

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

20th April 2023

Bishop's Lent Appeal



Bishop Andrew writes: To all in the Diocese—as we are now into the Easter Season, I would like to draw together any collections that have been made for my Appeal to support the ongoing work for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake DEC Appeal. The work to support the 18 million affected people, with 214,000 buildings destroyed or damaged has largely gone from the news cycle, but this work remains vital to cope with this humanitarian disaster.

I know that many of you will have supported this appeal personally or by collections in your charges separate to my Lent Appeal: thank you for that response!

For any who have made special collections, church or personal, for the Lent Appeal, these can be passed to Bob Main, the Diocesan Treasurer, via your charge treasury team. Personal donations can be Gift Aided by giving them directly to DEC at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>—if you are doing this in response to the Lent Appeal, please do let Elliott in the office know so we can keep the total correct.

Thank you all for your support for this vital appeal—and please keep all those affected in your prayers.

Service of Thanksgiving for Professor Ann Loades at St Salvator's Chapel, St Andrews on Sunday April 23rd at 2.30 p.m.

Prof. David Brown writes: There will be a service of thanksgiving in Ann's honour in the University Chapel in North Street, led by the University Chaplain, Donald MacEwan. Hymns, prayers and anthem have all been chosen to reflect Ann's interests. So, for example the three readings include extracts from literature and writing on religious experience, as well as scripture. One (from Shakespeare) will be read by the University's

Principal, Dame Sally Mapstone, the other two by friends of Ann. Three short tributes will be offered on different aspects of her life, one from the writer Dr Eve Poole OBE on the advancement of women, another from Professor Judith Wolfe (St Andrews) on her understanding of the relation between religion and the arts, and a final piece from Professor George Pattison (Oxford and Glasgow) on her theology more generally. All who attend are then invited to a reception at the Student Centre, the all-glass building at the bus station end of Market Street.

A further service will take place at Durham where she had such a significant part of her career.

Both of these memorial services will be livestreamed: check the university website for details and access.

"Meeting Well": An online workshop for All by Place for Hope on 14th May

We've all been around meetings for a very long time. Some have sapped our energy and others have left us feeling energised and looking forward to working on the things we need to accomplish together. Some we dread going to and others offer a space for relationship, community and growth. This Zoom short session for all in the Diocese of Brechin, offers an opportunity to focus on how we can gain the most from meetings, including:

- Opening a meeting - creating space for good conversations: virtual & physical, hearts & minds
- Agreeing ways of working and communicating together
- When we don't agree and problems arise – some top tips
- Closing a meeting – agreeing ways forward & healthy endings

Express your interest and register here and we'll send you a Zoom link nearer the time.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCYHRuG2k5XFvjUHVKrBgs8um66lxm_t2GOXnOHNy4HWS9yA/viewform?usp=sf_link

YEЕК 'The Quest'—An unmissable summer experience for teens

“Yeek” is the new name for the Scottish Episcopal Church’s annual Youth Week, held at Glenalmond College in Perthshire. This year’s theme is “The Quest” – there will be team challenges, adventures and more! Places on Yeek 23 are filling up fast, and booking remains open until 1 July.



Yeek welcomes all teenagers who are connected to the Scottish Episcopal Church, so please encourage any young members of your congregation to find out more. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive and supportive place where young people can make friends and explore their faith. For further details and booking, visit yeek.scot Questions? Contact Claire Benton-Evans, who is part of the Yeek team, at youth@brechin.anglican.org

Having God-connected conversations with children?

“Is God ever in a hurry? Could Jesus have been dyslexic? Why did God create smells?” Questions are great to use when discussing God with children – but these are not the traditional sort, where the answer is usually Jesus! The best questions are ones that encourage everyone – children and adults – to wonder about God together. The Bible Reading Fellowship [Parenting for Faith](#) has produced a brilliant resource which offers 101 questions, ideal for use in Sunday schools and youth groups: you can get a taster and download the whole resource [here](#).

Tesco Community Grants focus on food and healthy activities for young people

Tesco Community Grants funds thousands of local community projects across the UK. Their focus has

just changed with priority for grants now on supporting schools and organisations to deliver projects that provide healthy food and activities that boost young people’s mental and physical wellbeing.

The scheme provides grants of up to £1,500 to local projects from across the whole of Scotland. It is open to all registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. If you fit the bill or know an organisation or school who does, then please visit the Tesco Community Grants website for further details!

Greenspace Scotland’s team of friendly Community Enablers can support you to apply or answer any questions. To find out more or to apply, please visit the Tesco Community Grants page. <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/grant-funding>

Upcoming Events from St. James’ Stonehaven

St James Church in Stonehaven is having their **Final Book Browse** on Saturday 22nd April 10 to 4pm and Sunday 23rd 11 to 4pm. Items to include handknits and preserves.

Rock Choir Concert on Saturday 29th April 7.30pm. Cost £10 to include a glass of wine, tea/coffee.

Tickets available at the Book Browse, at the door or by contacting Paula on 07710 529694 or Anne on 01569 765793

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