>th</sup> April, 2022**

**7.30 pm**



Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Stirling, FK8 2RG

## Ceilidh for the Climate

**Sunday, 24 April**

**3pm- 6pm**

**Our Lady and St Ninian's Church,  
52 Quakerfield, Bannockburn**

**Entry Free: Donations welcome**

**Register :**

**<https://tinyurl.com/ClimateCeilidh>**



## Lambeth Conference 2022



The Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops from around the world is taking place **in Canterbury from 26 July to 8 August**. It was postponed in 2020, but is going ahead this year instead. However, because of pandemic travel concerns, visiting bishops have been requested to travel directly to Canterbury, and dioceses in Britain are no longer being asked to offer hospitality. That means, very regretfully, that Bishop Marinez of Amazonia (Brazil) and Bishop Paritosh of Calcutta (India) will not after all be able to visit us in the Diocese before Lambeth.

The Global Partnership Committee is working on an alternative plan to have a **Diocesan Gathering** on the Lambeth Conference theme ('God's Church for God's World') **after the Conference** instead of before it - in September perhaps - celebrating our global partnership links, including a report of the Conference from Bishop Ian and, possibly, online participation by Bishop Marinez and Bishop Paritosh.

For information about the Lambeth Conference [click here](#).





## Our (Digital) Pilgrimage: Let's Chat!

I would love to hear how things are going in your congregation, including, but not limited to:

- what is going well
- how you and your congregation are impacting your community, and are impacted **by** your community,
- and how you are connecting with your mission, among other things, including online goals.

I welcome the opportunity to accompany you in this exploration, and how together we might plan for your vision for 2022.

Please [get in touch](#) if you are interested in a conversation!

*Karen*  
*Digital Missioner*

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## Diocesan Dates for your Diary



**10th April 2022**

Palm Sunday (Start of Holy Week)

**14th April 2022**

Maundy Thursday (Chrism Mass at Cathedral)

Good Friday

**15th April 2022**

Easter Day

General Synod

<b>17th April 2022</b>	Rochester to Canterbury Pilgrimage
<b>9th - 11th June</b>	Lambeth Conference
<b>2022 5th - 10th</b>	Fife Pilgrim Way / Three Saints Way
<b>July 2022</b>	Pilgrimages
<b>26th July - 8th</b>	
<b>August</b>	
<b>5th - 10th</b>	
<b>September</b>	

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## **Upcoming Church Pastoral Aid Society training events**

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

### **Leading from the Second Chair Online, 27 April (9.30am-12.30pm)**

Second chair leaders can significantly impact church life. This morning workshop will explore both how to be a blessing to others, and some of the common tensions of being in the second chair. Suitable for second chair leaders and first chair leaders.

[Click here to book](#)

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

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

[Click here to book](#)

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

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

[Click here to book](#)

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

Hosted by one of our team, James Lawrence will provide some input and there will be an opportunity for sharing ideas and exploring issues.

[Click here to book](#)

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

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

[Click here to book](#)

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

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

[Click here to book](#)



**On Holy Saturday**, consider pausing in stillness. This day between the cross and the resurrection, when God feels absent from the world, can all too easily be filled with a flutter of activity as churches decorate for Easter Sunday and families prepare for celebrations. But that first Holy Saturday - *that* Sabbath - was anything but celebratory for Jesus' followers, who must have felt as though their world had collapsed.

They laid him in a tomb.

And yes, he rose from the dead.

But first he lied there.

lifeless.

He knew suffering and death. And the desolation and emptiness of

this day. Consider marking this day as a kind of Sabbath. Don't rush to Easter Sunday.

Pause.

In the stillness, ask yourself what have been your Holy Saturday moments.

And then await the profound joy and transformation of Sunday, for... He is risen, indeed!



*Easter Blessings to you!*

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