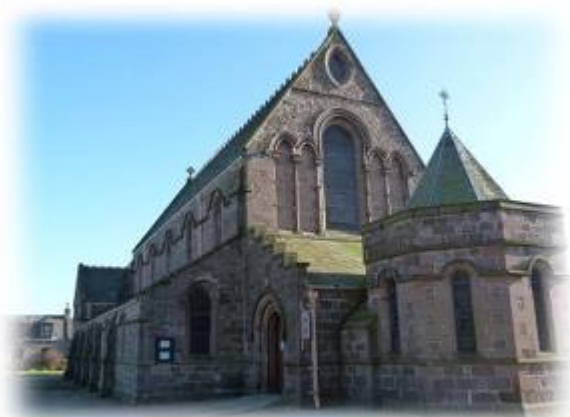


Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

20th January 2022

Rev Mary Jepp Licensing Services this Saturday in Muchalls & Stonehaven: 22nd Jan 2022

The Rev Mary Jepp will start her ministry as the priest in charge and 'transitional minister' for St James' Stonehaven and St Ternan's Muchalls this weekend. Mary has now moved to Aberdeenshire from Portsmouth Diocese and was the SEC Rector of Kilmarnock prior to that.



St James Stonehaven

Mary will have two licensing services to mark the beginning of this ministry, both this Saturday, 22nd January. These will take place as follows:

11am: St James' Stonehaven

3pm: St Ternan's Muchalls



St Ternan's Muchalls

Please contact the charges directly or the diocese (office@brechin.anglican.org) if you wish to attend—there will be limited Covid-safe catering on offer after the Stonehaven licensing. Clergy/lay readers are welcome to robe. Choir dress if you have it available.

Cathedral eco-challenges



From 'The Rock', the cathedral e-newsletter: New Year's Resolutions: Turn over a new leaf with the Gardening challenge - overhaul your Food, Energy, or Transport - or just Live Simply. The Eco Group's five sets of Climate Challenges are up on the Cathedral website for you to download.

<https://www.saintpaulscathedral.net/eco-group/>

Covid-19: No Change this Weekend



The First Minister announced this week that many of the enhanced Covid regulations are going to be relaxed from Monday, the 24th of January. The Advisory Group of the Scottish Episcopal Church will be meeting this week, and revised guidance/FAQs etc. will be then issued. For this coming weekend (22nd & 23rd Jan) the current guidance on physical distancing, the suspension of normal self-service refreshments and the other 'Omicron' constraints still apply.

The relaxed constraints will take us back to where we were before Christmas 2021. For future planning for e.g. choir spacing, household distancing, more relaxed serving of refreshments at services and other outreach events, it is reasonable to assume we will be as we were in November and December last year. Face coverings remain mandatory, the use of LFD testing should still be done, ventilation where practi-

cal and above all, all are encouraged to get boosters whenever possible.

Please keep checking for any SEC updates at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

Edinburgh-based SECMA Vacancy

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (SECMA) have asked that we share this advert for their new SECRETARY

Part-time: 14 hours per week over 3 days

Salary: £9.70 per hour



Applicants must have a working knowledge of desktop publishing and have an interest in supporting development projects in the third-world. Duties include production of the twice-yearly SECMA magazine and other publications, as required, servicing the SECMA committee and management of the office. The applicant must be well motivated, flexible and able to work unsupervised in SECMA's Edinburgh office.

Further information and an application form from secma@live.co.uk or from SECMA, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 5EE.

Closing date for applications; 28/02/2022.

Reading the Bible like an Episcopalian



Reading the Bible like an Episcopalian was a series of talks by the Rev Dr Mike Hull, Director of Studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute. The talks, delivered during the 2021 Season of Advent, reflected upon ways in which Episcopalians understand Holy Scripture.

Following the conclusion of the lecture series, they have now been made available online at the Scottish Episcopal Church's YouTube channel.

More information, and links to the talks can be found at the [SEC website](#).

Clergy and vestry secretaries will also be emailed with updates from the communications team at General Synod Office.

Companionship Dioceses:

New Diocesan Prayer Diary—imminent

This year's prayer diary for Iowa, eSwatini and Brechin is just about to be issued. The changes in all three dioceses have now been completed to watch this space for the new version!



eSwatini—Memorial Orchard

An orchard is being planted in eSwatini in 'green' memory of the late Bishop Ellinah—read about it on Facebook [here](#), with details if anyone wishes to know more.

Diocesan Council decided this month to donate funds to allow one tree to be planted for each of the charges in Brechin diocese. News of progress will be shared.

Many thanks again to all those churches that have been able to help the ongoing humanitarian issues in eSwatini with generous donations from special collections in the Christmas period. Your help is so, so important!

Online Worship in the Pandemic

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online every week. A Sunday service, each from one of the Dioceses, is continuing in the form of a service broadcast at 11am each Sunday. This will continue beyond the pandemic.

This service has an option to hear the worship by telephone for those without internet access. There are more details of each week's services at:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

Email the office on office@brechin.anglican.org