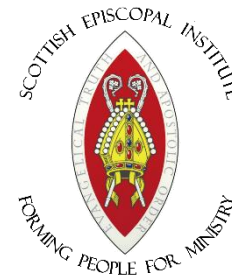


## NOVEMBER NEWS FROM SEI

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**2017 SEI Lecture.** 65 people from across the Province attended the second annual SEI Lecture given by Professor David Jasper in the Memorial Chapel, University of Glasgow, on the evening of 26 October. The Lecture, entitled '*The Role of the Arts in the Church of Tomorrow*', was a tour de force of intermingled scholarship and spirituality, 'a Babette-like feast of scholarship and selfhood graciously and lavishly poured out upon his eager listeners'. For those who were unable to be there on the night, it is possible to watch a video of the Lecture on the [pisky.scot](http://pisky.scot) web site. The Lecture itself will be published in the next edition of the *SEI Journal*.

### Wednesday seminars (Initial Ministerial Education 1-3)

These take place in the General Synod Office every Wednesday evening between 19.00 and 21.00, with students participating in person or by Skype. During this term the Revd Dr Stephen Holmes has been running a fascinating module on *Foundations for Denominational Ministry*, a module designed to enable students to deepen their understanding of the history, traditions and theology of the SEC and of its place in the history of the Church in Scotland, the Anglican Communion and the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It also seeks to assist students to flourish as ministers in the SEC, to understand their own place within the traditions of our Church and to enable them to use the riches of the Scottish Episcopal tradition as resources for mission and ministry in contemporary Scotland. Dr Holmes has been drawing not only on his own considerable expertise but also on that of other eminent church historians across the SEC including the Revd Canon Allan Maclean, the Rt



Revd Dr Richard Holloway and the Very Rev Dr Emsley Nimmo, Dean of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, (right).

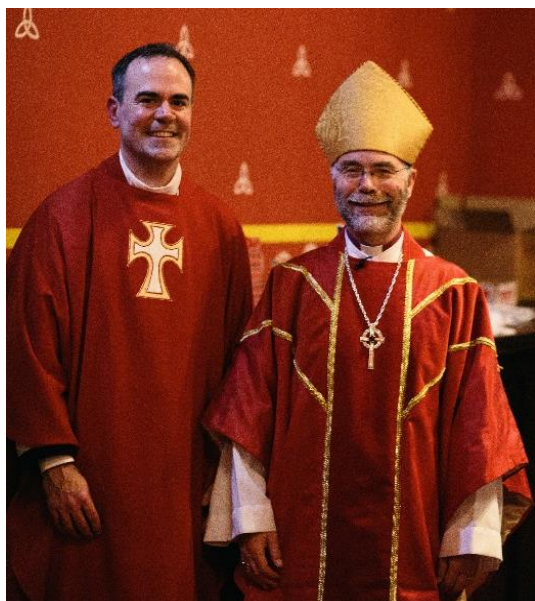


Meanwhile two floors below, Ms Sydney Tooth (left), a Graduate Teaching Assistant/Tutor and PhD candidate at New College has been running a module on *Old Testament Studies*, a focused study of the Psalms, Wisdom Literature and the Prophets. Her teaching also includes consideration of the responsible use of the Old Testament in Christian theology, preaching, and praxis.

**Management Committee** is the 'Board of Studies' of SEI, overseeing curricular matters and monitoring academic delivery. Four new members were recently welcomed onto the Committee: the URC College Principal, Revd John McNeil Scott; the External Quality Advisor, Mr Martine Somerville, Academic Co-ordinator, Yorkshire Theological Education Partnership; the Internal Quality Nominee, Dr Eric Stoddart, Lecturer in Practical Theology at St Andrews University and the 2017-18 Initial Ministerial Education 1-3 student representative, Mr Peter Woodifield.

## Ordinations

The photograph on the right shows the Revd Margaret Pedersen (on left) and the Revd Jacqui du Rocher, with Bishop John, at their ordination to the diaconate in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. That below shows the Revd Oliver Brewer-Lennon at his ordination to the priesthood on St Matthew's Day in St Peter's Lutton Place (Diocese of Edinburgh).



**The SEI Training Fund** benefited last month from offerings taken at the installation of the Very Revd John Conway as Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh; at the ordination to the diaconate of the Revds Jacqui du Rocher and Margaret Pedersen (Diocese of Edinburgh) and of the Revd Jonathan Livingstone, (Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway); at the ordination to the priesthood of the Revd Oliver Brewer-Lennon; from the sale of books gifted by Lay Reader Ian Scott (Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane); from continued regular contributions by the Revd Sally Gorton (Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway) for Sunday vacancy cover. SEI is deeply grateful to all who have made these contributions to the Training Fund.

## Vocations Sunday

How do we discover and remain true to our Christian vocations? Whatever our calling might be, we normally hear and name it with the help of someone else. So it's very important for leaders of congregations to keep asking the question, 'How does God want you to live out your Christian discipleship?'

Vocations Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is a wonderful opportunity to ask this question, and to focus especially on the call to enter public ministry – as Lay Readers, Deacons and Priests. Many of our candidates tell how their vocation came alive during a service, especially during a sermon. Someone else's experience and excitement was the catalyst for recognising a call to ministry within their own hearts.

Lay Reader candidates and ordinands at SEI now offer to come to your congregation on Vocations Sunday – **April 22nd 2018** – to speak about God's call to them and what it means. Congregations are enthused by hearing their stories, and find themselves encouraged to consider their own lives in the light of God's call to serve the Church and the world. If you would like to invite a Lay Reader candidate or an ordinand to come and preach on Vocations Sunday next year, please contact the Principal, Canon Anne Tomlinson [principal@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:principal@scotland.anglican.org)