

DECEMBER 2018 NEWS FROM SEI

Mixed Mode Training Update: Richard Tiplady, Director of Mixed Mode training writes: 'Our first two Mixed Mode students, Beki Cansdale and Jaime Wright, are settling into their respective placements at St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, and at Inverness Cathedral. During these first three months, they have concentrated on getting to know and becoming known within their congregations. Beki is involved with *Messy Church* run by Rosie Addis, St John's Associate Rector. She has also accompanied Rector Markus Dünzkofer to conferences on Catholic approaches to evangelism and on neo-monastic communities. Jaime has begun to get fully involved in the worship life of the Cathedral and to engage with the *HeartEdge* community, with a focus on ministry to the culture, community and commerce. Both students are also beginning their research for the *Developing Ministry and Mission in Context* module, which includes an analysis of the culture and context of the charge in which they are serving. They are also full members of the SEI student body, attending mid-week lectures and residential weekends along with all our other students.

They have been doing advance planning and making preparations for the *Evangelism in Practice* module, which will run from January to early April 2019 on Wednesday afternoons, 3pm-5pm. For this module, each student will lead an evangelistic or faith-sharing initiative, engage in rigorous study on the theology and practice of evangelism, and produce a reflective portfolio of learning. Jaime's evangelism 'project' will be an Advent study group, and Beki's will be



in the context of Messy Church. Several other SEI students are taking this module as an 'optional extra'. It is open to anyone within the SEC who would like to 'audit' the module (that is, do the pre-reading and attend the classes – no evangelistic activity or portfolio is required at this stage!). Through our new educational video-conferencing software, Big Blue Button (logo on left), it is possible to attend classes from anywhere in the country, not just in person in Edinburgh'. If you would like to know more about the possibility of auditing this module, please contact the Director of Mixed Mode Training, Richard Tiplady (details below).

In mid-November, both Mixed Mode Training Supervisors and students met with Richard in Pitlochry for a half-day, to share experiences and mutual learning in these early days of the programme. Markus Dünzkofer, Rector of St John's Princes Street, Edinburgh, commented on his own commitments to the programme, saying, "Mixed Mode is not just about training a handful of people to be priests in a different way. It is a way for the SEC to reclaim its heritage and tradition, and through that to reach out to the world".

Work has already begun to prepare for next year's intake of students. Richard is meeting with ordination candidates who have expressed an interest in the Mixed Mode programme and for whom it would be considered an appropriate training and formational process. He is also talking to charges that have expressed an interest in having a Mixed Mode student on placement from September 2019. If you would like to know more about the Mixed Mode programme and what it would involve to be a placement for a Mixed Mode student, please contact Richard at DMM@scotland.anglican.org. All enquiries for further information or expressions of interest, not just for 2019 but for 2020 as well, will be gratefully received.

From the recent St Francistide Service and Blessing of Animals at Inverness Cathedral. From left: Jaime Wright; the Provost, the Very Revd Sarah Murray; Katrina O'Neill, third year ordinand currently on placement at the Cathedral. Photograph Robyn Teago



Meet the Institute Council The Board of the Scottish Episcopal Institute (known as the Institute Council) consists of a Convener, (a Bishop appointed by the General Synod on the nomination of the Standing Committee), one other Bishop appointed by the College of Bishops, and up to ten additional members appointed by the General Synod on the nomination of Standing Committee of whom up to two need not be communicant members of the Scottish Episcopal Church. In addition to the foregoing membership, the Convener of the Management Committee (Board of Studies) is, ex officio, a member of the Council. It meets five times a year in the General Synod Office.

It was agreed at the November gathering of the Council that each meeting would be summarised and the output disseminated through the SEI *Newsletter* and the Council's Student Representative. It is not intended to detail each agenda item but rather to provide a reflection on the thrust of the discussion. This may help the current SEI students and the readership of the *Newsletter* to discern the overall strategic direction of the SEI and the thinking of the SEI Council in particular.



From left, back row:
Patsy Thomson, Linda Harrison and Bishop Kevin.

Front row from left:
Anne Tomlinson, David Jasper, Harriet Oxley, Bishop Anne, Alison Peden, Michael Hull, David Paton-Williams, Marjory McPherson, Paul Watson, Elaine Garman and John Stuart
Not shown: Paul Foster, Richard Tiplady, Nan Kennedy, Malcolm Bett.

Photo: Richard Tiplady

Elaine Garman writes: 'At the meeting on 12 November much discussion centred around responding to the missional and ministry needs of our church to encompass vocational breadth. This ranged from considering how best to design processes and programmes that equip people for local lay ministries to incumbencies. We can take advantage of the change to the discernment process for ordinands as the SEC will no longer be using the Church of England Bishops' Advisory Panels from summer 2019. The change provides an opportune moment for the SEC to take stock of discernment and training and make it fit for purpose for the 21st century SEC. In so doing, the intention is to utilise the skills and attributes **across** the Province for the benefit of charges and dioceses **across** the Province. Discussion also included how some may be stimulated to think about their possible ministry (e.g. through possible invitation to attend a Lay Reader Conference) and highlighting of different ministries in the SEI presentation at General Synod 2019'.

Vocations Sunday Three years ago the College of Bishops decided that the fourth Sunday of Easter, 'Good Shepherd Sunday', would be kept as 'Vocations Sunday', thereby offering the opportunity to consider what 'calling' means in the Church, and how our gifts may be best used in God's service. Next year it falls on Sunday May 12. If you would like to invite a student to preach about vocation that day, please let Mrs Linda Harrison know as soon as possible institute@scotland.anglican.org



SEI Training and McQueen Funds The following congregations have given generous donations to the Funds over the past month, and are warmly thanked for their kindness: the Isla-Deveron group (Moray, Ross and Caithness); St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton (Glasgow and Galloway); St John's Princes Street; St Salvador's Stenhouse (Edinburgh). The Revd Nicola Moll (Edinburgh) kindly donated a large consignment of theology books and these raised a considerable sum for the Training Fund through being sold to the students; our thanks to her for this kind gift.