

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 9th February 2023

### DEC Appeal for Turkey-Syria Earthquake



The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC—an umbrella body for the major UK charities) has launched an online appeal for the disastrous earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The news from those regions is harrowing with the horrendous loss of life, massive destruction of shelter and resources and urgent need for humanitarian aid. The political situation in Syria makes this situation even worse. Please pray for all those affected and for those providing care and support. And please donate to the DEC Appeal if you are able:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/donate/earthquake>

The UK government will match fund up to the first £5m donated through this appeal.

### Fresh ideas for the coming season

The Refresh! Lent and Easter workshop on Saturday offered another smorgasbord of seasonal ideas for children and families in church. It was led by the Children and Youth Officer, and participants enjoyed exploring the many visual, sensory and interactive resources, which included messy prayers of confession and edible Easter gardens!



Claire 'buries' Alleluias

Thank you to everyone who came, and to Dean Fay and the team at St Ninian's Dundee for their warm welcome and hospitality. If you missed the workshop and would like a handout featuring many of the resources shared, please email Claire at the address below.



The Easter story on stones

[youth@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:youth@brechin.anglican.org)  
Photos: thanks to Mary Swift

### St. Luke's Café Church welcomes Fr. Jamil and Loma from Nablus in the West Bank

This week St. Luke's Café Church Dundee (<https://www.facebook.com/cafechurchdundee>) are hosting a visit from their partners Fr Jamil Khader and his wife Loma from St Phillip's Church, Nablus, in the West Bank, Israel-Palestine.

There are some chances to meet and greet:

Fr Jamil will be at the **Cathedral Eucharist on Thursday 9th Feb at 1pm.**

St Luke's Downfield are holding a **Ceilidh** at the church on **Friday 10th February, starting at 7pm** as part of its hosting of Fr. Jamil and Loma from their partner church in Nablus. Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Check St Luke's Facebook page (link above) for other details and news of how the trip is going.

### SEC Net Zero Action Plan Consultation Online Launch Event—15 February

The launch of the consultation for the forthcoming Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030) is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our church's environmental sustainability plans. This live stream event, hosted by Bishop Ian Paton and consultant Robert Woodford, will provide you with an overview of the proposed plan, including the values and principles that underpin it, its core objectives, and how you and your church can take action to address the climate emergency. It is recommended that you watch Robert's webinar from December 2022 prior to this event, to make the most of your time and to get up to speed on the differences between Net Zero and Carbon Neutral. This can be found [here](#)

This is your chance to help influence the future of the Scottish Episcopal Church's Net Zero plans. Please join us and book your place using the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/net-zero-action-plan-consultation-launch-event-tickets-526707585567>

## **New Brechin Warden of Lay Readers**

Sue Rowe, Lay Reader based at St Mary's Broughty Ferry, has agreed to be the new Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers. In this role, Sue co-ordinates the work of the Lay Readers in the Diocese and liaises with other wardens in Scotland. Lay Readers, often seen wearing a blue scarf, are licensed to preach, lead worship and carry out other pastoral duties.

Sue will be formally commissioned as Warden at a service in the next few months.

## **Hymnathon Fundaiser at All Saint's Glencarse, 24 and 25 February 2023**

All Saint's Glencarse will be filled with music from every season of the year as Ven Canon Ian Young plays his way through every single hymn in their hymn book to raise funds for the rebuilding of a small church primary school in Eswatini, recently destroyed in an arson attack. Please support this excellent project to help the Diocese of Swaziland. You are very welcome to come to Glencarse and join Ian on the days he will be playing—sing a verse or two of the hymns, or you can support the project by giving directly to the appeal. Donations can be sent through a crowdfunding page set up on JustGiving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swazilandhymnathon>

## **Friday Lunchtime Concert Series at St Pauls Cathedral Dundee: 10 Feb**

St. Paul's Friday lunchtime concerts return on Friday 10th February at 1.00pm, with pianist Christopher Baxter playing a programme which will include music by Beethoven, Werlé and Chopin. Afterwards the concert stick around for tea, coffee and cake and a chance to meet the performers. Tickets are £5 for adults or £3 for students.

## **Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral present a concert with Sheena Wellington, Bruce Davies and Friends: 11 Feb**

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. We expect this to be a very busy event, so do reserve your seat by booking on Eventbrite in advance! Tickets will cost £12 (£10 for members). Full details of the event can be found at the below Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheena-wellington-music-with-friends-tickets-519588592467>

## **SEI Lent Series "Teach Us to Pray: A Close Reading of the Lord's Prayer"**

This series, presented by the Revd Dr Michael Hull, reads the Lord's Prayer closely and deliberately to unpack the ways in which it glorifies God and petitions for humanity's spiritual and physical needs. The Series will be offered on the Mondays of Lent 2023 at 7pm in six 30-minute webinars, each of which will be posted on YouTube. The Series is meant to be a resource for Christians to use creatively during the Season of Lent, for example as a refresher course for individuals or a conversation starter for church groups, with discussion questions at the end of each webinar. The presenter will be the Revd Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute in Edinburgh, whose previous Advent and Lent Series have been greatly valued across the Province and beyond. The sessions are:

- (1) Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name (27 February)
- (2) Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven (6 March)
- (3) Give us today day our daily bread (13 March)
- (4) Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us (20 March)
- (5) Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil (27 March)
- (6) For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever (3 April)

The Series is free and open to all. Please register [here on Eventbrite](#).

## **Change to the Canon for the Election of Bishops in the SEC: Drop-in 19th Feb**

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).

## **Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects**

The Cost of Living crisis continues, so we have placed information and resources to help with living costs on a new page on the Diocesan website. The page can be found here: Cost of Living Crisis page [here](#).