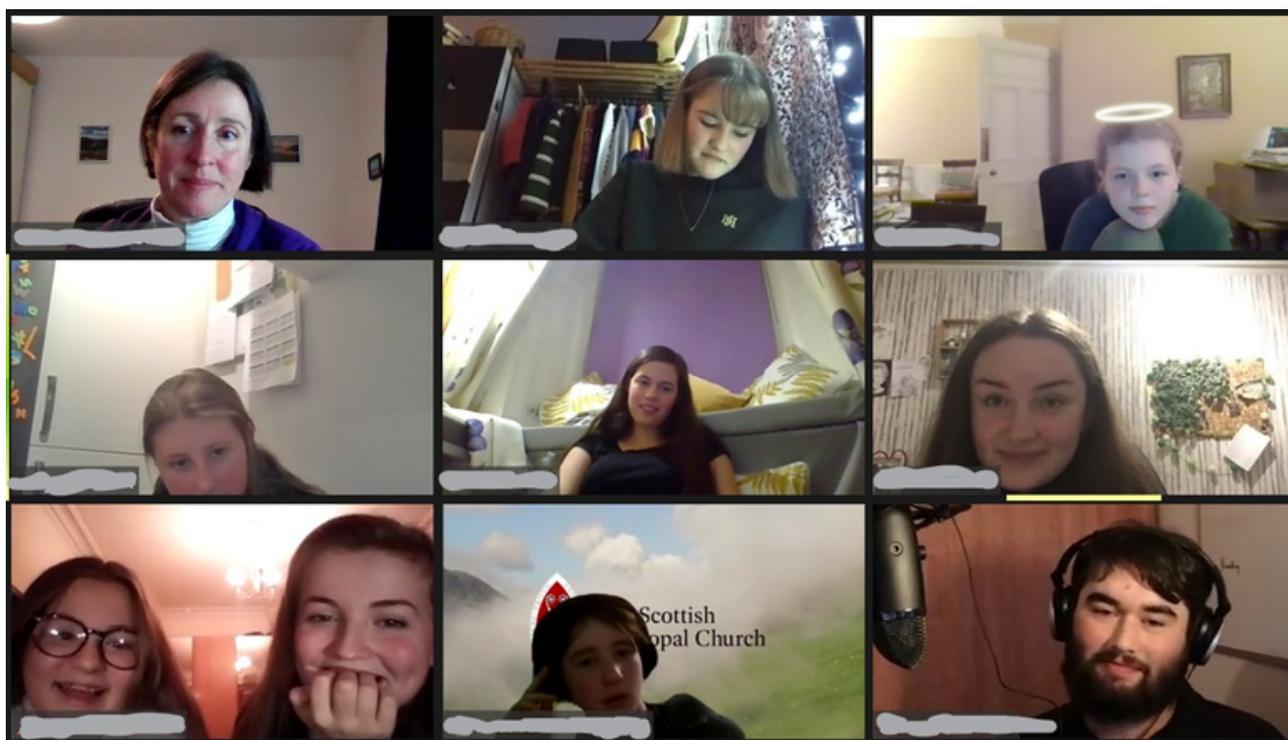


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PROVINCIAL YOUTH NEWSLETTER

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Staying Connected in Lockdown

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'Winter Wonderland' Online Sleepover

HOSTED BY EDINBURGH DIOCESE



A recent survey of Provincial Youth showed that over 80% wanted a 'mini-Glen' event to look forward to. In a winter when no in-person youth events have been possible, this was a priority. Youth leaders in Edinburgh Diocese and across the Province led a 'Winter Wonderland' Online Sleepover event which gave our young people the opportunity to get together, chill, chat, be creative and worship together.



