

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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COP26 Glasgow Special Edition #3

COP26: 1—12 November 2021

COP26 is now coming to a close, and the SEC website continues to share COP26 related news, daily worship and information at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/cop26/>

The SEC is also committed to achieve Carbon-Zero by 2030: becoming carbon neutral in our church lives. Work is taking place at Provincial level and is planned at Diocesan level to produce guidance on how to achieve this. Watch out for more information.

SEC Presence at COP Related Events

The Primus was present as part of the 100,000 strong march in Glasgow, as part of the faith and beliefs groups block of marchers, along with other SEC members. He's shown (on the right side of the banner in purple cassock) with the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and other faith leaders.



Bishop Kevin (Glasgow and Galloway), Bishop Ian (St Andrew's Dunkeld and Dunblane) and the Primus were all present at an ecumenical service with international guests for COP26 in the C of S Glasgow Cathedral on Sunday evening. Clergy from that service shown below.



Bishop Andrew at Scottish Interfaith Week- COP26 Panel Discussion at Al Maktoum Coll.

Bishop Andrew was a panellist with Dr Husam Al-Waer (Sustainable Urban Planning) from the University of Dundee and Professor Anne Magurran (Biodiversity) from the University of St Andrew's at an online symposium hosted by Al Maktoum College in Dundee as part of COP26 and Scottish Interfaith Week.



The Zoom panellists at the Al Maktoum Symposium

The day engaged with issues of climate change and environmental justice with a theme of 'Together for our Planet', asking how faith, ethics and science can influence change in this global environmental crisis, inspiring and empowering adherents to action.

Beyond COP26: keeping up momentum:

- The Diocesan Eco Working Group will be finding ways to support all charges to understand their carbon footprint and how to engage with reducing and balancing this.
- Continue to pray for/preach on: the integrity of Creation; the wonders of our planet; those affected by climate injustices; the importance of preventing global warming; the leaders involved in making momentous decisions; and those working on behalf of our Church in relation to climate change.
- Sign up to be an 'Eco-congregation' with <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>. Several churches in the diocese are members: all are encouraged to join. The basic membership is a statement of intent, then 'bronze', 'silver' and 'gold' awards are made as actions are taken. Eco-congregation also have a great deal of useful guidance on their website to help charges engage in very practical ways with climate justice issues.

Launch of Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee: First Annual "Cathedral Thinking" Talk

Cathedral Thinking – a chance to consider a topical issue in a different light and a deeper perspective. Cathedral thinking is sometimes used to mean the opposite of a quick fix, the kind of long-term planning and commitment needed to build, for instance, a cathedral. In Cathedral Thinking we hear speakers tell us about their work in this perspective – and in a cathedral. The inaugural speaker is Jacky Close, of Faith in Community, Dundee, who will speak about community engagement with the title: "Experts by Experience".

The event will also be the launch event for the 'Friends of St Paul's Cathedral', a charity supporting the work of the Cathedral in the City.

RSVP by November 15th please, with numbers attending (for catering) to: Alice Simpson, Chair – alice.simpson27@gmail.com or Sue Tindell, Secretary – suetindell@hotmail.com.

Scottish Episcopal Institute presents: 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](#).

Memorial Service: 21 Nov 2021 The Reverend David Shepherd

A Memorial Service is being held on Sunday 21 November at 4pm in St. Mary Magdalene's Church. This Choral Evensong is to give thanks for the Life and Ministry of the Reverend David Shepherd. Clergy are invited to robe (Choir Dress—cassock, surplice/cotta and scarf). An invitation is extended to our wider Diocesan family to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For further details contact Rev Canon Kenneth Gibson at kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com

Faith in Community Dundee Workshop: Fit for Funding

Jacky Close, from Faith in Community Dundee, will be facilitating this workshop, looking at how we apply for funding for our community focussed activities. This practical and informative workshop will address the key aspects of applying for funding. This workshop is suitable for people who are new or newer to funding. During this workshop we will cover:

- How to communicate your ideas effectively in a funding application
- Project Planning checklist – do you have everything you need?
- Jargon – what are aims, targets, outputs, outcomes, indicators?
- Developing a budget
- Where to access funding – information about local and national funders (we will focus on Dundee Funders and national funders)
- If you're successful – what about reports and budgeting?

The workshop is taking place Thursday 18th November 9.30am-12.30 @ City Church, Tullidelph Road, Dundee. Please book via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fit-for-funding-workshop-tickets-195199816907>

Covid-19 Update

An update has been issued last week to the SEC [guidance for Covid](#). This is a essentially 'housekeeping' exercise to update guidance etc. and does not change the rules of guidance we should be following. Do continue to be careful as the virus remains very present in our communities.

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

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