

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

17th August 2022

Institution of Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale as Rector of St Mary's Broughty Ferry

The Reverend Mark-Aaron Tisdale was instituted as the fourteenth Rector of St Mary's Broughty Ferry at a special service on Saturday 13th August 2022.



Mark-Aaron and Çiğil Tisdale with the clergy and altar party

Mark-Aaron was presented to the Bishop by representatives of the vestry of the charge, and the Bishop then instituted and installed him as Rector. Visitors to the service included the Companionship Bishops of Iowa and Swaziland, clergy from around the diocese and ecumenical guests and visitors from the Peterborough Diocese charges where the Tisdales had previously served.



The Bishop greets the newly instituted Rector

The service included symbolic presentations that represent elements of ministry and outreach in the life of the church, a eucharist celebrated by Mark-Aaron as the new Rector, and a reception in the church for all.

Mark-Aaron, originally a native of Pittsburgh, USA, has ministered in the Church of England for the past twenty years and brings this wealth of experience to the life of the Broughty Ferry charge of St Mary's.



Enid Young presents a symbolic Prayer Book

Please continue to pray for St Mary's and their new Rector and family in their new season of ministry in Brechin Diocese.

Sunday 21st at 4pm: Commissioning Pilgrimage & Service for Claire Benton-Evans as 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.

Post-Lambeth Visit to Brechin Diocese by Companion Bishops

Following the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, Bishop Dalcy Dlamini of Swaziland and Bishop Betsey Monnot of Iowa, with their families, visited Brechin Diocese for a week of meetings and activities.

The Companionship between Brechin, Iowa and Swaziland has existed in various forms since summer 1982, so in this 40th year of shared ministry and relationship it felt very appropriate to welcome the two newly consecrated bishops and to recommit and rededicate the ongoing partnership between our Dioceses. Lambeth, last held fourteen years ago, was

an excellent excuse to have all three bishops on the same continent.

Bishop Dalcy and her husband Anthony met with Bishop Andrew's PA Elliott Scarfe and his wife Fiona, who met on Youth Pilgrimage in Swaziland in 2014 as part of the Companionship. This family, with children Lochlan and Ellinah, are a visible symbol of the joy that this Companionship has brought.



Scarfes and Dlamini's meet at last (children shown with consent)



Bishop Dalcy and Anthony at St Ternan's Muchalls

The visit included Stonehaven and Muchalls in the north of the Diocese, visiting churches and projects in the local communities. Churches in Dundee, Brechin, Monifieth and Glencarse also hosted visits, and a celebratory ceilidh was held in St Martin's Dundee to let the visitors experience a Scottish celebration. There was also time to visit the V&A and RRS Discovery in Dundee and take in some castles and Angus countryside.



A visit to Brechin hosted by Rev Jim Benton-Evans—to the SEC church and also the historical Brechin Cathedral

The visit concluded with a celebration Evening Prayer on Sunday in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee, where the three Bishops signed a statement of intent to continue the fruitful partnership. Canon Pat Millar, the Diocesan Companionship Officer led the prayers.

As part of the service a tree was planted to celebrate the Companionship Link as part of the Anglican 'Communion Forest' environmental initiative.

<https://www.communionforest.org/>. The tree, a native yew, was planted in a temporary planter and will be transferred to a permanent location later in the year.



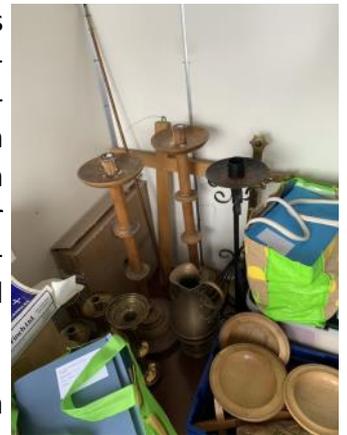
The tree is planted in the celebration service

The Bishops and their families departed with new friendships made and the 40 year companionship renewed and refreshed.

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

Since the closure of the Diocesan Centre for re-use by the Dundee and Angus Foodbank, the diocese has changed ways of working: and has also been working on finding new homes for the items previously located in St. John's for its many years as a Scottish Episcopal Church.

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 Ninian's for everyone to see what is still available.



Some of the items needing re-homed

Please come by to take a look and hopefully re-use within your own church and 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.

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