

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

9nd June 2022

Thanksgiving for Bishop Ted Luscombe held at Dundee St Paul's Cathedral

A service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rt Rev Dr Ted Luscombe, former Bishop of Brechin and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, was held in Dundee on Tuesday 7th June 2022.



Bishop Idris Jones gives the main address

Speakers included the present Primus, Bishop Ted's daughter Jean and, giving the main address, Bishop Idris Jones, former Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway and also a former Primus. Bishop Idris had been (then) Provost Luscombe's first curates in Dundee in the mid 1970s, and was also an incumbent in Brechin Diocese under Bishop Ted in the 1980s.

Also present were the current Bishop of Brechin and Bishops Bob Halliday and Nigel Peyton, the surviving former Bishops of Brechin. The cathedral was well filled with people from many parts of Bishop Ted's life and ministry. Many members of churches from the Brechin Diocese attended, showing how his influence remained strong, even after more than 30 years since retirement.

Bishop Ted died in early May after some months of illness, and had a small, private family funeral. This memorial service was the 'official' church thanksgiving for such a significant leader in the life of the SEC and the Anglican Communion.



SEC Secretary General John Stuart reads a lesson.

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church: 9th to 11th June 2022

The annual General Synod for the SEC will meet in Edinburgh this week, for an in-person gathering for the first time since 2019. Brechin Diocese is represented by twelve representatives, six lay member and six clergy members, as well as the Bishop. As reported last week, business this year includes a first reading of a new Canon for the election of bishops, Canon 4, following much work to improve this process. The Synod will also be asked to give formal approval of the 'gender inclusive' and other changes to the 1982 liturgy that the church has been using in various form since 2010, as well as 'pastoral offices' for use of clergy and lay ministers. Work on mission, ministry and towards achieving Carbon-Zero will all be reviewed, as well as vital policy developments in the church's ethical investing.



The SEC General Synod meets in P's & G's Church in Edinburgh

Please keep this 'in-person' Synod in your prayers as people connect, network and make decisions about the future direction of our church. For further information on the Synod or any of the business involved, please contact the office on office@brechin.anglican.org

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.

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

Pilgrimage—Planning for Brechin



Watch out for developments on possible ‘pilgrimage’ activities in the Diocese. Various churches are working on local pilgrimage possibilities and Diocesan Council will be exploring what might be possible in clusters or across the wider Diocese. We are still in a

whole Scottish Episcopal Church ‘Season of Pilgrimage’, and as the pandemic has eased, more and more could be possible. If you have an interest in supporting or being involved in the arrangement of these pilgrimage activities, please contact the Diocesan Office on office@brechin.anglican.org.

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—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.

Provincial Building Grants

Is work needed on your church buildings or Rectories? Is funding tight for you right now? Now is a good time to apply for the next round of SEC Provincial Building Grants. There are some details of the help that is available on the [SEC website](#). For details or to apply, please contact Allan Duffus, Diocesan Treasurer, on:

allanmargaretduffus@btinternet.com



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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