

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 28th September 2021

### Bishop Forbes Evensong: 10th October

The Most Reverend Mark Strange, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, is the preacher at this year's Diocesan celebration evensong in thanksgiving for Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes.



Bishop Mark (Photo: SEC website)

Provost Elizabeth Thomson and the congregation of St. Paul's Cathedral invite all to this Choral Evensong on Sunday 10th October. Clergy and lay readers are especially asked to attend, and are invited to robe and process as part of the service.

The Provost writes, "This year the service will be sung by the Cathedral Choir, so that we can be sure we can follow the guidance and the singers have enough space. Next year, we should be able to arrange for a festival choir for the occasion, drawn from across the Diocese as in the past.

The service will be followed by refreshments. I am very much looking forward to seeing you, especially as it wasn't possible to invite everyone in person when I was installed as Provost in June. Please pass on the invitation to your churches."

For clergy & lay readers robing: in St Roque's Hall, lower level; choir dress (cassock, surplice, scarf, hood if you like); please be changed and ready by 6pm.

### Ordination of Fr Gary Clink to the Priesthood in St Mary's Arbroath

Gary Clink, Assistant Curate at St Mary's Arbroath and St Peter's Auchmithie, was ordained as priest at Arbroath on Saturday 25th September. Supported by his training incumbent, the Rev Pete Mead and a long time friend and mentor, Fr Paul McLaren-Cook, Gary was ordained in a Covid-compliant fashion. Gary's mother,

Helen, was also celebrating her 91st birthday with a cake! Gary will continue to serve St Mary's and St Peter's, as well as assisting in some other churches in the Diocese.



Gary is ordained by Bishop Andrew, assisted by Pete and Fr Paul (photo: Mary Swift)

### Institution of Jim Benton–Evans as Rector of Brechin and Montrose with Bervie: Saturday 2nd October

Jim, who has come to Brechin from being the incumbent of the East End Team Ministry in Glasgow, will be instituted at two separate services this coming Saturday: Montrose 11am, Brechin 3pm. There will also be service of welcome at Bervie on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm.

All are very welcome to attend these services to welcome Jim and Claire to the Diocese. There will be refreshments following each of the services.



Jim and Claire Benton-Evans

### Climate Vigil held in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

A Climate Vigil event was held on Saturday 25th September to raise awareness of climate change and the church's commitment to carbon zero by 2030. Displays and information were created by the cathedral eco-group, supported by others from the Diocese. More photos are available on Facebook at Rev



One of the 'element' themed displays  
(photo: R Campbell)

Roxanne Campbell's post ([click here](#)) or St Mary Magdalene's Church Dundee's post ([click here](#)).

More events are planned in the cathedral through October in the run up to the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow. The Cathedral Eco Group is launching a climate challenge on Sunday October 3rd, Harvest Festival. As these are the weeks leading up to COP26 they would like to encourage people to commit to taking part during October. Each week the challenge will be on a different topic. The five topics are: food, tread lightly (travel), live simply (rethink, re-use, recycle etc.) , gardening/ biodiversity, domestic energy reduction.

The Diocesan Environmental Working Group will also be providing support and guidance for churches. Watch this space for more details.

## **RIP Peter Sanderson, former Provost**

Peter Sanderson, who was Provost of St Paul's Cathedral Dundee from May 1984 to October 1991, has died aged 92. Peter, who had studied and ministered in the Church of England, continued work on restoration and development of the cathedral. The Companionship relationship with the Diocese of Iowa had started in 1977, and after his time as Provost, Peter ministered for some years in the Diocese of Iowa as the Vicar of All Saints', Storm Lake. He retired to New Mexico in 2006. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

## **CARES Conference 2021: Community action to net zero**

Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) invites you to join their annual conference on Wednesday 29 September to find out what communities have been doing to tackle the climate crisis through their involvement in renewable energy projects and how these are benefiting their local communities.

There are focus sessions in the afternoon, such as net zero community buildings, building community capacity and CARES funding and support.

To view the full agenda, find out more and book your space please visit [their website](#).

## **Afghan Refugee Response Update: How can we offer help?**

Still very relevant: A good network has already been established in Dundee to support the previously resettled Syrian refugee families, supported by a Scottish Refugee Council staff member. They are now looking to gather support for Afghan refugees arriving in the area. The Support Network for Afghans arriving in Scotland has a Google form (link below) to capture offers of help and generates a standard response from the generic mailbox, to put it into a 'holding' position until the Scottish Refugee Council knows more about where people will be resettled and their needs. The link to the form for offers of help: [Support Network for Afghans arriving in Scotland \(google.com\)](#).

There is also this link: [nine ways you can help](#) from the Scottish Refugee Council with further general information about how people can help with Afghan refugees. Churches in any area who might want to offer help could fill in the Google form and the general information in the second link should be useful for anyone wishing to know more.

Voluntary Action Angus is working to help Afghan refugees who are being settled in Arbroath. Contact St Andrew's Brechin who have held a Harvest Appeal if you wish details. Any more details of schemes to help will be shared when we know them.

Some flargerinancial appeals for the refugee crisis are:

<https://www.unicef.org/appeals/afghanistan>

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/afghanistan-emergency-appeal>

## **Any news to share in the Bulletin?**

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