

levy of £15 for the two days. It takes place 19-20 August at Elshieshields Tower, Lochmaben DG11 1LY. Download a leaflet and application form from <http://tinyurl.com/kc5f572>.

**F**OR Doors Open weekend, St Mary's Cathedral will be open Saturday 20 September, 10am-4pm, and Sunday 21 September, 1-4pm. There will be music throughout the weekend from the Cathedral music team. The ringing chamber of the bell tower will be open on the Sunday, with tours at 15-minute intervals. (The chamber is about 60 steps up and there is no handrail.) The Cathedral is on Great Western Road, G4 9JB, between St George's Cross and Kelvinbridge Subway stations. Visit [glasgowdoorsopenaday.com](http://glasgowdoorsopenaday.com).

**O**N the second day of the Commonwealth Games, Thursday 24 July at 7pm, there is an evening of light music and traditional tunes at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, to celebrate the work of the Mothers' Union across the Commonwealth. Tickets are £7 (children admitted free). To

book, phone 01475 686213. MU urges you to invite guests from the Commonwealth to this concert.

**A**TEN-session course in supervision of pastoral work will start mid-October in Edinburgh in association with the Epiphany Group. It is open to those working one-to-one regularly with others in a pastoral context, who have experience of supervision and would like to explore the possibility of being supervisors for others. The closing date for applications is 22 August. Contact Gero McLoughlin SJ for more details: [ignatiancnfrences@btinternet.com](mailto:ignatiancnfrences@btinternet.com).

**T**HE Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality invites all Pastoral Assistants in the diocese to a session in Bishop Court Paisley on Saturday 25 October. 10.30am-1pm, with optional BYO lunch afterwards. The morning will offer an opportunity to share experiences, followed by contextual Bible study to explore a theme relevant to the Pastoral Assistant calling. Tea and coffee will be provided. Book up with Jennifer Fitzgibbon, [j2fg@aol.com](mailto:j2fg@aol.com).

## SHARING YOUR NEWS WITH THE DIOCESE

AFTER editing *Diocesan News* since 2008, I am making this my last issue.

I'd like to thank everyone who has made working on those 60-or-so issues inspiring and rewarding — contributors, readers and, not least, forbearing, hard-working church magazine editors who have the job of incorporating diocesan items with their own congregational news. Very special thanks must go to Marilyn Pope and Ian Ansdell who have stepped in as guest editors, sometimes at short notice, when either the editor or her computer was not up to the task.

How our news is handled hereafter is being considered by the Bishop's Staff Group. Meantime, please keep sharing your news with everyone in the diocese. Send articles to diocesan secretary Chris Zochowski who will arrange for them to be disseminated by email and/or online.

Email Chris at [diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org](mailto:diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org) or snailmail him c/o Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH. **Susi Cormack Brown**



# GLASGOW & GALLOWAY Diocesan News

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## Preaching with holy imagination

*Canon Tom Montgomery sat through five days of sermons and talks about preaching - without fidgeting or nodding off! It was 'life-changing', he writes...*

**I HAVE just returned** from the 22nd Annual Festival of Homiletics hosted by Luther Seminary in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota.

I was among 1,800 clergy there. The aim was to enable, encourage and support working preachers in their delivery of the life-giving, renewing, restorative Word of God, and to do that by exposing participants to some of the finest preaching and preachers in the world.

I had accumulated a considerable sum in my learning account, and it was put to me that if I did not use it by the end of this year I'd lose it.

But I needed to choose wisely. I find it difficult to sit still, harder to listen to lectures, and impossible to concentrate if the speaker is not animated, engaging, and dealing with a subject I think really matters. That narrowed the field.

However, for the last two years I had been listening to a podcast every week on [workingpreacher.org](http://workingpreacher.org), an American website provided by the Lutheran Church to enable preachers to be better resourced, better informed, and better prepared for their principle Sunday activity.

The website provides written commentary on our Revised Common Lectionary readings for the coming Sunday, gives details of how the texts may be approached and lets people all over the world hear four young professors discussing the readings in an informal way, specifically for those who are going to be preaching on them.

