

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 13th July 2023

### Annalu's Summer of Madness Fundraiser: News & please support her!



Annalu parachutes! Image: A Waller

Rev Prof Annalu Waller began her “summer of madness” by jumping out of an aeroplane on Monday! She was scared witless but she survived (see attached photo). Annalu is now getting ready for her next challenge! She is hoping that she is not seasick for the entire nine day voyage, crewing the Tall Ship “Tenacious” from Shetland to Norway!

Thanks to everyone who has sponsored Annalu so far: she is helping several excellent charitable causes with the activities she is undertaking. If you have not, please help her reach her target by sponsoring her at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/AnnaluSummerMadness>.

### 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 in Glenesk for this annual celebration at this beautiful little Episcopal Church by the retreat house, St Drostan's Lodge.

There is free Tea/Coffee Soft Drinks and the FAMOUS ST DROSTANS FREE BURGERS will be on offer again. The whole event will be rounded off with a “Songs of Praise” in St Drostan's Church. This is always a fantastic afternoon in beautiful Tarfside by the retreat house and church.

A wonderful day in a beautiful part of the Diocese: please do come if you are able!

For more information contact Rev Jane Nelson 01569 730967.

### David Bertie takes part in 'The People's Procession' in Edinburgh



David (in the blue kilt jacket 2/3 over on the BBC footage of the event (Image provided by D Bertie)

David Bertie, the Diocesan Archivist and a member of All Souls' Invergowrie, took part in the 'People's Procession' in Edinburgh on 5th July as part of the celebrations to mark King Charles being presented with the Honours of Scotland. David was representing the Heraldry Society of Scotland in the walk, as members of the public accompanied the honours from Edinburgh Castle to St Giles for the ceremony.

### Diocesan Council July Meeting

Council met on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 on Zoom. After opening with prayer, Dean Kenneth Gibson was welcomed in this new capacity. After approving the previous minutes, the following business was conducted:

Finance The Annual Report and Accounts for financial year 2021 to 2022 (ending at the end of November 2022) had been prepared by Bird Simpson, the Diocesan accountants, and these were tabled for approval by Council. A couple of minor amendments were requested, and the report and accounts were approved. The financial outturn of the past year was that there was a smaller than budgeted deficit in the unrestricted (free to use for any purpose) funds. Designated and restricted funds also showed deficits, as planned and budgeted. The Diocesan investments had also fallen significantly in value by the year end: the previous year had been an unusually high valuation, and the war in Ukraine and other factors had 'corrected' the valuation. The income on

these investments had, however, increased over previous years. Bob Main, the treasurer, then presented the update on this year's financial progress, which was all broadly within budget. Grant applications to support groups going to the Diocesan retreat centre at Tarfside were approved.

**Mission and Ministry** The major item was the retirement of Dean Fay Lamont as the incumbent of St Ninian's Dundee and as Dean of the Diocese. The arrangements being put in place was discussed. There was also a discussion on a potential 'healing hub' project from 'GoHealth', a Christian charity, along with the ongoing support relationship with conflict charity 'Place for Hope'. A report was tabled from Claire Benton-Evans, the Diocesan Children and Youth Officer, with an update on developing plans for the August 2023 'Young Adult Pilgrimage' to Iona, part of the three-way Companionship Diocese partnership. An update was also given on the next phase of the Church Army 'Centre of Mission' at St Luke's Downfield, where a Pioneer Evangelist has been recruited to work with the project later this year. A 'Steering Group' with reps of all parties has been set up to support this work.

**Buildings & Other Business** A report was tabled from the Diocesan Buildings Committee, presenting the various applications that have been and are being processed for changes to church buildings, under Canon 35. An update was also given of various sales in process for Rectories in the Diocese. The house in Invergowrie was imminently going to settle, so Council agree to the proceeds being placed in the Unit Trust Pool once received. Some final matters were then discussed, including ongoing work in St Margaret's Nursing Home where significant changes have been taking place. Council was assured that good progress was being made.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace.

## **Naloxone Training - St. Paul's Cathedral** **Thursday 3rd August**

Naloxone is a short-acting emergency response medication used to treat some drug overdoses. It is injected into the outer thigh or upper arm. Naloxone saves lives by reversing the effects of an opiate overdose. 90% of drug overdoses are preventable with the use of Naloxone and knowing the signs and symptoms to look out for.

Cathedral staff have arranged for some Naloxone Training to be delivered on 3rd August at 11am by the team from Hillcrest at the Cathedral for staff,

welcomers and stewards. It will last around an hour and at the end each participant will be issued with a kit for emergency use.

They can accommodate a good number of people at this training session and so please do let Rev Roxanne Campbell know if you and/or members of your congregation or church groups want to come so the training team knows how much to bring. The only stipulation is that attendees must be over 16. Please contact Rev Roxanne Campbell at [roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net](mailto:roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net) to reserve your space.

## **Iona Pilgrimage October 2023: Calling All Young SEC Pilgrims!**

Applications are now open for the Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona in October 2023. There are spaces available for young people from each Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time away with God in a very special place, in the company of other young people and Provincial youth leaders. Full information and booking details for **pilgrims aged 12-18** here <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1218> and **pilgrims aged 18-25(ish)** here: <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1825>

Please share this with anyone you know who may be interested, and contact Claire if you have any questions: [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](#).

If you are aware of any special projects that are running for the school holidays with food or activities for young people, please pass details on to the office who can share them in future bulletins.



## **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).