



***BISHOP'S NOTICES***

*To Congregations from the Bishop of Edinburgh*

**6 November 2009**

**Scottish Episcopal Church - Diocese of Edinburgh**

**Bishop's Secretary**

**£16,914 per annum pro rata**

An enthusiastic, proactive person with good IT and PA skills to provide an effective, efficient and confidential secretarial service to the Bishop, and contribute to the administration of the Diocesan Centre. 24 hours per week.

Application forms and information packs can be obtained from the Diocesan Administrator, 21A Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EL; Tel: 0131 538 7033; email: [office@edinburgh.anglican.org](mailto:office@edinburgh.anglican.org)

**Closing date for completed applications is: Friday 27th November**

**CHURCH CHILDREN'S WORKER –PART TIME  
(10 hours/week)–from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

**St Ninian's Episcopal Church, Comely Bank, Edinburgh**

Do you have a strong personal Christian faith and an ability to share that faith dynamically with young people? If so, join us and help develop a programme of activities to build on our existing ministry and outreach.

Salary £5,200

**Closing Date : Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Interviews : Mid December

For more details – go to [www.stninians-edinburgh.org.uk](http://www.stninians-edinburgh.org.uk) – young church section or contact Reverend Andrew Bain 0131-228-1066

## **BISHOP BRIAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2009**

Entries are invited from all children in the Diocese (under 16) to design Bishop Brian's official Christmas Card 2009. The artwork should be no larger than A4 (the final card will be A5). Please put name and age of artist, church and contact details on the back of all entries.

Please send entries by post to:

Michelle Brown, Youth & Children's Officer, Diocese of Edinburgh, 21a Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EL

or scan them in and submit by e-mail to [youth@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofedinburgh.org).

Impartial judging will be done by Bishop Brian and guest judges.

There will be a prize for the best entry.

**Closing date is 18 November 2009.**

## **NATIVITY CAROL SERVICE – SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2009**

Once again Edinburgh Churches Together are collaborating with the City Council and the Exile Choir to hold an open air carol service on Advent Sunday. Details can be found on the City's Winter Festival website:

<http://www.edinburghschristmas.com/content/nativitycarolconcert/2475/>

As usual the Service will be hosted by the Lord Provost and led by some of Edinburgh's Church leaders.

**Please note however that due to tram works the venue has been changed to St Andrew's Square at 4.00pm on Advent Sunday, 29th November.**

## **CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS - INTERNATIONAL CAROL SERVICE Sunday 29 November 2009**

On the same day, 29th Nov 2009 starting at 6.30pm, there will be an International Carol Service at Greenside Parish Church below Calton Hill, hosted By Rev Andrew Anderson and led by a number of choirs from the ethnic minority churches in Edinburgh. This is a wonderful local celebration of the global church to start the Christmas season as we approach 2010 & the centenary of the 1910 World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh.

The service will last a couple of hours or so and is suitable for children - feel free to quietly come and go.

<http://www.greensidechurch.com>



# Lauriston Jesuit Centre and Adventures in Faith



## Evolution and Faith with Professor Brian Kilbey

**Mondays from 26th October to 30th November 2009**

**7.30 - 9.00 p.m. at 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. EH3 9DU**

In association with the Scottish Episcopal Church 'Adventures in Faith' Series, and to begin the second Lauriston 'Environment Series', Professor Brian Kilbey of Edinburgh University will present six evening talks on evolution and faith.

2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's 'On the Origin of Species', which broke new ground in understanding evolution. These talks will attempt to show that evolution, as it is currently understood, is not only compatible with a belief in a loving creator God, its acceptance is vital if we are to reach a better understanding of God's activity in the world.

All Welcome.

### **For more information please contact:**

Elsbeth Strachan, Adventures in Faith on Tel 0131 538 7033. Mobile: 07768 491799. Email:  
[adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:adventures@dioceseofedinburgh.org)

or

Fr Chris Boles SJ, The Lauriston Jesuit Centre. Tel 0131 477 5795.  
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[www.lauriston.org.uk](http://www.lauriston.org.uk)

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## What is Edinburgh 2010?