Never before had I encountered a resource so relevant, so helpful or so realistic as that podcast: [sermonbrainwave.org](http://sermonbrainwave.org). I had grown to think of the presenters, David Lose, Karoline ▷

### Also in this issue

Heritage in story and song

Rainbow Fish award for bishop

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Top training job for Tomlinson

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**FOOD for Thought** is a new venture from St Augustine's Dumbarton in response to growing pressure on the local foodbank network.

West Dunbartonshire Foodshare distributes food from three centres, including St Augustine's, each on one day only. The St Augustine's 'day' is Friday. But from Saturday to Thursday local people in crisis make contact with the church too. As there was not enough food to support this need, Food for Thought was set up to help them.

Potential recipients might include someone on a zero-hours contract who hasn't been given work for a couple of weeks, someone who has

**(FROM PAGE 1)** Lewis, Rolf Jacobson and Matt Skinner as my friends. Clicking on to the podcast just after Christmas, I heard David Lose extend an invitation to the Annual Festival of Homiletics in May.

The theme was to be 'Preaching with Holy Imagination'. It felt like a personal invitation. My name was on that ticket. I had to go!

I booked, then went to see the Bishop to access extra funding for the trip to augment what was in my learning account.

## 'FANTASTIC'

At the conference I met David, Katherine, Matt and Rolf in the flesh – people who had inhabited my upstairs sitting room, my study and my head for the last two years. It was fantastic!

I also met, shared with, and was moved by, colleagues whose life experience, whose journey, whose values resonated with mine and spoke so eloquently of God and his Spirit at work in our midst.

I also heard some of the finest preaching in my life – from Lutherans and Episcopalians, Presbyterians and United Methodists, from people from Kenya and Carolina, from women and men, old and young, some with unpronounceable names, who held me spellbound as they proclaimed the living Word of God and spoke of a God who can make all things new.

Did I fall asleep? Not once. Did I get all restless and fidgety? Not in five days. Did I long for it to end? Again, a resounding No.

I found it absolutely life-giving. It was a theophany, an epiphany, a dawning of new insight. I experienced God and his grace and mercy anew in Minneapolis-Saint Paul and I will be eternally grateful.

So thank you for allowing me the privilege of a life-changing experience.

☐ *The 23rd Festival of Homiletics will be in Denver, Colorado, 11-15 May 2015. Registration opens on 3 November. Recordings of the sermons and lectures Tom heard can be ordered from HomileticsMedia.com.*

## LABYRINTH RETREAT RETURNS TO CUMBRAE

A MIDWEEK labyrinth retreat is offered at the College of the Holy Spirit, Cathedral of the Isles, Cumbrae, 12-14 August.

It's a repeat of a retreat run last year, and Revd Di Williams returns as its leader.

College warden David says: "In an increasingly hectic society we need places that attract us by their beauty, help us still the busy mind, and offer us a unique space to reflect and connect again with what is most important in our lives. The labyrinth is such a place. Come and experience what walking the sacred path of the labyrinth can bring to your human journey and your spiritual practice."

Rates start at £145 including two nights' full board.

Visit [island-retreats.org](http://island-retreats.org) or contact David (01475 530353; [cathedral\\_cumbrae@btconnect.com](mailto:cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com)).

## News and events in brief . . .

**T**HE highlight social event for St Margaret's Renfrew's centenary will be a flower festival, Thursday–Saturday, 11–13 September. It is open 10am–8pm on the first two days, closing 5pm on Saturday. There will be a tea room in the hall and a grand tombola. Entry is £5 which includes refreshments.

**R**EVd Roger Cutler retires on 31 August when members of Greyfriars Kirkcudbright and St Mary's Gatehouse of Fleet will hold a joint service at St Mary's, followed by a farewell lunch.

**T**HE Faith and Order Board of the Scottish Episcopal Church has submitted its response to the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill consultation. The response can be downloaded at: <http://tinyurl.com/lo4otdv>.

**T**HIS year's diocesan Ministries Celebration Service will be at St John the Evangelist, Newall Terrace,

Dumfries DG1 1LW on Saturday 20 September. Lunch will be available at 12 noon with the service beginning at 1.15pm.