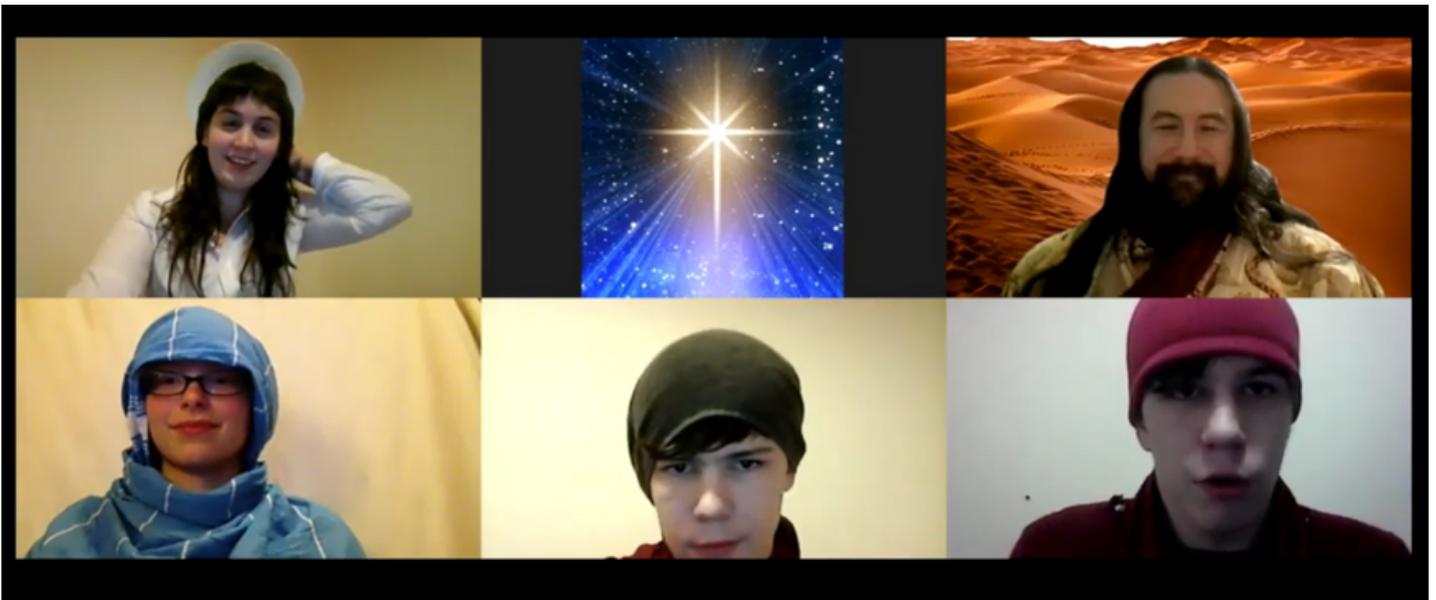
Activities included a Bake-Off competition and making giant 3D snowflakes (*above*). Delegates received care packages including sparkly craft materials and cake mix, plus battery-operated tea lights for Night Prayer. Some missed the fun(?) of sleeping on a church floor, so they built a den at home to spend the night in. We ate breakfast together on Zoom, remembering the many happy sleepover Sundays that began with industrial quantities of bacon rolls!



We were able to do things that wouldn't have been possible at an in-person youth event. This included inviting all our pets along! Rev Tembu Rongong led a Blessing of the Pets (*left*), which acknowledged the huge importance of pets and the comfort they give young people and all of us in lockdown.

Provincial Youth Nativity Service

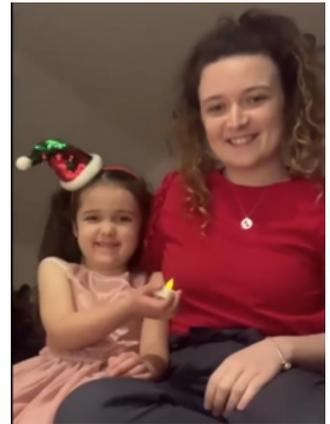
Young people from all over the Province collaborated to lead the SEC in online worship on Christmas Eve. This was truly a team effort, with help from families, friends, youth leaders, clergy and bishops from across the Province. It featured a Zoom Nativity, which imagined that Jesus' parents explained his special birth to him when he was a toddler, and they invited those who were there to join in via Zoom.



