

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

20th July 2023

The Great St Drostan's Picnic and BBQ

The annual gathering at St Drostan's Lodge and Church, at Tarfside in Glenesk took place last Sunday (16th July).



The Picnic-ers gather for 'Songs of Praise' in St Drostan's Church after the BBQ and picnic (Image: P Nelson)

Peter Nelson writes: "In spite of the damp weather we had a reasonable turn out from both ends of the Diocese, enjoyed some conversations, poetry readings and reminisces from the Glens Oldest Resident, and of course the famous St Drostan's Burgers cooked by our very own chef, Tony, on a real charcoal BBQ. Once again we rounded off the day with a joyful 'Songs of Praise'."

St Drostan's Lodge is a self-catering retreat centre set on the edge of the beautiful Cairngorms. The facilities can take up to seventeen people. Financial assistance is available for church parties with young people or adults in receipt of certain benefits. For details and bookings please check the website: <http://www.stdrostans.org/>

Joyful Joint Service and Concert at Muchalls and Stonehaven

St James Stonehaven and St Ternan's Muchalls had a joint service on 9 July, with nearly 60 attending from



Lunch is enjoyed by all! (Image: M Jepp)



The joint worshippers enjoy fellowship in St James' Church, Stonehaven (Image: M Jepp)

the two churches. This was followed by lunch and an organ recital arranged by Ian Lovegrove, the organist at St James'

Both churches have been offering a wide range of social and community activities. In Stonehaven a concert was held on the evening of the 1st July, with participants music teachers from the Peripatetic Music Service from Aberdeen, and their friends and students. A retiring collection from the concert raised over £500 for St James outreach projects.

Canon Mary Jepp writes: "We have started to label St James as The Bridge Church, as we are by the white bridge, which should be opening very soon and we are also a bridge to the community. The projects at the moment are the Inspire Garden and our work with the Ukrainians. This concert was also organised by Ian Lovegrove our super new organist!"

Annalu's Summer of Madness Fund-raiser: News & please support her!

As we reported last week, Rev Prof Annalu Waller began her "summer of madness" by jumping out of an aeroplane! She was scared witless but she survived. Annalu is now getting ready for her next chal-

lenge! 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. The charities being supported are: [Brae Riding](#), [Capability Scotland](#) and [Communication Matters](#)

If you have not had a chance to support her yet, please help her reach her target by sponsoring her at <https://www.iustgiving.com/team/AnnaluSummerMadness>.

'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 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/>

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Please share this with anyone you know who may be interested, and contact Claire if you have any questions: youth@brechin.anglican.org.

Special Evensong for Installation of Deans & Chancellor: 27th August 2023

Dean Kenneth Gibson will be installed at a special Evensong at the Cathedral on Sunday 27th August. During this service, the Bishop will also be installing Very Rev Fay Lamont as 'Dean Emeritus' and Sheriff George Way of Plean as Diocesan Chancellor. George started his role during the pandemic with 'Zoom' services, so this will be an 'in-person' thank you for all he has been doing.

Please come and support Kenneth, Fay and George at this special service of thanksgiving and blessing

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump—10th September: date for your diary

St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry hosts a fun day for the family. Starting at 3pm on 10th September, come watch your teddy parachute jump from the Fire Station Drill Tower at the Balmossie/Monifieth Fire Station and receive a certificate of bravery.

Donations for the teddy bear drop will go 50/50 towards the Firefighters Charity and Abelour Children's Charity.

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.