**C**HRISTIAN Aid showcases a range of its work, plus stories for Harvest 2014, its most recent campaigns and Bible study resources when its Harvest Roadshow goes to Largs. It is on from 10am to noon at Clark Memorial Church, Bath Street KA30 8BL, Saturday 13 September.

**T**HERE may still be places on the 'Journeying towards death' course led by Joan Adam and Helen Welsh (Faith in Older People), another fruit of the Ecumenical Learning Agreement between Annandale & Eskdale Presbytery and the Galloway Region. It's a chance 'to explore responses to issues around death and dying and strengthen your ability to provide support to your family and members of your congregation'. For lay participants, there is a subsidised

# Tutu to speak at book fair

**Our Swedish correspondent, Peter Andersson, reports from the Diocese of Gothenburg...**

**DESMOND Tutu and his daughter**, Mpho Tutu, have been invited by the Church of Sweden to Gothenburg Book Fair at the end of September. They will talk about their new publication, *The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World*.

The book is largely drawn from their reconciliation work in South Africa after apartheid, as well as personal experience.

**B**ishop Per Eckerdal has been awarded the Rainbow Fish 2014 by the Christian Association for LGBT Persons in Gothenburg.

A translation of the commendation reads: "Per Eckerdal was in 2013 the first bishop of the diocese of Gothenburg who participated in the Rainbow Parade during the West Pride Festival. Thus he has contributed to show the attitude of the Church towards persons who love and live beyond borders. In his speech in Gothenburg Cathedral on World Aids Day, Bishop Eckerdal emphasised: 'You should keep and guard your pride as human beings and take care of it... There is no fear in love, but love in fullness drives away fear.' With these words the bishop is contributing to the rehabilitation of LGBT persons who have suffered from the oppression by the Church in history."

The bishop received the award during the Rainbow Worship in the Cathedral during West Pride Festival at the end of May.

**A**t the end of May a festival took place in the neighbouring diocese of Karlstad, focused on the Church of Sweden's solidarity with the worldwide Church with more than 2,000 participants. Two representatives from Glasgow & Galloway Mothers Union participated. The festival featured meetings, seminars, worship and public events where five policy areas shaped the programme: pastoral development, health, gender justice and equality, sustainable livelihoods and peace and reconciliation.

**O**n 30 August the multi-religious and multi-cultural festival 'A Gothenburg for all' takes place in the city. The Swedish government's minister for integration will open the festival of music and seminars on social cohesion, identity and religious and cultural plurality.

Local congregations of different faiths will also offer food. This is the third year that the Inter-religious Centre of Gothenburg has organised the festival.

been made redundant while still paying for commitments made in the 'good times', someone whose relationship has broken up and has been left by the breadwinner.

There could be a 16-year-old who has been chucked out of home; someone with long-term illness who has run out of sick pay; someone released from prison who won't be eligible for state support for six weeks... the list can go on.

St Augustine's latest magazine commented: "Asking for help, for many people, is a shameful admission that they cannot cope. Foodshare and Food for Thought are both designed to be a temporary answer to bringing relief.

"Helping people to move on is a vital part of what goes on, especially on Fridays when there is a member of Citizen's Advice present to help with advice, especially about debt."

St Augustine's now invites members to donate one item a week from a shopping list of food and household basics. At least one other local church supports this scheme which will complement the Foodshare project.

Although the UK is the seventh richest country in the world, millions of families across the UK are living below the breadline. Oxfam and Church Action on Poverty have calculated that 20,247,042 meals were given to people in food poverty in 2013/14 by the three main food aid providers. This is a 54% increase on 2012/13.

A joint paper by Oxfam GB, Church Action on Poverty and the Trussell Trust claims a combination of changes to the social security system, including a more punitive sanctions regime, a shortage of well paid work and rising living costs contributes significantly to food poverty.

**T**he Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and Church Action on Poverty have produced a three-part resource for churches about food poverty.

*Faith in Foodbanks?* recognises the ministry of thousands of churches helping people who cannot afford to eat, looks at why there has been such a growth in foodbanks, and suggests ways churches can take action to tackle the underlying causes.

It offers worship and Bible resources to help Christians to reflect on food and poverty in Britain.

