

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

14th July 2022

The Great St Drostan's Day Picnic & Diocesan BBQ in Glensk: 17th July 2022

We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming the St Drostan's Diocesan Retreat Centre Picnic and free BBQ this year, in the afternoon of Sunday 17th July 2022 at Tarfside in Glensk.

Why not bring a group from your church and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Glensk and have a look around the Lodge while you are there.



A Right Reverend Haggis at the St Drostan's Day BBQ in 2019

In addition to the BBQ burgers, we will provide tea, coffee and soft drinks.

We will be having a treasure hunt which will allow a gentle walk around Tarfside, and will be finishing with a "Songs of Praise" in the Church at 4.30.

Please come along anytime from about 2.00 pm, no need to let us know, just turn up with your friends!



St Drostan's Lodge (photo St Drostan's website)

Note: St Drostan's church and the Tarfside Lodge are a self-catering facility in the Diocese of Brechin <http://www.stdrostans.org/>. Up to seventeen people can be accommodated and there is great flexibility on booking dates and exclusive use of the facilities for the group booking. Available dates for the Lodge can be seen on the web address above. There is Diocesan financial support available for young people and adults who receive support to attend. Please contact the office for details.

Lambeth Conference 27th July to 7th August 2022

The Lambeth Conference, to be held from late July to early August 2022, is a regular gathering of bishops from all of the Anglican Communion. The last conference was held in 2008, and the present one, delayed to 2020, has been further delayed by the pandemic.



From the Lambeth website (www.lambethconference.org):

"Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2022, the Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of Anglican bishops. The conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead.

"The conference theme is 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together.' The conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

"Meeting around every ten years since 1867, the Lambeth Conference is one of the four Instruments of Unity in the Anglican Communion. The 2022 meeting will be the 15th Lambeth Conference."

Bishop Andrew and Mary will be attending (in recent conferences it has become the custom for most bish-

op's spouses to also attend the conference and share some activities and have a programme of their own.

There is some controversy for this Lambeth, as there almost always is. The cost of attendance for UK, US and other minority/western Anglican is relatively high. This is to subsidise delegates from parts of the world where there are insufficient resources for them to fund their own attendance. The fees were paid in 2020, before the pandemic delayed the conference, so this does not affect current church finances.

More worryingly, the spouses of bishops in same-sex relationships have not been invited to the conference. This is something that the Scottish bishops and their spouses are uncomfortable with: the rationale behind the non-invitation was to try and bridge the gap to encourage the attendance of Anglican churches where same-sex relationships are not considered a norm. The Archbishop of Canterbury has, we understand, discussed this with all those not invited. The non-invited spouses have been invited to parallel events running at Canterbury. For Bishop Andrew and Mary the desire to be in the room and to challenge the injustice of such decisions seems a more effective means of engagement than a boycott. Some African churches have boycotted the conference, even given these constraints on invitations.

Please keep the Lambeth Conference and the Scottish delegates in your prayers in the final days of preparations. Short bulletins from Lambeth are planned for the SEC/Brechin as the conference proceeds.

Post-Lambeth Visit by Companion Bishops: early 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 a Celebration service in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee at 6.15pm on Sunday 14th August.

Details of other elements of the visit will be shared in the next few weeks—there will be opportunities to meet and greet the bishops as well as space for them to see a little of Scotland after the time spent in Canterbury.

Get in touch with the new 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.

Diary dates for clergy and other new roles starting in the Diocese:

Saturday 13th August—time 11am—Institution of Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale as Rector of St Mary's Broughty Ferry. Service of institution followed by a reception. Invitations will be going out imminently, and anyone who wishes to attend and welcome Mark-Aaron, Çiğil and Winston-James to the Diocese would be very welcome to attend. Please contact the office for details. The Tisdale family will be moving from Peterborough Diocese to Dundee in the next few weeks, so please keep them in your prayers.



Çiğil, Winston-James and Mark-Aaron Tisdale

Sunday 21st August—afternoon—details to be confirmed Claire Benton-Evans started as the Diocesan Children and Youth Officer on the 1st July, and a commissioning service (and hopefully some other activities) will be held that afternoon to mark this new start. Please watch this space for details.



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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