

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

Holy Week and Easter 2023

Holy Week and Easter Greetings from Bishop Andrew

As we enter the end of Holy Week and move towards Easter, I pray that we will have a rich and life-changing encounter with this powerful story of death and resurrection. The many church communities in the Diocese will mark the days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day in their own contexts with services, events, prayer, reflection and so much more. But all that we do this week, and on into the Easter season, is a sign of the faith in the Risen Lord Jesus that we share with so many generations before us.



The Risen Jesus, East Windows at Holy Trinity Dunoon (A Swift)

This Holy Week we continue to minister in times of crisis and war: the conflict in Ukraine is now over a year old and the cost of living crisis closely linked to it continues to bring poverty and anxiety to so many people. And the world continues to suffer from so much conflict and natural disaster: the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the Turkey and Syria appeal is still open as that crisis has gone from the news cycle but the need is still there.

Holy Week is a time of Christian prayer and thanksgiving and I pray that we will pray for and give thanks for all who work for peace and relief in so, so many parts of our world.

The Bulletin will have a holiday for the week after Easter, but we will back the week after that. Please share any images or news you have from Holy Week and Easter and we would love to share that news! For all in the Diocese: have a blessed Holy Week and a Joyful Easter when we get there!

Holy Week Services in Brechin Diocese

A page on the diocesan website has been created to highlight all the services our charges are providing during Holy Week. This is at <http://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/news/entry/services-for-holy-week>

Music at St Mary Magdalene's: 12.30pm, 12th April

The next Wednesday lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's will be on 12th April at 12.30pm when the choir of St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth will perform favourite anthems. Admission is by donation and tea and coffee will be available from 12.15. Bring your own lunch if you wish!

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

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 Laity 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

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.



Community Grants

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 organisa-

tions, 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>

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 Lent Series finished last Monday but all sessions have been posted on YouTube and are available [here](#).

Biblical Greek and the Translation of the Bible (Dundee Uni Course)

Monday evenings 6.30pm - 8.30pm for five weeks from 17th April - 22nd May

Have you ever wondered what the Bible really says? Or why you don't hear the King James Version read any more? This course will give you a taster of one of the original languages of the Bible. Take a dip into biblical Greek, learn about the sorts of decisions translators have to make, and the effect that these decisions have on how we understand the biblical stories. Tutor : Marian Kelsey, currently a visiting Biblical scholar at St Andrews University, Dr Kelsey has also taught at Nottingham University and freelance. Her courses explore the world of the Bible, the ancient cities, the people and the history behind these inspirational texts and considers how they work as literature. Marian also teaches both Greek and Hebrew. Course code: 06 302 (£40 or £35 conc.)

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/biblical-greek-and-the-translation-of-the-bible-tickets-573011431617>

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](#).