

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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DEC Appeal for Turkey-Syria Earthquake: and Bishop's Lent Appeal Support



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://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>

The UK government have match funded the first £5m donated through this appeal: the need continues. This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal will also be put to this appeal.

Hymnathon Fundraiser at All Saint's Glencarse raises over £5,000 for Swaziland School

All Saint's Glencarse was filled with music from every season of the year this past weekend as Ven Canon Ian Young played 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.

Over £5,000 has been raised markedly surpassing the original fundraising goal. Thank you to every-



Ven Ian reaches Hymn 270!

one who donated and a special thank you to Ven Canon Ian Young for this mammoth undertaking.

Donations can still be sent via the crowdfunding page set up on JustGiving.

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

Anniversary of Invasion of Ukraine: Solidarity Demonstration and Requiem Mass held in Dundee

Friday, 24th February, marked a year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Ukrainian community arranged a Solidarity Demonstration in City Square last Friday to show support for Ukraine. Clergy from SEC churches were present in support of this event.

A Requiem Mass, also organised by the Ukrainian community for victims of the war, was held on Sunday in St. Paul's Cathedral.



The requiem in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Photo courtesy of Ukrainian Community in Dundee Facebook page.

A video from the Courier captured the anniversary events taking place in the city. https://www.thecourier.co.uk/?post_type=fp&p=4179421

SEC Carbon Net Zero Consultation News: Further Webinars

The 15th Feb launch of the consultation phase of the SEC Net Zero Action Plan is being followed by a more detailed online webinar, which will go into further depth about the plan and the specific targets proposed to support the SEC in achieving Carbon Net

Zero by 2030. The Provincial Environment Group would like you to note the following webinar date below in your diary, and invites you to register. Please note that the webinar on 9th March will cover the same content as the one from 21 February.

[Online Net Zero Consultation - Webinar 2: Thursday 9th March \(11.30-13.00\)](#)

To provide feedback to the draft of the plan you can fill out the online response form using the weblink below.

[Net Zero Action Plan \(2023-2030\) online survey](#)

The consultation phase of the Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030) will close on Tuesday 28 March.

To find out more about the proposal and the consultation, visit the [dedicated webpage](#) on the provincial website. There will also be a presentation on the proposals at the Brechin Diocesan Synod on Saturday 4th March in Broughty Ferry.

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Dundee: 8th March, 12.30pm.

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's is on Wednesday 8th March and will be given by the Rose Ensemble. The programme will include music by Handel, Cole Porter, Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein. Tea and coffee provided and bring your own lunch if you wish. Admission is free but donations are appreciated for the organ fund.

Cathedral Refreshment Day for Lent— Saturday 18th March at All Souls' In- vergowrie

A date for your diaries: St. Pauls Cathedral and All Souls, Invergowrie are hosting a quiet day for Lent on Saturday 18th March from 10am to 3pm. Taking place at All Souls, the day will have guided and self guided activities and provide a space for quiet and prayer. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. All are very welcome!

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, Revd Dr Michael Hull, is the 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 upcoming sessions are:

- (1) Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name (Took place on 27 February and is available [here](#))
- (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](#).

SOLAS: Creative worship at summer arts festival in Errol

The SOLAS Festival is a small, family-friendly arts festival that has been held in recent years at Errol Park, outside Dundee. SOLAS is not a religious gathering, but it is rooted in the Christian tradition of faith and community. This year's theme is "Kindling Hope" and proposals are invited from anyone who would like to devise and lead a creative act of Christian worship for festival-goers. This outreach opportunity is on our diocese's doorstep: would your church like to get involved? Further details are on the SOLAS website here:

<https://www.solasfestival.co.uk/blog/2023/2/13/solas-festival-2023-worship-proposal-callout>

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](#).

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have details of upcoming events of interest or stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org