

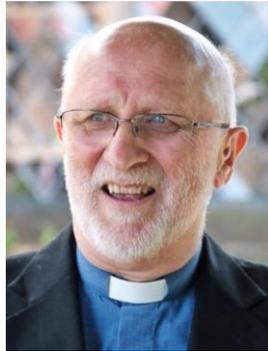


Scottish Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling

“SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN TIMES OF LOSS”

Places still remain at the SAPCC Annual Conference and AGM to be held on Saturday 28 October 2017 at Letham St Mark's Church, Perth, PH1 2HH (10.30am until approx. 2.30pm).

This year's **Margaret Allan Lecture**, 'Loss: from misconceptions to making a difference' will be delivered by The Reverend Tom Gordon



Tom Gordon is a Church of Scotland minister who worked in parish ministry in two Edinburgh parishes for 20 years before serving as chaplain at the Edinburgh Marie Curie Hospice for 15 years. He co-facilitated the hospice's bereavement support service, participated in education programmes on aspects of bereavement and spiritual-care, and contributed regularly to professional journals on bereavement and chaplaincy issues. He wrote two books during this time – *A Need for Living*, about his chaplaincy work, and *New Journeys Now Begin*, on loss, grief and bereavement. He retired from full-time work in 2009.

As another main commitment, Tom also continues to offer bereavement and spiritual-care training and support. He continues to be asked regularly to assist local churches in the development of their bereavement support work and the training of those who are or might be involved. He has scoped, developed and is currently facilitating the *Acorns* Bereavement Programmes in Edinburgh and *Stepping Stones* Bereavement Programmes in his home village in East Lothian. He is currently working on a second book on issues of bereavement, grief and loss. (All Tom's books have been published by Wild Goose Publications and are available at www.ionabooks.com)

The lecture will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the SAPCC and lunch. Attendance at the AGM is optional but we hope to welcome new faces to the Association.

To book a place please contact:
Suzie Stark (Secretary, SAPCC) at sstark1962@btinternet.com

The cost of the event (teas, coffees on arrival and lunch provided) is £15 payable on the day. Please advise of any dietary or access requirements.

Directions and further details will be sent out once booking is received.