

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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Maundy Money 2023

Vina Strachan from St Ninian's Dundee writes on her experience of receiving the Maundy Money this year: "I was honoured and truly thankful for this wonderful gift of receiving the Maundy money from King Charles III.

"As soon as we stepped into York minster there was an amazing buzz and I was excited for the other 147 recipients who like me were excited to meet the King. On our seats were our names, a big print copy of the Order of Service and a special little booklet with daily prayer for the Coronation of King Charles III.



Vina with her Maundy Money

"The splendour of the music, from the choir of York minster and HM Chapel Royal, the procession of the Archbishop of York and clergy, The ecumenical Procession, The Royal procession and the Royal Almonry procession with the Yeoman of the Guard carrying the alms to the singing of Praise to the Holiest in the height was a wonderful spectacle of colour from the flower arrangements, the robes and the sun glinting through the stained glass windows.

"The service derives its name from the Latin word Mandatum meaning a commandment, and its opening words are: Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you.. . " The symbol of humility came as the Rt Rev Dr John Inge removed his cope and the children bearing flowers had the towels worn in the style of a deacon. The distribution of the Alms was very special as King Charles moved down the lines of recipients to the music of the choirs. The red purse contains a nominal allowance for clothing and provisions, a specially minted commemorative coin with King Charles' head and a 70 on it and the other a 5. The white purse contained silver coins making up 75p, the sovereign's age in years. King Charles, standing in front of me, presented me with the 2 purses containing the Alms, took both of my

hands in his hands and looked directly at me thanking me for the work I had done and left me with a blessing. I remembered to curtsy and thank his Majesty.

"After the service and the King and Queen Consort had left the Minster we were allowed to take photos before emerging out to the sunshine and the cheering crowds. It was a wonderful occasion for me, for the family and friends who were able to join me and very special for the church and my community. Thank you to my best friend from school who lives in York and provided a lovely, themed dinner to celebrate the occasion and also to the person who nominated me."

Montrose Celebrates the Coronation and a Special Birthday and Anniversary

St. Mary's and St. Peter's Church, Montrose held a Coronation Lunch on the weekend of the King's Coronation in London.



The Coronation Lunch in full swing
(Photo St M & St P Facebook)

This event also became a surprise party to celebrate Father Paul McLaren-Cook's 80th birthday. Fr Paul, who retired to Montrose in 2021, worships and as-



Fr Paul with gifts as he celebrated his birthday and anniversary (Photo: St M & St P Facebook)

sists Jim Benton-Evans in the charge. The birthday party also celebrated the 56th anniversary of Fr Paul's ordination, which took place back when he was living and ministering in the Anglican Church in Australia.

“Musical May” in the Diocese of Brechin

There are a wide range of exciting musical events coming up in churches of the Diocese in the next few weeks. Details below:

12th May: Lunchtime Concert at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Dundee. Come and enjoy the music of the Altelier Ensemble, Scott Bryant (violin), Rebekah Lesan (cello), Sinae Sung (piano) – students of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Concert begins at 1pm with coffee/tea and cake, hosted by the Friends of St Paul’s, served afterwards giving the audience the chance to meet and chat with the performers. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for students.

13th May: A Coronation Big Sing at St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Montrose. Taking place on Saturday 13th May at 6:00pm, come and enjoy Annie Humphrey (Soprano), Elizabeth Wilson (Contralto), Paul McKay (Tenor), Roger Clegg (Organist) and Neil Benzie (Conductor) as they perform Zadok the Priest and Selections from Messiah. Everyone is welcome. Entry is by donation.

Tayside Opera: The Elixir of Love: May 27th at City Hall Brechin and **31st May to 3rd June** at The Space Dundee. Tickets are available through the box office at 07591010179 or online at ww.taysideopera.com/tickets.

Please share any other details of musical or other events that would be interest to all in the Diocese.

Tay Copes Project

Copes are worn in church services for festivals, diocesan gatherings and great occasions. The **Tay Copes Project** is the creation of a set of Chapter Copes for the Cathedral and Diocese of Brechin. Specially designed for Brechin by the Embroidery Workshop of Derby Cathedral, they are inspired by the Tay, with ornamental hoods each slightly different to reflect the different moods of the river: morning and evening, ebb and flood, winter and summer.

On Sunday 25 June the full set of Copes will be presented and blessed at Evensong in the Cathedral at 5.00 pm. You are invited to come along; or if you aren’t able to, you’ll see the Copes at the installation of a new Dean on Sunday 27 August, and at many diocesan occasions in the future.

If you would like to contribute towards the funding of the Tay Copes (you can give a Wave, a Ripple or a Splash), donations are very welcome and details for how to donate are at www.saintpaulscathedral.net/tay-copes.

Lambeth Conference Phase 3

The Lambeth Conference met in Canterbury in 2022. The Bishops met beforehand (Phase 1) and met in person in England (Phase 2). The theme was to explore what it means to be ‘God’s Church for God’s World’. This was done by the bishops considering ‘Calls’ on key aspects of Anglican church life.

The organisers have now announced that the conference journey now continues as we take forward these “Lambeth Calls” and outcomes of the conference into the life of the Anglican Communion. This is now continuing with ‘Phase 3’. Details of this next phase are here: <https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/>.

The Bishops will encourage engagement with the ‘Calls’ in the life of our churches. Bishop Andrew will share his experiences and perspectives and the wider SEC will also share the impact that the Calls can have on our Ministry, Mission, Witness and so many other aspects of our shared discipleship.

YEEK ‘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

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?

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