

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

11th August 2022

News From the Northern Cluster: Drop In for Ukrainian Refugees held in Stonehaven

The Rev Mary Jepp, priest for St James Stonehaven and St Ternan's Muchalls, writes:

There are moments when in a simple passing conversation an idea is germinated...thus it was at Stonehaven in late June. Just such a chat was the moment when a 'Drop-In' for Ukrainian Refugees living in the area was mooted. Over the intervening weeks, few plans were made apart from a venue, a list of volunteer hosts (from the wider community and other local churches), and a web of contacts including social services, and the NHS.



The Ukrainian Drop-in in St James' Hall, Stonehaven

And Voila! Last Friday night St James Hall, was decked in Ukrainian flags, kettles were boiled and cakes were cut and the Hall was opened for the first time as a Drop In. As we prepared we wondered if anyone would come...at 6 our guests began to arrive and soon there were over 30 guests both young and old. Within St James Church a side altar has been set aside with candles and icons, and in that place and in the hall we heard the stories of families left behind, of homes destroyed, of husbands now soldiers and the difficulties of being in a strange country with little English. Our hope in all of this is that community will be built and strengthened and that in a simple way we will further God's Kingdom in this place.

Lambeth Conference: Final Update

Bishop Andrew and Mary have now returned from the Lambeth Conference 2022 with about 650 other bishops and their partners/spouses from the Anglican Communion at the University of Kent at Canterbury. There have been regular updates on the SEC website: e.g. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/lambeth-conference-round-up-day-12-7-august/>.

Lambeth "Calls" - Discussed and Will Come to Provinces

The Conference reviewed a series of 'calls' drafted by teams working for the Archbishop of Canterbury. <https://www.lambethconference.org/programme/lambeth-calls/> These were on the following themes:

Mission and Evangelism	Inter-faith Relations
Safe Church	Anglican Identity
Reconciliation	Human Dignity
Environment and Sustainable Development	Discipleship
Christian Unity	Science and Faith

All the Calls, including the Human Dignity 'Call' which had some controversial text on human sexuality, were reviewed, received comments and will continue to be processed. The Archbishop of Canterbury made it clear that individual Provinces will not be disciplined or receive sanctions for careful, prayerful changes made to e.g. marriage polity. This means that churches like the SEC, with equal marriage in our shared life, are not under any sanction. The 'Calls' will be received in the churches of the Anglican Communion in the next few years and each church will decide how to receive them and what they may apply in their context.

The Conference was a time of great fellowship, shared worship of many genres and forms (although some conservative bishops attended but not receive communion) and gracious engagement by Bishops and their spouses in issues of ministry and the place of the global Anglican church in the 21st century. The range of contexts, from South Sudanese bishops, speaking Juba Arabic, to Americans and Canadians, and all points between made the Conference a rich and challenging environment: and one where God's work in so many different places and cultures could be explored with careful and gracious listening.

More reports will follow in due course!

Post-Lambeth Visit by Companion Bishops: 9th August-14th August

Bishop Dalcy Dlamini of Swaziland and Bishop Betsey Monnot of Iowa are making a short visit to Brechin after the Lambeth conference.

Meet and Greet Event: "Bring and Share" Thursday 11th August, 7.30pm at St Martin's Dundee RSVP

This event is a chance to meet the bishops from Iowa and Eswatini in an informal setting (and maybe even to have a ceilidh dance with them!). This will be a 'bring and share' potluck evening, so please do come along and bring some food (sweet or savoury) to share with others. All are very welcome to attend this event, that should last about 2 hours. For confirmation of numbers please RSVP to the office.

Celebration Evening Prayer in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee at 6.15pm on Sunday 14th August.

The three bishops and the family members travelling with them will join in a special celebration service in the cathedral. The companionship has been in place for several decades now, so a re-commitment to the partnership will be shared at this special service. A signed statement of commitment has been prepared for these three new bishops (+Andrew, started 2018; +Betsey, 2021; +Dalcy, 2022) to affirm their ongoing determination to deepening and growing this long-standing Anglican linkage. All are very welcome to attend the service, and some 'volunteers' for leading prayers and assisting with readings will be sought in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to attend or help, please contact Provost Elizabeth at the Cathedral: provost@saintpaulscathedral.net.

Saturday 13th August—11am—Institution of Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale as Rector of St Mary's Broughty Ferry.

Service of institution followed by a reception. Invitations have gone out—please RSVP—and anyone else who wishes to attend and welcome Mark-Aaron, Çiğil and Winston-James to the Diocese is very welcome to attend at the service in the church in Broughty Ferry.

Please contact vestry secretary Fiona Walthall at f.walthall@btinternet.com for details.

The Tisdale family have now moved from Peterborough Diocese to Dundee, so please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the official beginning of their ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Commissioning Pilgrimage & Service for Claire Benton-Evans as the Diocesan Children and Youth Officer



Everyone's welcome, of any age. After the service there will be refreshments. Before the service there's a mini-pilgrimage along Dundee Waterfront. Pick up a pilgrimage card from outside Jannetta's Gelateria any time from 3.00 – 3.45 pm and follow the route in your own time. Jannetta's is in Slessor Gardens, off South Crichton Street (DD1 3AZ).

As Claire has now started work as the Diocesan Children and Youth Officer, she will travel anywhere in the Diocese for a cuppa and a conversation about how your church would like to engage with children, families and young people – even (especially!) if you don't know where to begin.

You can contact Claire at youth@brechin.anglican.org. We also now have a Children and Youth Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/brechindioyouthandchildren>. Please 'like' and follow the page.

Invitation to Open Day for St. John's Inventory—4th September

Since the closure of the Diocesan Centre, the diocese has been working on finding new homes for the items previously located in St. John's. While the larger items have been successfully distributed some of the smaller items still remain. An open day has been planned for 4th September at St Ninians's for everyone to see what is still available. Please come by to take a look and hopefully re-use within your own congregation.

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have stories and photos of events around the diocese, we would love to share these in the bulletin.

Email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org