

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

3rd August 2023

RIP Catherine (Rena) Mackay,

Catherine (Rena) Mackay, wife of the late Canon Douglas Mackay, former Rector of Carnoustie, died on Sunday morning, the 23rd of July 2023. She had lived in Carnoustie with Douglas on his retirement. She remained very involved in the life of the Church of the Holy Rood and the wider community in Carnoustie. Her funeral will take place at Holy Rood, Carnoustie on 16th August at 10.45am with committal at the Friockheim crematorium at 12.30 pm.



Rena with Bishop Andrew at the blessing of a window in memory of Douglas (Image M Swift)

St. James' Stonehaven "Inspire" Garden

An inspiring community project has arisen at St James' Stonehaven. "Inspire", an association which supports people with disabilities, were having problems in finding projects. A garden area which had been used as an allotment but had become overgrown has become a new garden space for the group to use. Grants were found for a skip, shed, tools and water butts. Plants and



The overgrown allotment (Image A O'Gorman)

labour were donated by people and groups in the community.



The garden area in late July 2023 (Image M Swift)

The garden now has flowers and shrubs, a vegetable plot and strawberry bed and a raised bed suitable for a wheelchair user in the "Inspire" Project.



Paula from St James' shows the Bishop the wheelchair compatible raised bed. (Image M Swift)

Some of the garden tending is carried out by some of the Ukrainians who meet in the adjacent hall for a regular church-supported drop in.

The whole project is an excellent example of a community-engaged project led by a church, using some of the church's resources to start good work with the support of many groups in the local area! Thanks to Anne O'Gorman and the team at St James' for photos and copy from St James' magazine.

SV 'Tenacious': Prof Annalu Waller is now at Sea in her "Summer of Madness" Fundraiser

Rev Prof Annalu Waller is now crewing on the tall ship 'Tenacious' from Shetland to Norway with the Jubilee Sailing Trust. As reported last week, the following link can be used to access a live tracker for

the Tenacious and cheer Annalu on her journey:
<https://jst.org.uk/ship-tracking/>

The charities Annalu is supporting are:

- Riding for the Disabled at [Brae Riding](#)
- [Capability Scotland](#)
- [Communication Matters](#) / ISAAC (UK)

If you have not had a chance to support Annalu yet, you can sponsor her at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/AnnaluSummerMadness>.

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.

Diary Dates:

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

Dean Kenneth Gibson will be installed at a special Evensong at the Cathedral on Sunday 27th August at 5pm. 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.

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (SECMA) Open Day: 2nd September

Although SECMA is winding down, an Open Day is being held in St Luke's Dundee to showcase SECMA's achievements over the decades and how it will continue to impact lives across the world in the future. There will be talks, displays, a prayer corner and, hopefully, musical entertainment. Homebakes, light lunches and other refreshments will be available.

It will be a great opportunity for SECMA supporters to meet up and have fellowship again, since regular Brechin gatherings ceased over 3 years ago due to Covid restrictions.

This event will be held in St Luke's on Saturday 2nd September, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Please come any time that suits. A programme of scheduled items will be advertised nearer the time.

Teddy Bear Parachute Jump—10th September

St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry are hosting 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.

Diocesan Autumn Synod—28th October at St Ninian's Dundee

Official notice will follow, but please note in your diaries the date and venue for the Brechin Autumn Synod, on Diocesan Strategy and Budgets for next year.

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.