

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

4th May 2023

New Start for Warden of Lay Readers and Chapter Canon at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

On Sunday 30th April there was a wonderful occasion on the evening of Good Shepherd Sunday as Sue Rowe was commissioned as the Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers and the Rev Mary Jepp was installed as a Chapter Canon of St Paul's Cathedral in the Diocese of Brechin, Dundee.



Sue Rowe, Warden of Lay Readers, Canon Mary Jepp, the Bishop and Provost Elizabeth Thomson. Photo: Mary Swift.

The service was a Choral Evensong entitled 'Safely Graze' for Good Shepherd Sunday. The cathedral choir sang the office and clergy and lay members of the Diocese were all present to celebrate the formal marking of these new ministries. Both Sue and Mary were also presented by the Bishop with a "Communion Forest" tree certificate to mark trees planted by the Woodland Trust outside Dundee. The Communion Forest is an Anglican Communion initiative started at the Lambeth Conference last year to encourage environmental awareness by planting trees to mark important moments in the life of our churches. Seed bombs for pollinators were also presented to both new ministers! Canon Mary was installed wearing the first of the 'Tay Copes'. See over the page for details of this new project.



Canon Mary in the Tay Cope. Photo Mary Swift

"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:



7th May: Granite City Brass Concert at St. James' Church Stonehaven. The concert will take place on Sunday 7th May at 7.30pm. Admission is free.

10th May: Music at St. Mary Magdalene's—The next Wednesday lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's Church will be on 10th May at 12.30pm. Music with a spring theme will be performed by the Abertay String Quartet. Admission is by donation and tea and coffee will be available from 12.15pm. You are welcome to bring your own lunch to enjoy with the music.

12th May: Lunchtime Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee on Friday 12 May. 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.

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

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 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



Copes are worn in church services for festivals, diocesan gatherings and great occasions (see Canon Mary Jepp’s installation on page 1). 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](#).