Included is an outline of facts and fiction surrounding foodbanks, along with worship materials, reflections, prayers and action points and six Bible studies that explore the ministry of foodbanks and what God's Word might teach us about them.

*Faith in Foodbanks?* is available to download from <http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/faithinfoodbanks>.

# Story and song – a church’s heritage

IT has taken us a year to get to the beginning, writes *REVD MAGGIE MCTERNAN*, curate at St Margaret’s Newlands.

Last summer we were working on our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a heritage project. It was time-consuming but we persevered, and come the autumn we were awarded a grant to celebrate the heritage of St Margaret’s Newlands.

Two parts of the project have already started. Some of the money went to our organ restoration fund. This work is nearly complete and we hope to run a series of concerts in the autumn to showcase our new organ.

The second strand is our children’s choir, Sing Out! which started in April and is a great success – we have 20 children each week gathering to sing songs from all over the world, reflecting the diversity of our community in the south of Glasgow.

Now we are beginning the third strand, our oral history project.

We will be gathering the stories of the community of St Margaret’s, past and present, by recording people talking about their memories. We will also be collecting photos and other memorabilia connected with the church. Once we have gathered these together, we will set up a website with our stories and pictures. We want to celebrate the stories of the ordinary people who have been part of the life of our congregation over the past hundred years, so they will be remembered by those who come after us, and encourage and inspire them in the work of St Margaret’s in the next hundred years. We also want to share these stories with our community, so we will be developing an exhibition to take around our community, as well as inviting people into the church – helping us to get to know our community better.

And we’d like your help. There are two ways you could help us.

Firstly, if you have stories about St Margaret’s you would like to share, or other memorabilia, we would love to hear from you.

Secondly, if you are a budding historian and have a bit of spare time, we would love you to come and work with us on the project. If you volunteer with us, you will receive training and resources that will enable you to go back to your own congregation and develop your own history project.

If you want to know more, please get in touch – we’d love to talk to you. You can contact heritage officer Mary Craig by emailing [heritage.officer@gmail.com](mailto:heritage.officer@gmail.com) or me: [rev.mcternan@gmail.com](mailto:rev.mcternan@gmail.com).

## Mothers’ Union chaplain heads for Spain

MOTHERS’ Union members met to bid farewell to Revd Peter Douglas at his home in June as he relinquished his role as MU chaplain prior to retiring from his ministry at Holy Trinity Kilmarnock in July.

This was no sad time, but a joyous occasion as all present, including Beth the dog, enjoyed worship, a varied and delicious barbecue and good company.

Said diocesan MU president Ann Glenesk: “Peter’s chaplaincy has inspired members through his worship, spirituality, hospitality and joyful exuberance.

“Ministry in Africa with MU gave Peter insight into what is possible when a Christian organisation focuses on being God’s witnesses. In G&G we try to follow that ethos.

“Members would not be surprised if an MU branch opens up soon in Malaga! Thank you Peter!”

**G**LASGOW & Galloway’s first two Action Learning Sets were launched in June: one in Glasgow and another for Renfrewshire.

Meetings are a forum where the experience of lived ministerial leadership can be brought into a safe space for reflection and transformation in the company of peers.

The ALS method is based on the relationship between reflection and action; the focus is on the work issues and problems that individuals bring, and on planning future action with the structured attention and support of the Set.

In Action Learning Sets, people meet regularly with their peers to explore solutions to real problems, reflect upon options and decide on the action they wish to take.

## Up the Crow Road

LES Ireland, rector at St Cyprian’s Lenzie, has written a booklet suitable for personal reading or as a basis for a group study/fellowship.

*Up the Crow Road* is based on a stunning road on the north side of Glasgow over the Campsie Hills (not the one in the West End of Glasgow featured in the novel by Iain Banks).

The booklet uses the picture of the Crow Road as a metaphor for some of the deepest issues within the Christian faith, for example, prayer, rest, and death.

The booklet also contains a CD of photos from the Crow Road and Campsie Hills. If any reader would like an outing around the Campsie Hills the author is willing to take people to see one of the most beautiful areas of our diocese.

Much of the booklet was written while the author was recovering from major surgery, with issues from that period illumining the chapter on suffering.

The booklet costs £3 plus a donation for p&p.

