

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

18th May 2023

Gibsons' 50th Anniversary Celebration at St. Mary Magdalene's Church Dundee

Canon Kenneth and Enza Gibson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of wedding vows at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee on Sunday 14th May. Bishop Andrew helped the couple by leading the service.



Kenneth and Enza renew vows and have rings blessed: back to 12th May 1973 (Photo Mary Swift)

The congregation joined in the celebration and shared cake and refreshments after the celebration, in the main morning worship in the Dundee church.



Cutting the cake 50 years on! (Photo Mary Swift)

Launch of SEC 'Enable' Grants

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church has relaunched its grant funding scheme to support projects which work to enable life in all its fullness for children, young people and their families.

The Enable Grant, which was previously known as the Child Poverty Grant, can be used to access up to £5000 in any one year. The Church in Society Committee is interested in funding a wide range of initiatives and there are no prescribed types of project.

As long as the group seeking support has a connection to an SEC congregation and is meeting a real need in that congregation's community (expecting to impact on the lives of children, young people and their families), the application will be considered.

All applications should be made using the approved Enable Grant Application Form. This can be accessed via the provincial website, alongside two further documents which detail the Enable Grant's background and its criteria & monitoring. To access these documents, please use this link: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/enable-grant-launched-to-support-projects-for-children-young-people-and-their-families/>

"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:

26th May: Lunchtime Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Come and enjoy the music of the lychair. A medieval Marian programme featuring Petrus de Dornato's Missa Spiritus Almus. The vocal ensemble's members are Alasdair Robertson, Joshua Stutter, Edward Marshall and Josh McCullough. 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.

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.

Dundee Pride March 10 June 2023.

Dundee Pride will take place on June 10 & 11 this year. The mission of Dundee Pride is to take a positive stance against discrimination and violence against the LGBTQ+ community, and to progress equality and inclusion within Dundee and the region.



There will be a group of people from the diocese taking part in the Pride March at 12pm on Saturday 10th June. If you would like to be part of that group, then you're welcome to come to the Cathedral from 11am for (optional) facepainting and to grab some placards before we head off together to take part in the march!

Rev'd Roxanne Campbell (she/her)

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?

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