

MAY 2018 NEWS FROM SEI

Mixed Mode ordination training: Plans for the new Mixed Mode ordination training programme are well underway. Since starting at SEI on 1 February, our Director of Mixed Mode Training, the Revd Richard Tiplady, has been working hard to define and develop the programme outline. We are now at the stage of talking to ordination candidates who have expressed an interest in the programme and to charges that have shown an interest in being a student placement from September 2018.

Richard writes: ‘The rationale for the programme is based on an ongoing and iterative process of learning and formation, aiming for closer integration between what the student learns while on placement, in the classroom, and through private study. The primary learning context for these students is their placement, where they will serve for 3 days each week for the duration of their training (with some short placements elsewhere as required). Having a Mixed Mode student is not a small undertaking – it will take a lot of attention and energy from the incumbent and congregation. But the rewards could be immense. The charge will receive an enthusiastic and called individual who is being trained for ordination and who will very quickly be able to make a significant contribution to the life and mission of the church. It is good to think of having a Mixed Mode student as “an investment with an early payback”.

There is a clear mission focus in the Mixed Mode programme. All Mixed Mode students will follow the same mix of modules as other SEI students while also taking additional modules on evangelism, mission entrepreneurship, and the development of mission and ministry in context. These modules are also available as extra courses for other SEI students, but they are required courses for the Mixed Mode students. Some of these additional courses will also be open to any SEC clergy or others who wish to take them as part of their ongoing professional and ministerial development (and you don’t even have to do the essay!).

Mixed Mode students will receive a maintenance grant and accommodation to support themselves during their training. The costs for this are to be shared between SEI, the placement charge, and the host diocese. Through this financial arrangement and the central role of the placement charge in the training and formation of future clergy, we can see how the whole church is sharing in the responsibility for investing in the next generation of Christian leaders in the SEC. At the same time, the whole church will also share in the benefits of doing so.

There is still time to express an interest in being a placement charge from September 2018. If you would like to know more about the programme and what it entails to be a placement charge, please contact me on DMM@scotland.anglican.org. If this year is too soon but you would like to know more about the possibility for future years, please also contact me now and I will be more than happy to discuss this with you and answer any questions you may have’.

Please pray for this new programme, for the ordinands who will study through it, and for the placement charges who will receive a student. This is a long-awaited and exciting new addition to the range of training programmes offered through SEI. Please pray too for Richard as he pioneers this programme.



The Director of Mixed Mode Training, Richard Tiplady, fourth from right, with members of the SEC Mission Board. Richard is working with the Board to develop ways of training and CMD to support pioneer ministry and Fresh Expressions of church, and to convene a working group of the Diocesan Mission Enablers to work together on common issues.

Congratulations! The European Society for the Study of Science and Theology Student Prize 2018 has been awarded to Joanna Leidenhag for her essay "The Revival of Panpsychism and its Relevance for the Science-Religion Dialogue". Joanna is both a PhD candidate in Systematic Theology at New College and an ordinand in SEI. The jury unanimously nominated Leidenhag's elegant, insightful paper as the winner for its beautiful demonstration of the relevance of panpsychism for the doctrine of creation. The prize consisted of 1000 Euros and participation in the 2018 ESSSAT Conference, 'Nature and Beyond: Transcendence and Immanence in Science and Religion'. The photograph shows Jo giving her acceptance speech.



Meet the Ambassadors 6 The Revd Elaine Garman writes: 'I am delighted to be the SEI Ambassador in the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles. I am currently a third year Assistant Curate with Holy Trinity, Dunoon and St Paul's, Rothesay and Mission Enabler in our Diocese. Clearly then, I have been a student who has come through the formation programme of the SEI and indeed the former TISEC (Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church). I was already studying a theology degree with the University of Aberdeen and completed my academic preparation with them.

SEI gave me a sense of belonging, through a college, achieved by attendance at residential weekends, summer school and joining with others in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway for seminars. Being part of a cohesive student body, Lay Reader candidates and ordinands together, is an important piece of formation for authorised ministry. It is no mean feat for it to be achieved either! The staff and students have to create in any one year that sense of discovery, contributing to our pilgrimage faith. Of course there are struggles along the way. Shared difficulties and joys are part of that journey. The connections made during this time will continue to be the resource on which we call at different points in the future.

New appointments and new ways of training are exciting, and I look forward to letting others know of the work of SEI.' *Speaking of new appointments, we are delighted to know that Elaine will shortly be moving to serve the congregation of St John the Evangelist, Forfar, as Rector. The Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane's gain is Argyll and the Isles' immense loss.*

Vocations Sunday 2018: Students, SEI staff and Curates preached in the following charges: St Finnbarr Dornoch (Moray, Ross and Caithness); St Michael's Elie and St John's Pittenweem; St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee (Brechin); St Mary's Glencoe (Argyll and the Isles); Church of the Holy Name, Cumbernauld; St Mary's Hamilton; St John's Johnstone; St Bride's Glasgow; St Oswald's Maybole; Holy Trinity Kilmarnock (Glasgow and Galloway); Glenalmond Chapel; St Saviour's Bridge of Allan (St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane). The photo shows second year ordinand Annie Hughes with the Rector of St Saviour's, the Revd Canon Dominic Ind. June's *Newsletter* will contain a compilation of reports of these preachments.



SEI Training Fund: Huge thanks to the Provost and congregation of St Andrew's Cathedral (Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney) for allocating the offering of £897 gathered at the Consecration of Bishop Anne on 1 March to the Fund; to the Church of the Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway) for the most generous donation following their bring-and-share lunch on Vocations Sunday, and to St Oswald's Maybole (Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway) for the proceeds of their special collection that same Sunday; to the Revd Sally Gorton for continuing to donate the fees she receives for Sunday cover in that diocese; and to the congregation of St Michael and All Angels Helensburgh (likewise the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway) for the kind sum collected at their recent 'stall in the hall' sale. SEI is deeply grateful for all these thoughtful and most generous donations.