Order copies from Les by phoning 0141 776 3866, or emailing [Les949@btinternet.com](mailto:Les949@btinternet.com).

## Island course on chamber music

ISLE of Cumbrae Summer Music, 26-31 August, is aimed at performers, teachers and appreciators.

It is a residential chamber music course at the Cathedral of the Isles, offering concentrated coaching for advanced pianists, string players and chamber groups of all ages with distinguished performers/teachers in inspiring surroundings. You can do a five-day or a three-day course.

The course concludes with a weekend of concerts.

Internationally acclaimed Hungarian cellist Agnes Kallay gives her Scottish debut recital on Friday 29th at 8pm.

On Saturday at 3pm pianist Gusztav Fenyo performs solo works by Mozart, Schubert, Debussy, Bartok and Liszt.

The final concert on Sunday at 3pm is presented by course participants. For more information visit [cumbrae-summermusic.co.uk](http://cumbrae-summermusic.co.uk) or contact Jeanette Fenyo: [info@fenyo-musicmakers.co.uk](mailto:info@fenyo-musicmakers.co.uk).

## ONE EDITOR, TWO WHEELS, ALL NIGHT

HEARTFELT thanks to everyone who sponsored my 100km all-night bike tour of London on 7 June. It was an amazing experience.

Abiding memories of London Nightrider 2014 include watching the sunrise from the Docklands; being astonished at the tranquil beauty of floodlit landmark buildings reflected in a mirror-smooth Thames at Westminster; and wobbling along a precarious scarlet corridor formed by convoys of buses on a bustling Piccadilly at 1am.

Manic rickshaw taxis added to the sense of chaos in Shaftesbury Avenue as clubbers congregated and late theatre audiences spilled on to the street. Alas, I was too focused on the traffic to notice when I passed Lambeth Palace!

The route zigzagged to let us cross the Thames on five different bridges.

The road surfaces were in great condition – a rare treat that made cycling in traffic easier and safer. Weather was perfect: balmy and still but not clammy. I had anticipated a tendency to get cramp or lose concentration in the wee small hours, but found my second wind as dawn freshened the air so the return leg seemed easier than the outbound one from Alexandra Palace to Crystal Palace.

I was riding in aid of Practical Action, an inspirational charity that uses sustainable technology to help a million people every year break free from poverty. So far, donations have passed the £450 mark, and more are still coming in at [justgiving.com/susi-cormack-brown](http://justgiving.com/susi-cormack-brown). Thank you again!

*Susi Cormack Brown*

## Insights into interfaith Scotland

SISTER Isabel Smyth SND, chair of the Scottish Working Group on Religion and Belief Relations, was the speaker at Ayrshire Regional Council's annual Wine and Nibbles night on 17 June.

It was hosted at the rectory of St Ninian's Troon, where Revd Andrew Richardson assisted with the presentation.

Sister Isabel started with information from a newly published research report: *Faith and Belief Scotland: A Contemporary Mapping of Attitudes and Provisions in Scotland*. Among its findings, the paper, by Edinburgh University, reported that 58% of respondents of any faith or none believed that prayer has an effect, and 76% felt there should be spiritual care in hospital.

Scotland is changing, Sister Isabel suggested; it isn't a polarised island but a mosaic of different people. To download the report visit: <http://tinyurl.com/oosqoum>.

She then asked: Given we have such religious diversity, how are we to live together? Did we want to live in competition, in conflict, in isolation, or in friendship? She suggested that the different religions still live in boxes, that we don't understand one another, and that we were still suspicious of one another. We have to decide how we want to live. If we want to live in harmony then we have to reconsider how we think of each other's religion. Questions that have to be addressed are: Can we make space for other religions; Can we hear the voice of God in another language; Can we hear the voice of God in a stranger?

Sister Isabel suggested the way to address these questions is to use dialogue, which is the basic building block of sound interfaith relationships. Dialogue cannot solve all the religious differences we have, but is a step along the way. In order to live that, Interfaith Scotland brings all the religious leaders together twice a year.

This year's Scottish Interfaith Week, 23-30 November, is on the theme of 'Journeys'. It will be launched in Kilmarnock.

For more information visit [interfaithscotland.org](http://interfaithscotland.org).

