

## OCTOBER 2018 NEWS FROM SEI

**The SEI Training Fund** has been boosted of late by many generous donations: from St Michael and All Angels, Inverness (Moray, Ross and Caithness) following the Ordination to the priesthood of the Revd Dr Clare Caley; from St Ternan's Banchory (Aberdeen and Orkney) from the Institution of the Revd Lynsay Downs; from St Serf's Burntisland (St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane) following the Ordination to the priesthood of the Revd Carol Latimer; from the Cathedral Church of St John's Oban (Argyll and the Isles) following the Collation and Licensing of the Very Revd Margi Campbell; from St Devenick's Bielside (Aberdeen and Orkney) from the Institution of the Revd Capt. Gerry Bowyer; from Christ Church Morningside (Edinburgh) following the licensing of the Revd Dr Jenny Wright as Associate Priest (right).



Thanks too to those who kindly donated either cassocks - Mrs Lynne Lowndes (Moray, Ross and Caithness); St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth (St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane); Mrs Linda Catterall, (Argyll and the Isles); Revd Richard Percival (Edinburgh) – or books: the family of the late John Roberts (Argyll and the Isles); the Revd Canon Dr Alison Peden (St Andrews Dunkeld and Dunblane). Sale of those items at the Orientation Days raised £250. Thanks also to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hillington (Glasgow and Galloway) for its kind donation, and to the Revd Sally Gorton for continuing to send her deputising fees to the Fund as she travels across that Diocese covering Sunday services in vacant charges. **The November Newsletter will contain a roundup of Michaelmas Ordinations and Licensings and acknowledge the collections offered therein.**



**SEI Lecture 2018:** This year's Lecture will be held on Thursday 11 October at 17.30 in Parliament Hall, South Street, St Andrews. Professor Elaine Graham, Grosvenor Research Professor of Practical Theology, University of Chester, and Canon Theologian of Chester Cathedral, will deliver a paper entitled '*Liberating the Laity: a Theology for a Learning Church*'. The Lecture, kindly sponsored by the School of Divinity at St Andrews University, is open to all free of charge, and is followed by a reception.

Professor Graham is a practical theologian, interested in the relationship between beliefs and actions. In her teaching and research, she encourages people to connect the values of faith to a critical engagement with the dilemmas of everyday life. SEI students access her work mainly through the seminal books on reflective practice she has written with Heather Walton and Frances Ward.

**Mixed Mode takes off!** The two Mixed Mode students are shown right: Beki Cansdale on the left is serving at St John's Princes Street (Diocese of Edinburgh) and Jaime Wright in Inverness Cathedral (Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness). Please pray for them as they settle into their placement ministry and studies, and prepare for the evangelism project they will be leading later this year and the pioneer ministry project they will begin next academic year.



**Placement Supervisors' Training Day:** On 10th September eight Placement Supervisors gathered in the GSO for a day's training. Placements are an integral part of the Reflective Practice modules which all students take every year of the course, the context in which the student is based forming 'the text' he or she studies in the accompanying taught modules.

From left, back row: Revd Michael Last, Isla-Deveron Group and Gordon Chapel; Revd Dr Sophia Marriage, St Mark's Portobello; Revd Richard Cornfield, Mustard Seed, Edinburgh; Revd Jeremy Paisey, Buckie, Portsoy and Banff. Front row: Revd Nicki McNelly, St Cuthbert's Colinton; Revd Dom Ind, St Michael's Helensburgh; Revd Canon Fay Lamont, St Ninian's Dundee. (Missing from photo: Ven. Richard Gillings, Grantown and Rothiemurchus).



*Photo taken by Sandra Brindley, General Synod Office.*

Final year students are placed with a congregation for the entire academic year, and study the exercise of pastoral care in that setting; second year students can opt to do their placement in a social care agency, mission setting, chaplaincy or church, depending on their particular vocation. First year students undertake a placement with Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland, shadowing local WPCS Chaplains in retail centres, emergency services and businesses across Scotland.

**Orientation Days:** The new academic year began with a five-day residential in St Mary's Kinnoull comprising worship, orientation, community-building and teaching. Thanks to hard work on the part of the four senior students appointed as Group Leaders, the community bonded well. Mike Hull and Richard Tiplady taught the opening sessions of the *Christian Doctrine* and *Developing Mission and Ministry in Context* modules respectively; Bishop Kevin led a session for the final year candidates on curacies; Andrew Gregg, Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain, introduced the first year students to their *Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland* placement and SEI Chaplain Graham Taylor introduced himself.

At the end of the closing Eucharist, Chapter Chair Jennifer Holden gave a touching speech to Mrs Denise Brunton, presenting her with a gift from the students. The nine new students are, back row from left: Josh (Diocese of York); Philip and Janet (Moray, Ross and Caithness); middle row: Lisa (Glasgow and Galloway); Sandra and Lesley (Edinburgh); front row: Claire, Beki and Jaime (Edinburgh). One commented: *I loved my time at Kinnoull - the learning of course, but what really moved me was entering into a community of prayer. I think it is that above all that means I have come home really feeling as though a new life has opened up.* Another tweeted: *Thank you for the intense but worthwhile five days of training. My brain is hurting but my spirit is buzzing.* A final year student wrote: *Great to be back at St Mary's Kinnoull with the SEI community. Enjoyed thought-provoking teaching and heart-warming times of prayer. Nice to see old friends again and get to know new people too.*

