

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## Mid June 2023 Edition

### Summer Break for the Bulletin

The Bulletin will be having a two week break for summer holidays, until week beginning 27th June. If there are any items you wish to have publicised in that time, please email them to Elliott in the office on [office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org) who can arrange for an email notice to be sent out.

### Monifieth Explore Making Connections

On Saturday 3 June members of Holy Trinity Monifieth took part in two diocesan Resource Workshops, looking at ways to refresh and open up their building and grounds for visitors, and planning activities that would help to nurture the church community and make connections with the wider local community. There was a great turnout, lots of good ideas and excellent cake!



Busy discussions at Holy Trinity (Photo: R Campbell)

Doors Open Day is in September, so now is a good time to be thinking about people visiting churches. And since lockdown all sorts of organisations are finding it difficult to consider re-starting activities they used to run, but now with fewer volunteers and less energy. So we did some thinking about what might work now and how it could be done differently. As well as the cake, we liked the tool for prioritising things, and by the end of the afternoon we were all focused on actions that have a lot of impact and take little effort - and not the other way around!

The workshops were led by Provost Elizabeth and Rev Roxanne Campbell, Priest for Outreach from the cathedral.

### Pentecost Celebrations in Montrose

With Father Paul robed in red for Pentecost it was quite apt that Richard and Christina Potter celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their wedding vows in front of their family and congregation. It was a lovely service followed by cake and bubbles before headed off for a family lunch at Balmacewen. Congratulations Richard and Christina from everyone at St Mary's and St Peter's Church, Montrose.

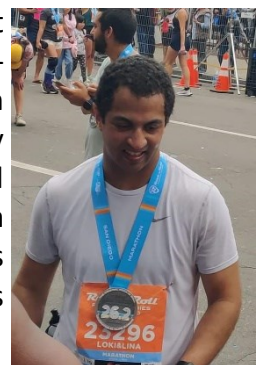


Renewal of Golden Wedding Vows with Fr Paul

### US Marathon Effort for Elliott

Congratulations go to Elliott Scarfe, the Bishop's PA, on running in the San Diego marathon last Saturday. Elliott and family are on holiday back in the United States. Elliott was originally from California, before moving to Des Moines in Iowa then Dundee. His training has been around Fintry!

Congratulations & well done to Elliott for this excellent effort!



Elliott at the finish line (Photo: FB)

### 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)

## **16-18 June: Solas Festival fun on our doorstep**

The Solas Festival returns to Errol Park, near Dundee, from 16-18 June 2023. This is a family-friendly arts festival that offers live music, arts, talks, workshops and more. Solas is not a religious gathering, but it is rooted in the Christian tradition of faith and community. This year's theme is 'Kindling Hope': there will be a community meal on Saturday and creative worship on Sunday morning called 'Sacred Space', as well as talks from Pádraig Ó Tuama and Kathy Gallo-way. Adult weekend tickets are only £99, with day tickets from £28 - and kids go free! Information and tickets here: <https://www.solasfestival.co.uk/>

## **16 July: The Great St Drostan's Picnic and BBQ IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

A date for your diaries: SUNDAY 16th July 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Come to beautiful Tarfside for this annual celebration.

Free Tea/Coffee Soft Drinks and the FAMOUS ST DROSTANS FREE BURGERS. Rounding off with a "Songs of Praise". A fantastic afternoon in beautiful Tarfside by the retreat house and church. For more information contact Rev Jane Nelson 01569 730967.

## **Upcoming Musical Events in Brechin Diocese**

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

**9th June : Lunctime Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.** Come and enjoy the music of the Kathleen White (soprano) & David Mowle (piano). 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.

**14th June: Music at St. Mary Magdalene's**—The next Wednesday lunchtime concert at St

Mary Magdalene's Church will be on 14th June at 12.30pm. Guitar and mandolin music of Fleein' Fingers. 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.

**23rd June : Lunctime Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.** Piano duets by Avril Evans and Stephen Armstrong. Again: Concert begins at 1pm with coffee/tea and cake, hosted by the Friends of St Paul's. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for students.

**8th July: Concert at St. Salvador's Dundee**—A classical music concert by Soteria Trio at 2pm on Sat 8th July. Music by Joan Trimble, Astor Piazzolla and Ennio Morricone. Entrance by donations on entry.

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

## **YEEK 'The Quest'—An unmissable summer experience for teens! Book by 1st July!**

"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](http://yeek.scot) Questions? Contact Claire Benton-Evans, who is part of the Yeek team, at [youth@brechin.anglican.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)