

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

21st September 2023

Dean Kenneth Gibson Instituted at St. Margaret's Lochee in Dundee

Dean Kenneth Gibson was instituted as the Rector of St. Margaret's Lochee in Dundee last Sunday, as he starts caring for this small church community alongside his role as the priest of St. Mary Magdalene's Dundee. The service was attended by diocesan clergy, members of the congregation and other friends. Kenneth will be doing 'transitional work' with the congregation to help them explore their future in Dundee - how to be a sign of God's grace and love for the 21st century!



Dean Kenneth instituted
(Photo Enza Gibson)

New Net Zero Toolkit and Net Zero Cards released by Provincial Environment Group

From the SEC website: To celebrate the beginning of the Season of Creation the Provincial Environment Group (PEG) is pleased to announce the release of the updated Net Zero Toolkit. This online resource has been completely redesigned to complement the ten core objectives identified in the Scottish Episcopal Church's Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030), approved by General Synod in June 2023.

Read about the toolkit and the Net Zero cards here:

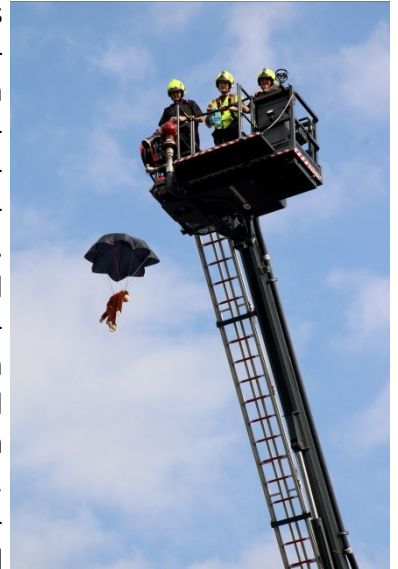
<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/new-net-zero-toolkit-and-net-zero-cards/>



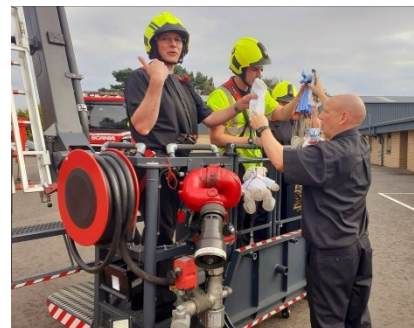
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Charity Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

Claire Benton-Evans writes: Lots of local families gathered with members of St. Mary's Broughty Ferry for the Teddy Bear Drop at the Balmossie/Monifieth Fire Station. This was Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale's bright idea, run in partnership with local firefighters and representatives of Aberlour Children's Charity. In total, over a hundred bears made the death-defying leap from an aerial appliance, and parachutists gained a Certificate of Bravery. Thanks to generous donations the grand total raised for Aberlour and the Firefighters Charity was £1000!



Monkey takes to the sky! (Photo M-A Tisdale)



Mark-Aaron gets ready to ascend.
(Photo C. Benton-Evans)

Congratulations to everyone who made this event such a success. Local families were happy to join in the fun: they were welcomed by church folk who stepped outside the church building to engage

with local people and raise money for good causes, and who took care to fit each bear's parachute and spell their name correctly. Aberlour's reps were delighted to be involved in new fundraising possibilities for the Children's Charity – more than once-a-year Christingle! The new relationship with the local fire brigade also promises to bear fruit, because the keen knitters of St. Mary's – who have previously knitted Christmas angels as their gift to the community – are poised to knit some 'trauma bears' which firefighters give to children involved in emergencies who need something to cuddle. A great example of how good community engagement can be the gift that keeps on giving! There are pictures and videos of the event on the church's Facebook page [here](#).

SECMA Service of Thanksgiving - Saturday 4th Nov 2023 at 11.30am

St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, EH 12 5AW

As well as joyfully giving thanks to God, the Most Rev Dr Mark Strange will be preaching, a Ugandan family choir will be singing and we will hear about SECMA's far-reaching impact past, present and future. A light lunch will follow.

For catering purposes it will be good to have an idea of numbers attending so please respond to Gill Campbell at secma.convener@gmail.com.

If you wish to go by mini-bus from Dundee (cost £20 per person) please email Rev Roxanne Campbell at roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net before 30th September.

Upcoming Events of Interest to All in the Diocese:

Explorations in Prayer - St. Mary Magdalene's Church: Starting 23rd September 2023

Beginning in September there will be a series of 2-hour workshops exploring some of the riches of our spiritual heritage. These monthly workshops, over six months, will offer a place in which we can learn, discuss and experiment with various aspects of prayer. If you wish to be involved or want more information, then contact Dean Kenneth by email - at Kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com or message through St. Mary Magdalene's Church Facebook Page. The sessions are free. They are designed for beginners, "for that is what we always are!" The first session is on Saturday, 23 September 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Margaret Harris Lecture: Prof Annalu Waller, "Being Human: Celebrating who we are", 3rd October 6pm

Rev Prof Annalu Waller will deliver the annual Dundee University 'Margaret Harris' lecture on religion. What does it mean to be human? Annalu will discuss what this means to her. She'll talk about her life, her experiences of exclusion and what that has taught her as well as why she believes we should all be pushing through our comfort levels to challenge how we see things and embrace our differences. The lecture will take place at 6pm in the Dalhousie Building,

Old Hawkhill. Follow this [link](#) to book your free ticket at Eventbrite.

Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts Autumn/Winter Term Begins: 6th October 1pm

The Cathedral's lunchtime concert series resumes on Friday 6th October at 1.00pm, with Kim and Robert Duncan playing a beautiful programme of music for oboe and piano. Tickets and are available at the door and cost £5 for adults or £3 for students.

Celebrate and Hear about the Companionship 'Young Adult Pilgrimage' in Iowa: 15th October 4pm

The young adult pilgrims who returned from Iowa last week will be presenting some memories and reflections on their time with the Companion Diocese at a celebration worship in the Cathedral in Dundee on Sunday 15th October at 4pm (note the correct time for this event). Please do come to celebrate and hear more about their experiences of Iowa, the Companionship and the newly formed relationships that have been made.

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.

"Faith Questions": A free resource available from Church Army

Faith Questions is a free resource from Church Army exploring the difficult questions we come across in our lives. It doesn't seek to give easy answers, but instead learn from the wisdom of our predecessors in faith, and give space for participants to reflect and discover what they think about these ideas. Faith Questions is six sessions long and the sessions can be used as one off, or as part of a course. Further information can be found [here](#).

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](#).