

WEE SEEDS BIG TREES



ANNUAL GATHERING 2022

Where? Assembly Hall, Edinburgh

When? Saturday, 10 September from 10.30 until 3.30 (approx!)

On 10 September, we will return to the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh for the 2022 Annual Gathering of the Church of Scotland Guild. This is one of the high points of the Guild year: a day of worship, celebration, friendship and fun! The hall holds 1100 people and we fully intend to use every available seat, if COVID restrictions allow, for what promises to be a wonderful day.

If you've been before, you know how good it is. If you haven't been... come along and take part and we promise you a day to remember!

Edinburgh is easy to reach by car, train or bus and the hall is right in the centre of town, which makes it easy to get to as well as being surrounded by cafes and shops that make it a place to have a day out, with lunch on hand.

Tickets for the Gathering are free and we expect demand to be high, so we have devised a system of getting these out to people that ensures every Guild has the chance to be represented and that anyone who wants to be there has a good chance of getting one.

The plans for the day are already well-advanced and we hope to bring details of speakers and the full programme

to you ASAP. We know that the Moderator will be there and we have a great invited guest speaker. The best bit, though, is the part played by the Guild membership - the singing in particular is wonderful, moving and inspiring.



Even if you can't be there, we stream the day on the internet and many groups are now taking the chance to have a meeting of their own where they don't just watch the Gathering like a live TV show, but instead they take part by having the programme sent out in advance so they can sing along and feel as close to being there as they can. **Please let us know by 15 July if you want to order programmes.**

The Annual Gathering really is something special and we hope that you will want to join us! Why not use this as an opportunity to encourage as many of your members as possible to come along. Why not bring the new members who have joined you this year? Or bring members with particularly long years of service? You could even use this as an opportunity to introduce folks who haven't yet joined the Guild to come and see what we are all about!

Let us know how many tickets you would like, let's try and fill the Assembly Hall this year.

As ever Guilds Together Conveners will get a ticket (2 if number allow), National Council members get 1 and former National leaders get 1.

Hope to see you there!

Karen Gillon, General Secretary