

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

29th July 2022

Lambeth Conference: Update

Bishop Andrew and Mary, along with the other SEC bishops and about 650 other bishops and their partners/spouses from the Anglican Communion have gathered at the University of Kent at Canterbury for the 15th Lambeth Conference. Facebook and Twitter updates are being made for the SEC, and Andrew and Mary are sharing some of their impressions. It has also, at last, been possible for Bishop Dalcy from the Diocese of Swaziland and Bishop Betsey from Iowa to meet in person with Andrew.



Bishop Betsey and Bishop Andrew finally meet NOT on Zoom!

The formal business of the conference, including addressing the various 'Calls' the bishops are being asked to respond to, begins over the next few days. Please continue to keep the conference in your prayers as the business of meeting and exploring differences and agreements takes place.

Lambeth "Calls" - Controversy Already

A new aspect of Lambeth 2022 is exploring a range of what have been titled 'Calls' to explore key issues that face Anglicans and the Anglican Communion in the 21st century. These 'calls' <https://www.lambethconference.org/programme/lambeth-calls/> are on the following themes:

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

The Human Dignity 'Call', when released, contained material that would be hard for SEC bishops to respond to well, as it made statements at odds with our marriage canon. Our canon acknowledges that there is a range of views on same-sex marriage: the draft "Call" sought to take a position that would not permit any range of views. This 'Call', following public statements from Africa, Wales, Scotland, Canada and the USA, has been amended to something more balanced (see: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/college-welcomes-re-write-of-disputed-call/>) and it hopeful that people of ALL views can now have a fruitful discussion.

St Drostan's Day Picnic and BBQ

Jane and Peter Nelson write:

About 50 people from all corners of the Diocese, and our friend's who live in Glenesk, enjoyed an afternoon of friendly conversation and an excellent BBQ. As previously, the free burgers were cooked by our local resident and Private Butler, Gamekeeper and Nation Park Warden, Anthony, to whom we give great thanks for cooking for us in between his other jobs. Thanks also to Ken and Lyn for helping to set up and clear away. (All members of our small regular congregation)

The weather was just right, not too hot, but warm enough to sit outside. Children enjoyed taking part in the Treasure Hunt around the village. The day closed with a Songs of Praise, and the congregation's unaccompanied singing of the final hymn, "Thine be the Glory" really raised the roof. More than one Glen Resident commented on how great it was to hear the sound of joyful singing in St Drostan's again.

We had quite a few visitors from our Churches in the Mid to Southern part of the Diocese who had not been to St Drostan's before and were impressed by the tranquillity of Glenesk and the facilities available at the Lodge. Most were also unaware of the help available to congregational groups from the Diocese Murray Scarlett Glenesk Fund which will pay the cost of the stay and also an additional contribution towards the cost of food. The purpose of this fund is to assist people from the Diocese to go to St Drostan's Lodge. It will pay for young people up to the age of eighteen, students in Further and Higher Education, and adults in special circumstances e.g.; receiving pension credit, Personal Independence Pay-

ment, Employment Support or Job Seekers Allowances. We would ask vestries to consider how their Church could utilise St Drostan's and also promote their mission. Please do apply: funds ARE available!

For more information about St Drostan's, see our website, which also has a photo gallery showing the inside and outside of the Lodge; www.stdrostans.org

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

Bishop Dalcy Dlamini of Swaziland and Bishop Betsey Monnot of Iowa will be making short visits to Brechin after the Lambeth conference. There will be a programme of church and community visits, as well as the following events:

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 (office@brechin.anglican.org.uk) by 3rd August.

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.

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.

Get in touch with Claire, the new Diocesan Children and Youth Officer

Claire Benton-Evans 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.

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).

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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