

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

29th September 2022

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and service of the late Queen held at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

A service of thanksgiving for the late Queen was held last Sunday in the cathedral in Dundee. The Lord Provost, Bill Campbell, the official representative of the Queen in Dundee, was present and read a lesson. The Lord



The Lord Lyon reflects (Photo St Paul's)

Lyons, King of Arms, Joe Morrow, offered a reflection on his own extensive involvement in the funeral and memorial arrangements for the late Queen, as well as the accession process for King Charles. The Lord



Neil and Kevin lead the prayers (Photo St Paul's)

Congregational prayers were led by ecumenical representatives from the Church of Scotland (Mr Neil Campbell, Presbytery of Fife) and the Roman Catholic church (Very Revd Kevin Canon Golden, Administrator, St Andrew's RC Cathedral). An augmented choir gave excellent support to the thanksgiving service, with the whole evening arranged by Provost Elizabeth, Stuart Muir the Pastoral Musician and Rev Roxanne Campbell, the cathedral priest for outreach.

The service concluded with the singing of 'God Save the King': still feeling somewhat strange to sing the changed words. The congregation then shared light refreshments in the cathedral.

Autumn Synod for Brechin Diocese: 1st October 2022 at St Ninian's Dundee

An Autumn Synod has been called by Bishop Andrew to focus on the carbon net-zero target set for the Scottish Episcopal Church for 2030, and to receive the diocesan accounts for 2021 (just audited). Some business on budget and quota setting is also planned

The members of Synod should have received their formal calling notice and notice of motions for the meeting. Anyone else who is interested in the church's environmental plans or any of the other business is welcome to attend as an observer. Please contact the office (see below) for details.

Please pray for a constructive Autumn Synod.

Bishop Forbes' Evensong: 9th October

The annual Diocesan Evensong to Commemorate the life and work of Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes, foundational former Bishop of Brechin, will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday the 9th October. The guest preacher is the Very Rev Margi Campbell, Provost of Oban Cathedral and Dean of Argyll and The Isles.

All are very welcome to attend. Clergy and Lay Readers are invited to robe, in choir dress or the equivalent - if you would like to robe please let the office know (for seating purposes).

Exhibition of COP26 Stitches for Survival scarf at the Cathedral until 2nd October 2022

This is an opportunity to come and see some timely and beautiful artwork from the "Stitches for Survival" 1.5km climate message scarf. This was previously on display at Glasgow Green last November during the Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow. The panels will be on display at the Cathedral in Dundee until the 2nd of October. The cathedral is open most days.



The scarf at COP26

REFRESH! ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: New resources and ideas for children and families in church

Saturday 29 October 10am – 1pm at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee



Do you want to try something new this Christmas? Wondering how to engage families since the pandemic? No time to research new resources? Looking for fresh inspiration?

Claire Benton-Evans, the new Children and Youth Officer, will lead an interactive half-day workshop for the Diocese, full of fresh ideas, recommended resources and new things to try for Advent and Christmas. All clergy, lay readers, lay leaders and volunteers are welcome.

Book your free place by emailing Claire at youth@brechin.anglican.org

Music in the Diocese this Autumn:

Lunchtime Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral on Fridays: 7th October onwards

St. Paul's Cathedral has announced the return of their lunchtime concerts. The autumn series gets underway on Friday 7th October at 1.00 pm with a welcome return from pianist David Mowle. David is no stranger to St Paul's, who are delighted to be able to welcome him to play the cathedral's fine Blüthner grand piano to launch the new concert series.

During the series, the cathedral will welcome guitarist Matthew McAllister, Scots fiddle player Alastair Savage accompanied on piano and accordion by Gregor Blamey, as well as Kim Duncan on oboe and recorder, accompanied on piano by Robert Duncan... hopefully, something for everyone this term!

Each concert will last 45 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day and coffee/tea and cake will be served after each concert giving the audience the chance to meet and chat with the performers as well as with each other.

“Members’ Night” Recital at St Mary Magdalene’s, Dundee

On Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm, Tayside Organists’ Society and St. Mary Magdalene’s will be hosting a recital to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. Come and enjoy a night of music by J S Bach, Parry, Stanford, Tambling and Buxtehude. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Revisions to the SEC Daily Prayer: Your help needed

The Liturgy Committee has been asked to revise the SEC Daily Prayer, and to help it with that process it would like to learn how Daily Prayer is part of our life today.

An online questionnaire is now available, and the committee asks that anyone interested can spare just five minutes to complete it, please. Submissions can be anonymous, unless the respondent wishes to be contacted.

In the introduction to the questionnaire, the committee says: “This is not intended to 'catch you out', or to find out who's not doing what! It is an attempt to be honest as we think about changes to Daily Prayer over the next few years, so that any change echoes the needs of the church.”

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#).



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have upcoming events of interest to the whole diocese and stories and photos of events around the diocese, we would love to share these in the bulletin.

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