

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

10th November 2022

Remembrance Sunday 2022 & Scottish Festival of Remembrance

Bishop Andrew writes: This Sunday is the annual commemoration of those who have died in the wars of the 20th century and continue to die in armed conflicts today. Starting as 'Armistice Sunday' after the Great War of 1914-1918, this has become a regular UK-wide event in civic and church spaces over the century.



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The emphasis on commemorating those who died in the service of peace feels a key theme in the complex world in which we live, where geo-politics and the legality of warfare can seem blurred. The service that individual men and women are willing to offer in the name of global security and peace is unambiguous and apolitical, as is the suffering that innocent civilians face when warfare breaks out in their home countries.

This year, as ever, many of our churches will hold small acts of remembrance at 11am on the nearest Sunday to the 11th of November.

Festival of Remembrance 2022

The SEC was represented at the Royal British Legion Scotland (RBL) annual 'Festival of Remembrance', held at the Caird Hall in Dundee on Saturday 5th November as Bishop Andrew, along with Rev Gordon Campbell, Chaplain to RBL in this area, and Bishop Stephen Robson of the Roman Catholic church, led an act of Remembrance at the end of the concert. The band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland performed, as did the championship-winning pipe band of the High School of Dundee. Singing were Broughty Ferry Soprano Alison Ross and Chelsea Pensioner (and Britain's Got Talent winner 2017) Colin Thackery.

To be part of a Christian act of worship in an evening of remembrance for all who have served in the name of peace felt very privileged. The work of RBL supports veterans in times of crisis, including helping them cope with physical and mental illness and providing financial support for crisis situations. They run the Lady Haig poppy appeal for Scotland.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (25/11-10/12) & "Reclaim the Night" March

'16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence' is a yearly international campaign running from 25 Nov until 10th Dec, calling for an end to violence against women and girls globally. There is a full programme of events around Dundee and Angus - information about these can be found [here](#).

The annual 'Reclaim the Night' march is on **Monday 28th November**, gathering on Magdalene Green at 18:30, and ending at the V&A with guest speakers. If you'd like to march with others from around the Diocese a group, being organised by Rev'd Roxanne Campbell, will gather outside the V&A at 18:15 and walk together to Magdalene Green. All welcome.

Even if you can't make any of the events, the 16 Days are a good time to consider the ways in which our churches are safe spaces for women and girls. Some things to consider might be:

- Contact details for support services such as Women's Aid and WRASAC being displayed on notice boards.
- Raising awareness of how church members should respond effectively to disclosures of abuse.
- Including those affected by Gender Based Violence in prayers of intercession

Music in the Diocese this Autumn:

Lunchtime Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral on Fridays: 18th Nov next event

St. Paul's Cathedral's last concert of the autumn/winter series will take place on the 18th November. This concert will include Kim Duncan on oboe and recorder, accompanied on piano by Robert Duncan. Details are at <https://www.saintpaulscathedral.net/concerts/>. Tickets available at the door.

Tayside Opera Winter Concert

Tayside Opera (featuring Canon Michael Turner) will host their Winter Concert on Friday 2nd December 2022 at 7.30pm at West Church hall, Dundee. <https://www.taysideopera.com>

SEI Advent Course 2022:

'Anglican' Christianity: A four-part webinar series (Mondays at 7pm)

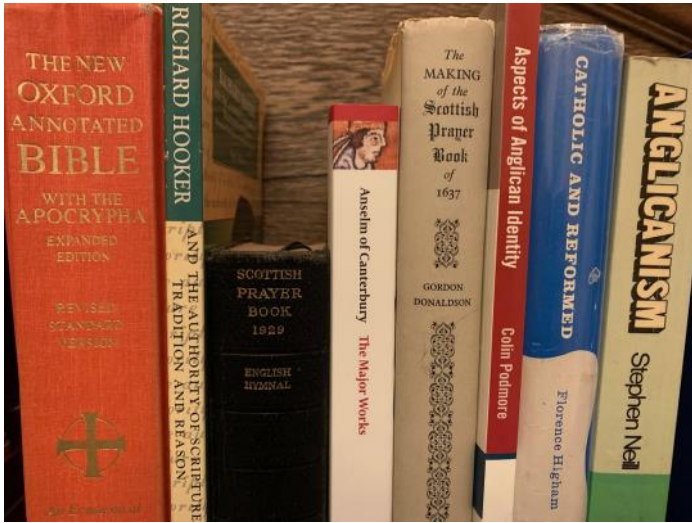


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Over 40 Churches around the globe, consisting of no less than 85 million people, identify themselves as 'Anglican'. Yet, Anglicans are divided among themselves in terms of doctrine and practice as was demonstrated in the most recent Lambeth Conference (Summer 2022). This Series looks to four staples that Anglicans have classically identified as the bases of their doctrine and practice to highlight harmony rather than discord.

The SEI Advent series will be offered on the Mondays of Advent 2022 from 7pm to 7.30pm (Edinburgh time) in four 30-minute webinars, each of which will be posted on YouTube. Presented by Revd Dr Michael Hull, SEI Director of Studies and Tutor, the series is meant to be a resource for Anglicans (Episcopalians) to use creatively during the Season of Advent, for example as a refresher course for individuals or a conversation starter for church groups, with discussion questions at the end of each webinar.

1. Holy Scripture: 'all things necessary to salvation' and the rule of faith (Monday 28 November)
2. The Apostles' and Nicene Creeds: symbols and statements of faith (Monday 5 December)
3. The Dominical Sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Monday 12 December)
4. The Episcopate: a universal and locally adopted means of unity (Monday 19 December)

Registration is free and all are welcome to join. The link to register is [here](#).

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

Resources to help with living costs

There is lots of excellent guidance for anyone struggling with the current cost of living crisis. Local authorities are gathering information together on benefits, energy and food support and other ways that help can be found: churches can share this with members or anyone who approaches for help. Some good resource sites for the areas covered by the Diocese are:

Aberdeenshire: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/cost-of-living/>

Angus: <https://www.angus.gov.uk/benefits-and-money-advice/help-with-the-cost-of-living>

Dundee: <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/costofliving>

Perth and Kinross: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/costofliving>

Scotland: <https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/>

Warm spaces/Cosy Spaces

Many churches are offering warm spaces this winter as part of various Council-led initiatives. Look for info on social media and on Council resource pages.

"Big Coat" Project at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee

Donations of warm winter jackets and coats are needed for St. Mary Magdalene's 'Big Coat' Project over the winter months. Women's and men's coats are accepted but they are especially short on men's. Please contact Rev Canon Kenneth for further details: Tel: 07825554419 or email: kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com

If you are running any projects and need help, please let us know and we can raise that in future editions of the Bulletin.

Provincial Online Worship: from Brechin Diocese this Sunday, 13th November 2022 at 10.50am

The regular Sunday morning online worship for the Province comes from St Mary Magdalene's Dundee for Remembrance Sunday. The service begins slightly earlier than usual so the Act of Remembrance at 11am can be shared. The livestream service will be led by Canon Kenneth Gibson and will be shared at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>