**Edinburgh 2010 is an ecumenical project set up to commemorate the centenary of the World Missionary Conference, and to provide new perspectives on Christian mission today.**

In June 1910 the city of Edinburgh hosted one of the most defining and most long-remembered gatherings in the history of Christianity. Edinburgh was chosen as a conference venue since Scotland had an importance in worldwide mission out of all proportion to its size. The 1910 World Missionary Conference drew together more than 1,200 Christians from many churches to think strategically about the worldwide mission of the Christian Church. Participants recognised the need to move beyond colonialism and to welcome the birth and maturing of independent and self-governing churches around the world. Although there were no Catholic or Orthodox delegates present, Edinburgh 1910 is considered to be the birthplace of the modern ecumenical movement. Concerned with advancing co-operation and unity in the study and practice of mission, its most significant achievement was that it raised the vision of the church as a global reality.

Edinburgh 2010 is governed by a General Council, made up of 20 representatives of the Protestant, Pentecostal, Evangelical, Orthodox and Roman Catholic Christian traditions. Apart from this international body, many groups and organisations are involved on a local level, including a multi-denominational Scottish coordinating team called ScoT. In contrast to 1910, Edinburgh 2010 is a truly global and truly ecumenical project and event.

**As in 1910 a study process is at the heart of the project.** For the past two years study groups have been working on nine main study themes and seven 'transversal' themes. Participants of the study process have met for conferences and workshops in places like India, Korea, Germany, West Africa and Bolivia, and are using the Edinburgh 2010 website ([www.edinburgh2010.org](http://www.edinburgh2010.org)) as a platform for discussion and exchange.

The study process will peak in a four-day conference, to be held at Pollock Halls in Edinburgh from 2-6 June 2010. 70 representatives of the study groups will come together and be joined by 150 mission leaders from all over the world. The aim of the project is a serious, in-depth interaction on both the present and future of Christian mission and on specific missiological themes. It is hoped that this discussion will not just take place among conference delegates, but that it will develop into a global conversation before, during and after the conference. Christians all over the world are invited to share their thoughts on mission on the Edinburgh 2010 website and to engage in its growing Facebook community.

The highlight of the conference is a celebratory service on Sunday 6 June. Delegates and about 1,000 local and international guests will gather at the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh, the historic venue of the 1910 World Missionary Conference. The Archbishop of York, the Most Rev Dr John Sentamu, has agreed to lead the three-hour worship together with representatives of other Christian traditions. It is planned to stream the celebrations online in order to make it accessible to Christians all over the world.

**Moreover, the stakeholders of Edinburgh 2010 encourage Christians worldwide to set up their own events in the Edinburgh 2010 spirit. Local ecumenical celebrations of mission can be at any time of the year 2010, or on 6 June to link with others around the world. An up-to-date list of events is available on the website: <http://www.edinburgh2010.org/> for information and sign up for the newsletter which is sent out regularly. Anyone who is organising an 'Edinburgh 2010' event is asked to contact the Communications Officer for Edinburgh 2010, Jasmin Adam, so that your information can include it on the website listing**

Also, congregations and Churches Together Groups who would like to host one or more delegates before or after the conference are invited to contact Jasmin Adam who will try to match delegates who want to make pre or post-conference visits with those who have registered their desire to host people, and will put them in touch with each other: thereafter, all arrangements will need to be made through direct contact since there are no E2010 resources (finance or personnel) to facilitate this.

The organisers of Edinburgh 2010 and the SCoT group would ask that you pray for the conference and for all the ecumenical endeavours which will take place in 2010 using the following prayer at Sunday services and in your prayer groups:

## **PRAYER**

God of Grace,

Your love flows in abundance through your world,

You have come close, touched our pain,

And fired our hearts with hope.

As now we give you thanks,

And celebrate your mission

To reconcile, heal and transform.

Fill us with your irrepressible Spirit of love

Made known among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Information taken from Edinburgh 2010 briefing paper