Sister Isabel began with a question and finished with another: How do we see the future – in boxes or in dialogue? It was an interesting, thought-provoking talk and we look forward to Interfaith Week in Ayrshire.

*Betty Matheson, secretary,  
Ayrshire Regional Council*

**S**EPTEMBER sees an opportunity in Lanark to hear stories from Christian Aid, the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church about recent trips to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

The meeting, which includes prayers for peace, takes place on Wednesday 24 September, 7-9pm, at Greyfriars Church, Bloomgate, ML11 9ET.

# TOMLINSON TO HEAD UP NEW TRAINING INSTITUTE

REVD Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson has been appointed as the new principal of the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

She will take up office during August and said: “It is an immense privilege to have been called to serve the Scottish Episcopal Church as principal of its Institute. I ask for your prayers for the staff and students, as for myself, as together we set out in faith on this new stage of the journey.”

This is a new post. The Scottish Episcopal Institute will replace the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church (TISEC) and will provide a new emphasis on formation-led training.

Most Revd David Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, said: “The Scottish Episcopal Institute will shape the character and quality of our ministry in the next generation. The appointment of the first principal is an important moment for our church. I warmly welcome Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson in that role.

“Anne has helped to shape the ministry of clergy and laity in every part of our church. Her work is theologically and spiritually rooted.

“She is rigorous and ordered in what she undertakes. She is generous in sharing programmes which she has developed.

“The principal will work closely with the College of Bishops and I know that she will have their confidence. We uphold Anne in our prayers as she prepares for this new challenge in ministry.”

Following degrees in prehistoric archaeology, Dr Tomlinson did her formational training through St John’s College, Nottingham, then studied Practical Theology at New College, University of Edinburgh.

She worked in TISEC for nine years, variously as tutor, director of pastoral studies and co-ordinator of the south-east region before becoming the Church’s provincial officer for local collaborative ministry and

director of ordinands for the Diocese of Edinburgh.

For the past five years she has been the ministry development officer of the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway.

Married to Fred, a rector in the Diocese of Edinburgh, with a grown-up daughter, Anne is a vocational Deacon.

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# Farewell from Anne

THIS being the last DNS for which I shall write, I want to take this opportunity of thanking you for the immense privilege of working and worshipping amongst you, and for all the learning which I now take into the Scottish Episcopal Institute as a result of these experiences.

At the first diocesan Synod after my appointment as ministry development officer, I outlined what it meant to describe the diocese as ‘a learning community’.

Basing my thoughts on Peter Senge’s classical definition of such a culture, I described it as one in which all members of the Body:

- ◇ are helped to develop their gifts to the full;
- ◇ feel that they are valued and supported in their role as disciples of Christ, whether involved in ministry in the gathered community of the church or (more importantly) in the scattered mission of God in and to the world in daily life;
- ◇ feel free to risk, to try new things, as disciples of the One ‘who is making all things new’.

Over these past five years, thanks to the hard and collaborative work of a wide range of people, systems have been put in place to ensure that these areas are now being tackled: systems of clergy and Reader review, peer-group support, skills training and lifelong education for discipleship, gifts discernment, communication and prayer – and, above all, the strategic intention for growth.

One of the joys of the latter is the ever-widening circle of people who have become involved and, in so doing, gained a new confidence in their calling as apostles of Christ in the world.

It’s not all been easy. Change brings out fear and fear can lead to anxiety and a lack of charity. Where I have contributed to that, in whatever way, I ask your forgiveness.

My prayer as I leave is that, under the wise, holy and loving guidance of Bishop Gregor, the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway might continue to grow in unity and love.

I ask your prayers for the staff and students of SEI in our journey of discovery into God’s future – as I will offer them for you in yours.

*Anne Tomlinson, diocesan  
ministry development officer*

## **The Church and Scottish Identity – new paper**

A NEW 97-page Grosvenor Essay explores *The Church and Scottish Identity*. It was launched at General Synod on Thursday 12 June.

Prepared in the months leading up to the 2014 Referendum on Scottish Independence, it is intended for use both before and beyond the Referendum, whatever the outcome. It can be downloaded from <http://tinyurl.com/owgbtao>.