

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

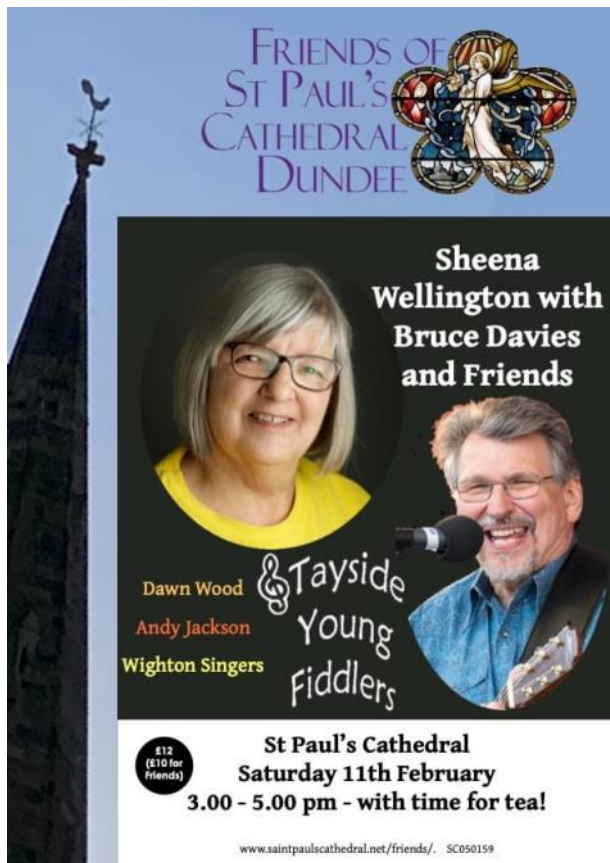
19th January 2023

Sheriff Sandy Wilkinson RIP

We have learned that Sheriff Sandy Wilkinson, once the Chancellor of the Diocese of Brechin, has recently died. In retirement, Sandy also acted as one of the Trustees of the Scottish Episcopal Church, until 2021. We will provide more details as they become available. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Music Events in February

Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral present a concert with Sheena Wellington, Bruce Davies and Friends



On Saturday 11th February from 3 to 5pm, St. Pauls Cathedral will host an afternoon concert. Sheena Wellington and Bruce Davies will be joined by Dawn Wood, Andy Jackson, the Wighton Singers and the Tayside Young Fiddlers. Tickets will cost £12 (£10 for members).

St Mary Magdalene's Dundee: Wednesday Concert for Feb 2023: 8th Feb

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.

Brechin Diocesan Council & Diocesan Synod 2023: Interested?

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 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 planned to be St Mary's Broughty Ferry) - 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. 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!

Change to the Canon to Elect Bishops

A major canonical revision to be considered at Diocesan Synod this year is a proposed change to Canon 4, the process for electing bishops in the Scottish Episcopal Church. This changed process is proposed to help ensure that dioceses choose their bishops in a confidential and effective way. There will be a Zoom 'drop-in' to hear about the proposed changes on Feb 19th at 3pm (details and link to follow)

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

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