Photos: (top to bottom) Bishop John's blessing; the Zoom Nativity; creative prayers to hang on the Christmas tree.

If you missed it, you can watch the Provincial Youth Nativity [here](#).

Thank You



The Provincial Youth Nativity service could not have happened without the commitment, creativity and talent of our awesome young people. Thank you to everyone who was involved, and all the adults who worked alongside them. Thank you, too, to everyone who responded to our request for videos, photos and singing! Roll credits...

Bishop John

Nativity Script: Jadon Rongong & Samantha Bryson

Zoom Nativity cast:

Mary – Annabel Vause

Joseph – Carrick Simpson

Angel – Thal Chappell

Shepherd – Drystan Simpson

Wise Man – Tembu Rongong

Baby Jesus – Hazel and Islay

Silent Night slideshow, backing track & vocals:

Zara Hobbs (and friends!)

Making the Christingle: Annabel Vause

Bauble prayers: Freya McLeman

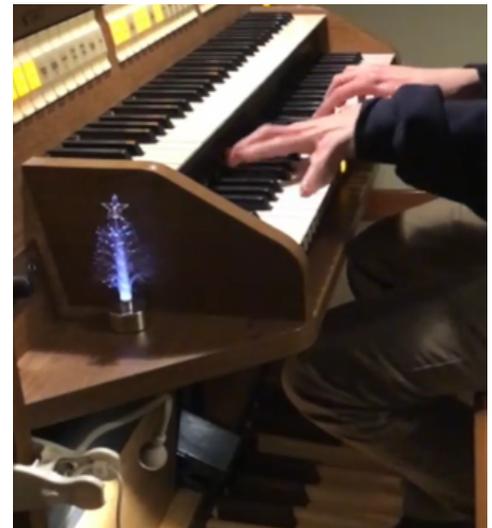
Christmas Carol medley: Alexander McNamee

Passing the Light videos and Christmas photos: lots of people across the Province!

Light of the World reading and prayers: Freya McLeman

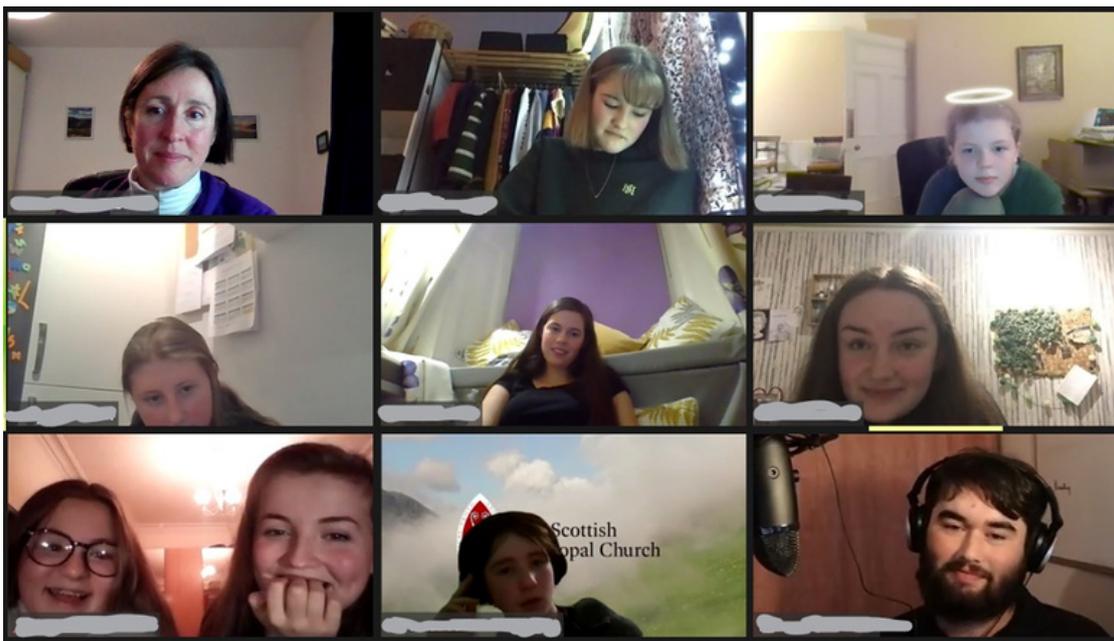
Sound editing: Tobias Benton-Evans

Video editing: Claire Benton-Evans & Aidan Strange



Photos: (top to bottom) Passing the Light to people of all ages across the Province, the Christmas Carol Medley, how to make a Christingle

