

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

16th June 2022

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church 2022: Report



Members of Synod gathering for the 'Thursdays in Black' Campaign against gender-based violence

The annual General Synod of the SEC met in Edinburgh last week in a 'hybrid' format with both in-person and online 'Zoom' participation. The first reading (of two readings) of a new Canon for the election of bishops, Canon 4, was passed following much debate and will come to Diocesan Synods for review in 2023 and to General Synod for a second and final reading, also in 2023. The proposed canon has more flexibility on time-scales and shortlists and also works for a greater degree of confidentiality. The Synod also approved 'gender inclusive' changes to the 1982 liturgy so these are now part of the official liturgies of the church.

Many reports on areas of the life of the church and the church's boards and committees were received. The business of setting quota and budgets for the Province assuming deficit budgets for the next few years. These deficits are in part to minimise the financial burdens on, and to support Diocese and Charges as they recover from the pandemic and face the current financial crises.

Special attention was paid to the refugee crisis in Ukraine and to the ongoing work to try and achieve carbon-zero in the SEC by 2030. And socialising between the representatives of different Dioceses was at last possible for the first time since 2019!

Please watch this space for some other reports from some of the Brechin delegates at the Synod.

Faith in Community Dundee: Online Introduction to "Funeral Link" 21st June at 7pm.

Funeral Link is A Dundee based charity aiming to prevent hardship as a result of paying for a funeral.

You may already be aware of the work of Funeral Link or they might be completely new to you. This session aims to provide an update on how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed how Funeral Link operate and how they can work together with the faith community to provide support for families in our community who may struggle to afford a funeral. Linda Sterry, the Manager of Funeral Link, will be providing information on the support they can offer.

Tue, 21 June 2022, 19:00 – 20:00 BST

If this is of interest to you, please book [through EventBrite](#).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-funeral-link-online-tickets-331796140187>

"Rest and Be Thankful" at the Solas Festival: 17-19 June 2022, Errol Park.

The Solas festival is a relaxed, family-friendly festival where art meets with justice and faith. This summer it will be held at Errol Park near Dundee from 17-19 June, and it is popular with church groups and families. For children there will be Fischy Music, face painting, puppet making, a dance workshop, circus skills with Gaelic and more!



This year's spirituality and wellbeing programme is called "Rest and Be Thankful": highlights include talks from Pádraig Ó Tuama, the music of Siskin Green and a COP26 installation on God's 7 days of Creation by Carol Marples, specialist in art and pray-

er. For more information or to book tickets visit www.solasfestival.co.uk

Pilgrimage: St Paul's Cathedral Dundee to Invergowrie: 10th July 2022

A summer mini-pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 10 July from St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, to All Souls Church, Invergowrie starting at:

2.00pm from the Cathedral steps
3.00pm from outside Bridgeview Restaurant
(join here if you want a shorter walk or an easier place to park)

The pilgrimage will arrive c. 4.00pm at the Dargie Kirk, Invergowrie and going from there to All Souls Invergowrie for refreshments and Evening Prayer.

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

A date for your diaries!

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

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

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.



The St Drostan's BBQ in full swing in 2017

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

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

Saturday 25th June—11am—Licensing of Rev Roxanne Campbell as Priest in Charge and Transitional Minister of St Martin's Dundee.

Sunday 26th June—6.15pm—Choral Evensong with licensing of Rev Roxanne Campbell as 'Priest for Outreach' at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.

Saturday 13th August—time TBC—Institution of Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale as Rector of St Mary's Broughty Ferry.

Sunday 21st August—afternoon—details TBC Claire Benton-Evans starts 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.

Diocesan Environmental Working Group (DEWG)

In the lead up to the 2030 Net Zero goal adopted by General Synod 2020 we are seeking new members of the DEWG to support charges in the diocese to work towards this goal.

In particular we are looking for those who have experience with working with historical building regulations, planning and fund-raising applications, and those who might have some background in/working knowledge of environmental sciences and renewable energy.

If this is something that you feel you might be able to help with, or you would like some further information please contact the DEWG via office@brechin.anglican.org.



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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