



BISHOP'S NOTICES

To Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh

29 May 2009

EDGE REMINDER

If you have anything that you think might be of interest to 'Around the Diocese', or elsewhere in the magazine, please let Allan Maclean have it **by 2nd June**.

He is using editorede@aol.com as his email address for the next issue.

Edge should be ready in week 21-28 June.

LAY READER LICENCING

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Donna Cooper who is being Licensed as a Lay Reader at St David of Scotland on Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH MORNINGSID - Sunday 31st May

4.00pm Choral Evensong

5.00pm Fifth Sunday Lecture (in Church Centre. Tea and Coffee from 4.45pm)

Dr Elizabeth Koepping, Lecturer on World Christianity at New College

Theological and Pastoral Implications for World Christianity of Violence against Women

Domestic Violence is incompatible with Christian faith, yet is practised in congregations world-wide at almost the life-time frequency (from 20-70%) as in each general population. The World Council of Churches Decade against Domestic Violence in the 90s was not accompanied by any obvious change in either seminary teaching or preaching, and yet the issue has been written about in many texts including St John Chrysostom (5thC), the 1563 Anglican Homily on Matrimony, Cotton Mather's 1710 sermon in Boston, Mass, etc. The talk will set out general issues of theology with particular material being drawn from Malaysia, Myanmar-Burma, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, USA, and UK.

World Week for Peace in Palestine/Israel

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The World Council of Churches (WCC) members and related organizations and faith communities on five continents are organizing a collective public witness for peace. From **Scotland to Sri Lanka to South Africa**, it will be a week of **awareness-raising, advocacy and prayer**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CONCLUDING SCOTTISH EVENT:

SPEAKERS: Dr. Bernard Sabella and Scottish MSPs

WHEN: 10th June 2009

WHERE: St. John's Scottish Episcopal Church
(corner of Princes St. and Lothian Rd. Edinburgh)

TIME: 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.

Pre-Event VIGIL: There will be a silent vigil to build a peace cairn outside the church at 5.30 p.m.

BERNARD Z. SABELLA, PhD is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Bethlehem University and an authority on the complex social, economic and political issues of the region, especially the challenges facing the rapidly declining Arab Christian population. He is a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, and Executive Director of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees for the Middle East Council of Churches.

Pauline McNeil MSP, Hugh O'Donnell MSP and Sandra White MSP have visited Gaza in recent months as part of the 'Free Gaza' campaign. Other MSPs will also be supporting the event.

Sponsored by:

St John's

The Scottish Palestinian Forum and St
John's Church Princes Street.



OASIS DAY AT THE SEASIDE

Saturday, 27th June 2009

**St. Anne's Church, Dunbar
(and beach!)**

10am – 4pm



Come and have fun, with art, meditation, a day for all ages to explore together.

Numbers limited, so booking essential.

Register at www.edinburgh.anglican.org or call 0131 538 7033
Suggested donation: £5 per person/ £10 family ticket (Bring your own lunch)

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