PROVINCIAL YOUTH SUPPORT



Over the winter, Provincial Youth leaders have been working hard to stay connected online with our young people. After Christmas we hosted the Glen Family Zoom Christmas Dinner (*above*) on 28 December. Moving into the New Year, we are now offering a weekly programme of activities for young people of High School age and our Glen graduates (18+). Provincial Youth leaders host an online space for young people to gather, chat, laugh and pray with each other.



This Provincial Youth programme will run until Easter at least. It is facilitated by Provincial Youth leaders for Glen delegates and (separately) Glen graduates. Young people of High School age who haven't been to Glen are of course welcome too!

- **Week 1: Werewolves (game) and chat** Thursdays 7pm (4 Mar)
- **Week 2: Glen Graduates' chat** Fridays 8pm (12 Mar)
- **Week 3: Delegates' chat** Thursdays 7pm (18 Mar)
- **Week 4: Night Prayer** Fridays 8pm (26 Feb & Mar)

Below is a link to a very short consent e-form - parents will receive Zoom links once they have completed [this form](#).

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN



God is with us!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

This is an exciting new Provincial initiative for young children (3-7 years) led by Rev Canon Audrey O'Brien Stewart (*above*) from Glasgow and Galloway Diocese. There is now a short online service for young children every Sunday from 8am. It's simple and interactive, featuring a story, prayers, music and an activity. Soon, other dioceses will take turns in leading worship, so keep an eye on the Provincial website & Facebook page.



Photos: (top to bottom) Rev Audrey gathering us to pray; a simple craft activity to do at home; creative storytelling; music (here, for Ash Wednesday with Rev Jim Benton-Evans)

PROVINCIAL YOUTH WEEK | GLEN 21
1-7 AUGUST 2021

When it seemed most dark ...

'Where are you, God?'

In the Bible we read about people facing all kinds of challenges, sometimes in dark and lonely places. But just when it seemed most dark, God's light dawned.

INFO & BOOKING
COMING SOON



Nothing can stop Glen! Last year, in the middle of the pandemic, we met entirely online, and did many of the things that make the Provincial Youth Week so special. We learnt that no matter what, we can still see each other's faces, talk, laugh, explore our faith, have fun and worship together. So Glen will go ahead between Sunday 1st August and Saturday 7th August 2021! We just don't yet know quite what form it will take: in person, online, or a blend of the two. **Find out more and sign up [here](#).**

Lockdown Lent & Easter

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Many churches worked creatively to connect with children, young people and families over Christmas, and now we're facing the challenge of a second Lockdown Lent. The Diocese of Edinburgh has produced a webpage of inspiring Lent and Easter resources [here](#), which will be continually refreshed over the coming weeks.



Photos: (top & bottom) A felt holding cross which is easy to post; the Lego Lent Challenge (photo: St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh) which starts on 15 March on the [Youth & Children Facebook page](#).

Youth Opportunities

CHRISTIAN AID'S PROPHETIC ACTIVISTS



Looking to change the game and build a better and fair world post-2020? Christian Aid's Prophetic Activist Scheme inspires, engages, and equips young adult (18-30 year old) Christians in campaigning and activism in its 9-month programme from March to December 2021. Apply before 28 February [here](#).

Stay in touch...

Do you have a contribution from your Diocese for the next newsletter? Please get in touch below. Follow Provincial Youth news on our Facebook page: [Scottish Episcopal Church - Provincial Youth Committee](#).



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