

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

25th August 2022

Mini-Pilgrimage & Commissioning of Claire Benton-Evans as Children and Youth Officer for Brechin Diocese



Gordon Aitken, Claire and Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale enjoy ice-cream on the mini-pilgrimage.

On Sunday, a mini-pilgrimage (with ice-cream) and a special Commissioning service marked the start of ministry for the new Diocesan Children and Youth Officer, Claire Benton-Evans. The weather was warm and the ice cream from Janetta's was cold as the pilgrims gathered in Slessor Gardens. They then made their way via the V & A, up through downtown Dundee and stepped into the cathedral.

In the Cathedral, Bishop Andrew, Provost Elizabeth and Dean Fay were the robed party to welcome the soon-to-be-hoodied new Officer into her ministry in the Diocese. Claire was ceremonially presented with a bright-red Brechin-logoed 'Children and Youth Officer' hoodie, a walking pole as she guides the Diocese on our way and a pair of pom-poms as she becomes cheerleader-in-chief for work with young people in this place.



The cheerleader-in-chief with her new pom-poms.

Guests at the service included a good contingent from churches around the Diocese with many young people from St Ninian's Dundee as well as visitors from the leadership of the Provincial Youth Network from all over Scotland. Creative prayers gave a flavour of the annual youth camp that takes place at Glenalmond each year.



Youth leaders and bishop

An excellent beginning!

Brechin Diocesan 'Cyclathon' 4-18 Sep

Can you ride a bicycle? Do you want to get some exercise and raise some money for an excellent cause?



The **Dundee Cyclathon** runs between 4th-18th September to raise money for the STV Children's Appeal. <https://www.dundeecyclathon.com/>

We want to assemble a Brechin Diocesan Team for this event - with the aim of (between the members of the team) covering the distance equivalent to the perimeter of the diocese (275 kilometres, approximately). It will be a really fun way to raise some money and to make a difference. If you can cycle a long distance, just a little way or even have an exercise bike in your house: please sign up to take part!

If you might be interested in being part of a diocesan team to cover some of this distance then please contact Rev Roxanne Campbell ASAP at roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net.

Scotland's "Year of Stories" Heritage Weekend: 3rd and 4th Sep at Auchmithie, nr Arbroath

As this is Scotland's "Year of Stories " the village of Auchmithie, including St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, is hosting a Heritage Weekend, Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th September, 11am - 4pm.



Image: VisitScotland

Visitors can wander and meet and talk with locals from the past: fisher folk telling how the smokie was made; how the women carried the men on their backs out to the boats to keep the (male) feet dry

before they set out to fish in the cold unforgiving North Sea; how the children worked baitin' the lines and also helped farmers harvest the fields.



The new path to 'Meet the Minister' at St Peter's Church Auchmithie

Special 'story' attractions that weekend include meet the "Minister" in the church, encounters with the schoolmistress and children in the playground and visiting the village hall for the tea room and musical entertainment. Purchase tasty hot food from 'Eagles Wings' food van and freshly baked pasties from a cottage in the beautiful cliff-top village.

Come and visit our bonnie wee atmospheric church open all weekend for a geology talk and screening at 11am each day and browse our extensive village archive on display there.

The event is free, ample parking in the field behind the hall and you will be made most welcome!

Friends of St Paul's Cathedral present: The Dundee Tapestry, 10th Sep, 3pm

You are warmly invited to attend the first of the new season's events, on 10th September at 3.00, when Dr Frances Stevenson will introduce us to the devel-

opment of the Dundee Tapestry, and let us know how to become involved.

Do please register, for catering purposes, through the Eventbrite link:

<https://dundeetapestry.eventbrite.co.uk/>

or via the 'Friends' email address: friends@saintpaulscathedral.net.

Invitation to 'Open Day' for St. John's Inventory—4th September from 2pm to 6pm 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.



There are limited items remaining as we have successfully re-homed many items from St John's. The few items remaining include some choir robes, collection plates, some candlesticks and brassware, some communion plate. The items were all used for the life of the community of St John's and will be of use for years to come.

Please come by to take a look and hopefully re-use within your own church and congregation. It will be 'first come first served' so please come early to see what is available!

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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