

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

12th January 2023

Funeral Held for Ann Loades CBE—1938-2022 at St Paul's Cathedral Dundee

The funeral for Professor Ann Loades CBE, one of the leading academic theologians in the UK in modern times, took place in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee on Monday 9th January 2023. The video of the service can be seen on the cathedral's YouTube stream here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NINT8aQfdw>. A lovely tribute to Anne by Rev Professor David Jasper, Episcopal priest and friend and colleague of Anne's, was published in the Scottish Episcopal Institute Winter Journal <https://1b8aae.n3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-64-SEI-Journal-Winter.pdf>.



Professor David Jasper preaches (Image St Paul's Cathedral)

The funeral was conducted by Provost Elizabeth Thomson, assisted by Bishop Andrew, Bishop Gregor Duncan (former bishop of Glasgow and Galloway) and with David Jasper preaching. Please keep David Brown, Anne's great friend and all those who miss her in your prayers. The discussions at the Apex following the funeral were testament to her warmth, wit and personality. She will be greatly missed at the cathedral.

Music Events at St Mary Magdalene's Dundee: Feb 2023

Music at St Mary Magdalene's continues at 12.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. On 8th February the Carnoustie Traditionals will perform Scottish music. Concerts last approximately 30 minutes and tea and coffee are available.

If other charges have planned concerts, events or other items of interest to the wider diocese, please send details for Elliott so they can be advertised.

Request for PVG Safeguarding Reports from Charges: 13th January deadline

Revd Denise Herbert, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, wishes to remind Clergy, Vestry Secretaries and PVG Coordinators to complete the Provincial Office's new Safeguarding form and send it to her preferably by email, by absolute deadline of this Friday: **13th January**. Please contact her if there is any problem about this. Please do help so Denise can complete her safeguarding report in time for the Diocesan Synod this spring.

New Year's Resolution? Diocesan Council & Diocesan Synod in 2023

Diocesan Council meetings for 2023 will be planned in the next few weeks. Council, which meets primarily by Zoom, oversees the governance of the diocese, supporting mission and ministry in the charges, working with the bishop on diocesan initiatives and helping with e.g. grant applications to the province and our own internal funds. There are posts to be filled for lay and ordained members of Council this March at the Diocesan Synod: if, as the New Year begins, you might be interested in serving, please contact Elliott in the office who can arrange for a discussion.

Diocesan Synod will take place on Saturday 4th March 2023 (venue to be confirmed) - this annual meeting reviews all activity in the diocese, appoints people to serve on diocesan and provincial committees and considers revisions to the Canons of the church. For this year, the financial review and accounts, plus budgets and quota for 2024 will be considered at an additional synod in the autumn.

A major canonical revision to be considered this year is a proposed change to Canon 4, the process for electing bishops in the Scottish Episcopal Church. This process is proposed to be changed to help ensure that dioceses choose their bishops in a confidential and effective way. Diocesan synod is attended by the serving clergy of the diocese and lay reps from the charges, but anyone is welcome to attend. There are always vacancies to be filled, e.g. to serve as alternate reps on the SEC General Synod in Edinburgh: please get in touch for a discussion about this vital support work!

Youth Events in the Diocese: Jan & Feb

Burns Night Special: Provincial Youth Event 28th & 29th January 2023, Montrose

St Mary and St Peter's Church, Montrose is hosting fun activities, games and food with a Burns Night theme, for teenagers (S1-S6) in the Scottish Episcopal Church and their friends! This is an overnight sleepover event on **28-29 January**, with the option to attend for Saturday only. £5 per person – snacks, dinner and breakfast included. Details and booking here: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthBurnsNight> or contact Claire youth@brechin.anglican.org

Refresh! Lent and Easter: Saturday 4 February at St Ninian's, Dundee 10am – 12.30pm

Following the success of the Christmas workshop, the Children and Youth Officer will lead an interactive workshop full of new things to try for Lent and Easter, including all-age Ash Wednesday and Good Friday activities. All clergy, lay readers, lay leaders and volunteers are welcome. Please email Claire to let her know you're coming: youth@brechin.anglican.org

Companionship Diocese Youth Pilgrimage to the USA: August 2023



Image: Claire Benton-Evans & [Mike from Pixabay](#)

The third leg of the Youth Pilgrimage with our companion dioceses in the USA and southern Africa is coming closer. Previous pilgrims from Scotland and Iowa travelled to the Diocese of Swaziland in Eswatini in 2014, then Americans and Africans came to be hosted in Dundee for the second leg in 2016. In August 2023, young pilgrims will be travelling from the Dioceses of Brechin and Swaziland to Iowa, where we will be hosted by Bishop Betsey and her team. Is there a young person (aged 18-25) connected to your church who would like to be a pilgrim? Further information will be shared and a flyer can be found [here](#). Anyone who is interested in taking part should contact Claire Benton-Evans: youth@brechin.anglican.org.

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

Resources to help with living costs

The ongoing crisis this winter has many people struggling to heat their homes and pay for food. There are some changes coming to energy support in the next few months: it is not clear who may find themselves in further difficulties but we will supply links to places that can help.

Please access the local authority website for local information in the area where you live. For the whole of Scotland there is information at:

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

Various projects and other initiatives are taking place in churches in the Diocese. These include:

Warm Spaces/Cosy Spaces: Maps

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. There is a Dundee City Map here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ddf901a89522437a9e5c3e1c0ccf2c7e>

And a national 'warm spaces' map that any church can register with is here: <https://warmspaces.org/register>

St Luke's Foodbank/Clothing Bank/Café

Please support with clothing for adults, food for food parcels for the St Luke's project. Drop in person (the café is open Tues & Weds 10am-3pm) or email kerry.dixon@churcharmy.org.

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

Donations of warm winter jackets and coats are still needed for St. Mary Magdalene's 'Big Coat' Project email: kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com



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. Email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org