

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

10th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday 2020

The pandemic meant a prohibition on outdoor 'events' including normal Remembrance Sunday services at war memorials throughout Scotland. Small gatherings took place and 'Doorstep' Remembrance took place at 11am on Remembrance Sunday. The current Covid-19 regulations in Scotland meant church services, with the many safety mitigations in place, could still be held in all areas, so acts of remembrance took place at SEC (and other denominational) churches on Sunday, 8th November 2020.

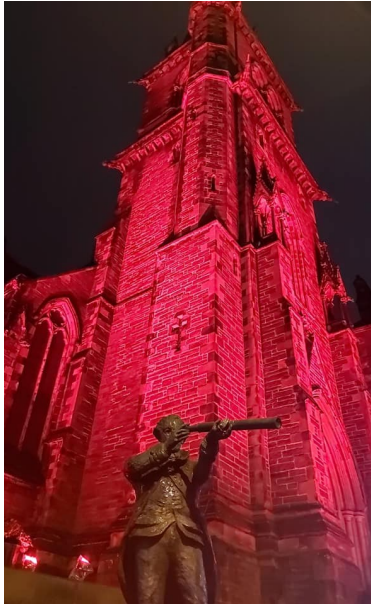


Image of the illumination of St Paul's Cathedral Dundee on Sunday 8th Nov by www.dundeebylight.co.uk for Remembrance Sunday. Photo credit: Paul Hastie Gray via Facebook.

Signs of Life and Hope

Written by Rev David Gordon

Despite the "changes and chances" of this ongoing pandemic, I have recently been feeling blessed in my ministry at All Souls and St. Paul's Cathedral. On 18th October at All Souls, we were fortunate to celebrate the Baptism of wee Elizabeth Scott who should have been baptised earlier in the year but wasn't due to lockdown. Elizabeth and her family are regulars at All Souls and her baptism was a joyous occasion shared live not only with the congregation but, via the wonders of Zoom, with friends in Australia, Ireland and California (where it was 3am!).

On Saturday 24th October I was privileged to marry Jane Livingstone and Kieran Fitzmaurice in St. Paul's Cathedral. Although numbers were diminished due to some family being unable to travel from Ireland because of the restrictions, there was a real sense of joy in the Cathedral - and outside in the street. Despite Covid-19, we still had a string quartet, organ,



Screenshot from Jane & Kieran's Wedding

hymns (sung by a Cantor), the Cathedral bells, and a piper on the steps of the Cathedral. The Service was live streamed so that the folks in Ireland and elsewhere could take part. I found it really touching that shoppers and passers-by gathered spontaneously outside the Cathedral to support and applaud this young couple setting out on their new life together. It was so lovely to see this deeply human, hopeful, sign of solidarity, and I thanked Jane and Kieran for going ahead with their wedding – an inspiring light in dark times.

On Wednesday 28th October, it was a privilege to attend the Induction of the two new ministers of Invergowrie Parish Church, Rev. Marc Prowe and Rev. Catriona Morrison. I was joined in the congregation by John Parry and Val Beveridge from All Souls - a generous inclusion, I thought, amid tight restrictions on attendance. I thought it remarkable that the commemoration of All Souls, and the "Piskie" community of All Souls, both got a mention from the Rev. Dr. Marjorie MacLean in her address. How's that for a Presbyterian sermon! It was truly lovely to share in prayer and fellowship with the Parish Church and Presbytery. It was also lovely to speak with Marc and Catriona, and we pledged to continue the custom of our two churches working together in Invergowrie.

As Bishop Alan Scarfe said in his address at the Zoom Bishop Forbes Service on 11th October (I am paraphrasing!), this time of pandemic is our time in which we are to discover how to be the Church in new and surprising ways, as well as old and traditional ones, doing what we can to give hope and shed light in our darkened world. Amen to that.

Death of Jon Leslie, vestry member at St James' Stonehaven.

It is with very heavy heart that I have to announce to you the sudden death of Jon Leslie, husband of Edward Dickens.

Our sympathies, our love and our prayers go out to Edward, Jon's mum and dad and family and to the congregation of St. James' Stonehaven who are supporting Edward in this heavy loss.

Rest in Peace Jon.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

Very Rev Fay M Lamont

Vacancy in Brechin Diocese: Carnoustie & Monifieth

This coming Friday there will be an advertisement in the 'Church Times' for a priest to serve the SEC churches in Carnoustie and Monifieth, Holy Rood and Holy Trinity.



Holy Trinity Monifieth

Holy Rood Carnoustie has been vacant for nearly two years since the short ministry by the Rev David DeVerny

and Holy Trinity Monifieth has been vacant since the summer when Canon Kenneth Gibson moved to be Interim Rector at St Mary Magdalene, Dundee.

The post advertised is for a 'Priest in Charge' and 'Transitional Minister' - the role involves settling the shared ministry between the charges, building up the strong lay



Holy Rood Carnoustie

teams in both churches and working on the mission and ministry of both churches in their different communities. The churches are sharing the costs and ministry, with the financial support of the Diocese to assist in getting the ministry started.

Please keep both church communities and any potential candidates for the post in your prayers.

Voting begins for Dundee City Participatory Budgeting

Voting is now open for Dundee Participatory Budgeting (PB) 2020. PB allows groups to apply for funding to start or develop projects that benefit the local community, and the public can then vote to decide which projects receive funding.

The focus this year, with the effects of the pandemic, is bringing people together and community wellbeing. There are 13 projects applying for funding this year and each person can vote for up to five projects.

Details of how to view all of the project pitches and vote can be found on the Dundee PB 2020 Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/dundeepb/> or you can go directly to <https://cos.communitychoices.scot> to view the projects and vote.

Everyone in Dundee is able to vote. Voting closes on 22 November and results will be announced on Friday 4th December.

Church Life in Lockdown: Online worship

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online even as some live worship starts to become possible: this will continue indefinitely even as we start to plan for physical gatherings. The two services, which are led by SEC clergy and lay readers from around the Province, are:

- Thursday—'Service of the Word' at 6.30pm
- Sunday—Eucharist at 11am

There are more details and downloads of previous weeks' services at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

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