

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 3rd November 2021

### COP26 Glasgow Special Edition #2



**UN CLIMATE  
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### **COP26: 1—12 November 2021**

COP26 is a vital meeting of world leaders to reduce the rate of climate change in the world. The meeting in Glasgow, is being challenged and supported by faith groups including the SEC. Bishop Mark Strange, the Primus of the SEC, is attending COP26 on behalf of the SEC as part of the faith groups represented there.



The Primus at the COP26 Vigil (with the moderator of the C of S and other Christian and interfaith colleagues. Photo: SEC

The SEC website has a page for COP26 related news, daily worship and information. This page is: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/cop26/>

The SEC has this week again confirmed that we have zero fossil-fuel extraction based investments in the SEC's Unit Trust Pool investments. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/church-confirms-position-on-fossil-fuel-investments/>

The SEC is also committed to achieve Carbon-Zero by 2030: becoming carbon neutral in our church lives.

Work is taking place at Provincial level and is planned at Diocesan level to produce guidance on how to achieve this.

### **Weekly Climate Challenge from Cathedral Eco-Group: "Home Energy Saving"**

The Eco-group from St. Paul's Cathedral have launched a weekly climate challenge in the lead up to COP26. People are encouraged to take part in weekly challenges that will be on a variety of different topics. The flyer attached with the bulletin contains practical steps you can take to reduce your climate impact. This week's challenge: "Home Energy Saving" - [available online at this link](#) and attached to the covering email.

### **Dundee City COP26 Events**



Dundee City Council is hosting events to raise awareness about the meeting and the urgent need for action to be taken at international level to combat climate change and temperature increase. The events are running through the end of COP26. The full events schedule can be found on their website.

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/sustainable- Dundee/dundee-cop26-events-programme>

### **COP 26 - Eucharist, Presentation and Discussion: St Mary Magdalene's**

St. Mary Magdalene's Church invites you to join us on Tuesday, 9th November at 7pm as we reflect and pray at this vitally important time. Eucharist will be celebrated, with prayers for COP 26 and afterwards there will be an opportunity to view and discuss the recent Church and Academy Seminar 'Responding to the fifth Mark of Mission - The Green Anglicans Movement' by Rev Canon Dr. Rachel Mash. ALL are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. For catering please email [rev.roxanne.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.roxanne.campbell@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming.

A flyer for the event is [here](#).

## COP26 & Scottish Interfaith Week Al-Maktoum College Dundee “Building Bridges” Symposium: Together for Our Planet



Online, Thursday 4 November, 9am-1pm

Tackling issues of climate change and environmental justice requires the worlds’ societies and individuals to come together in common pursuit.

In conjunction with Scottish Interfaith Week 2021, Al Maktoum College is hosting a free online event featuring experts within the field of sustainability and climate change alongside highly regarded academics. With the theme of ‘Together for our Planet’ also tying with the COP26 (United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021), the Building Bridges Symposium asks how faith, ethics and science can influence change in this global environmental crisis, inspiring and empowering adherents to action.

Register for your free virtual place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-bridges-symposium-2021-tickets-198391583567>

### COP26: Other Ways of Getting involved:

As last week: Edinburgh Diocese’s ideas from their Diocesan Publication:

Some ways in which your church could take part in COP26:

- Join the “Faiths and Beliefs Bloc” @ COP26 at the COP26 Coalition demonstration in Kelvingrove Park on Saturday, 6 November. More details of this Glasgow-based initiative are [here](#).
- Organise a socially distanced event outside your church where people come together to pray for justice for the poorest and for our planet. You could hold a vigil outside your own church on Saturday, 6 November, and you could involve other churches, faith groups and community organisations.

- Pray for/preach on: the integrity of Creation; the wonders of our planet; those affected by climate injustices; the importance of preventing global warming; the leaders involved in making momentous decisions; and those working on behalf of our Church in relation to COP26.
- Make a banner to hang outside your church to tell everyone about the climate emergency.
- Speak up for the poorest and most marginalised. You could show these four short videos created by Christian Aid, SCIAF, Tearfund, the Church of Scotland and the Glasgow Churches Together COP26 Group to your congregation and community. The links are here: [Ethiopia](#), [Honduras](#), [Malawi](#) and [Zambia](#)

### Anglican Companionship News

Iowa: The Diocese of Iowa held their annual convention last weekend (30th October) with a farewell event on Zoom for Bishop Alan and Donna as he prepares to retire in December. Planning is in hand for a Brechin-Iowa online event to mark Bishop Alan’s long friendship with our diocese.

eSwatini: Please continue to keep eSwatini and our friends in the Anglican Diocese in your prayers in the ongoing unrest. You could lobby the Foreign Office to raise the profile of the issues and to bring pressure to bear on the king and his government.

### Memorial Service: 21 Nov 2021

#### The Reverend David Shepherd

A Memorial Service is being held on Sunday 21 November at 4 pm in St. Mary Magdalene's Church. This is to give thanks for the Life and Ministry of the Reverend David Shepherd. The service will be a Choral Evensong and Clergy are invited to robe (Choir Dress—cassock, surplice/cotta and scarf). An invitation is extended to our wider Diocesan family to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For further details contact Rev Canon Kenneth Gibson at [kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com](mailto:kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com)

### Any news to share in the Bulletin?

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