

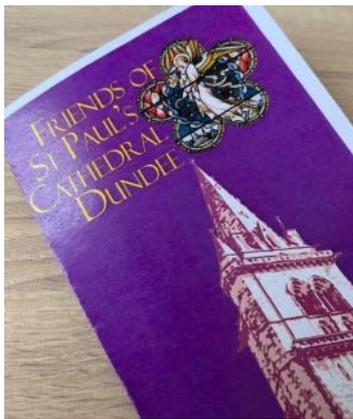
# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 23rd November 2021

### 'Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee' Launched at 'Cathedral Thinking' Event

#### Launch Event

Saturday 20th November was the launch event for the 'Friends of St Paul's Cathedral', a charity supporting the work of the Cathedral in the City. The 'Friends' have a



vision to support the development of the cathedral as a venue and place of worship in the city (especially for improved access) while helping the cathedral become a hub for music, cultural and other activity in Dundee. Effective communication whilst building a wide community of 'Friends' in the Diocese and beyond are high priorities.

All in the Diocese are invited to become 'Friends'. By subscribing you will help support this iconic centre to the whole Diocese and support the life of all our churches. Contact [friends@stpaulscathedral.net](mailto:friends@stpaulscathedral.net) to register interest or arrange a subscription.

### 'Cathedral Thinking': Jacky Close

The 'Friends' launch took place at the first 'Cathedral Thinking' event, an initiative where topical issues are explored. Jacky Close, Director of Faith in Community Dundee, spoke on the work of the Dundee Fairness Commissions, projects that empower voices of those who may suffer from the structural unfairnesses in our city and to propose and follow through on actions to address these issues. Jacky described her team's support for the 'Community Commissioners' as they shared



their own stories of life in Dundee, in some cases with Cabinet Ministers and other Scottish politicians.

The work of the Commissions is reflected at the website <https://www.dundeefightingforfairness.co.uk/>

### Memorial Choral Evensong held for the Reverend David Shepherd

A Memorial Choral Evensong to celebrate the life of the Rev David Shepherd was held on Sunday 21 November St. Mary Magdalene's Church. David was Rector of that church for over 40 years and served all of his ordained ministry in the Diocese of Brechin.



The augmented choir lead Evensong in St Mary Magdalene

Patricia, David's widow, and her family were present and received good wishes and prayers from all present. The Lord Lyon, Canon Dr Joe Morrow CBE preached, reflecting on David's gifts and legacy to the church. Dr Morrow had known much kindness from David as a newly arrived curate in the late 1970s and ministered alongside and knew David well for those many years.

For the service, an augmented St Mary Magdalene choir sang the Evensong with Canon Michael Turner, a near contemporary of David's, leading the intercessions. Canon Kenneth Gibson, the Interim Rector, officiated. There was an excellent congregational turn out from around the City and the Diocese, and the bishop, dean and other clergy were present. Refreshments were enjoyed by all following the service.

A video of the streamed service can be viewed on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/106047664164665/videos/891192934915185>.

### Scottish Episcopal Institute Advent Course: 'Reading the Bible Like an Episcopalian'

'Reading the Bible like an Episcopalian' is a series of four talks in the Season of Advent to reflect upon

ways in which Episcopalians understand Holy Scripture. Because we Episcopalians, like all Christians, read the Bible from our own perspective and within our own denomination, it is worth probing our own predilections. It is worth asking, in other words, what characterises an Episcopalian approach to the Bible over time, say, from the Reformation until today.

The talks, by Rev Dr Mike Hull, Director of Studies, will address: (1) how we settled on the Bible as the last word at the Reformation; (2) how we pray with the Bible and why Books of Common Prayer came into use; (3) how the Enlightenment affects the way we read the Bible; and (4) how we read the Bible in a variety of ways in our own day.

Time: 7pm to 8pm on the four Mondays in Advent (29/11, 6/12, 13/12, 20/12) via Zoom. Event registration and further information can be found [here](#).

## **Brechin Diocesan Training Sessions: 'Pastoral Care' Training for lay members: January 2022**

From Dean Fay. Following the successful Zoom training sessions held earlier this year, and as requested by some of those participants, the next training to be offered is three lay training workshop sessions on 'Pastoral Care'.

These will be held on Zoom on Sundays 16th, 23rd and 30th January 2022.

The titles for each week are:

- Week 1 – The stories that form us
- Week 2 – The God who calls us
- Week 3 – The community that sustains us

They will be led on Zoom by the Rev Liz Crumlish, an associate of the Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice. We are very fortunate to get this input and I would be grateful if you could put these dates in your diary and as many people as possible would sign up for this.

If you could email [flamont53@sky.com](mailto:flamont53@sky.com) to register interest and Dean Fay will send you the ZOOM link for the sessions.

## **The 'GoHealth Community' and C of S present the Denis Duncan Lecture (24th Nov): COP26 and onwards**

The "Guild of Health and St Raphael" is a Christian organisation that explores links between health and faith from a balanced and inclusive perspective. As

the pandemic continues, they are offering resources for churches to engage with this Advent.

The 'Denis Duncan' Lecture is an annual event which focuses on the links between health and faith. It is run in partnership between GoHealth Community and the Church of Scotland and seeks to explore the healing ministry, communication and a whole person approach to wellbeing.

This year's speaker is Dr Ruth Valerio with: "**Losing Connection – Does the natural world matter for the future of humanity?**". Ruth is a Tearfund Director and was in Glasgow for the COP26 summit. The lecture is streaming online on 24th November 2021 at 7pm, and Ruth will be joining live to take questions. The film of the lecture includes BSL interpretation and is free to everyone.

Booking: <https://gohealth.org.uk/shop/booking/the-denis-duncan-lecture-2021>

Film: <https://youtu.be/IiWRbWcqFBE>

## **Christingle Planning? 'Shine a Light for Scotland' with Aberlour**



Many churches hold 'Christingle' services around Advent and Christmas. These services, using a decorated orange as a symbol of Christian faith, were introduced into the UK many years ago by the Children's Society, a charity based in England. In Scotland, the SEC often supports the Aberlour Charity in the same way.



This charity, originally rooted in the Episcopal Church, does very similar work throughout Scotland. Their 'Shine a Light for Scotland Campaign' would be an excellent cause for a Christingle service this year.

Read more at: <https://www.aberlour.org.uk/christingle/>

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

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