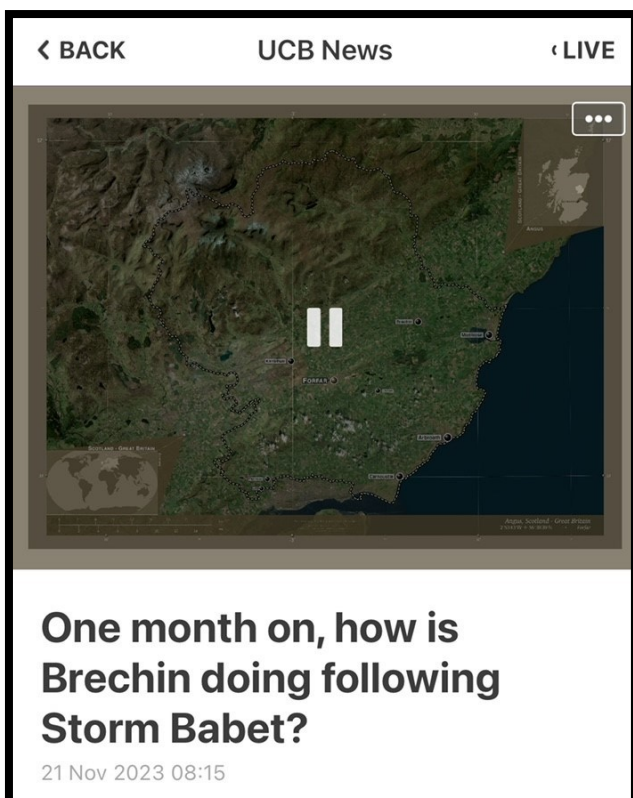


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Canon Jim shares Brechin's experiences on the radio: UCB

Canon Jim Benton-Evans spoke to UCB's Rachel Gillies about the impact on the community and how the church is responding to the flooding that hit the city of Brechin a month ago. The news cycle has moved on, but many people are living with the consequences of the floods. The local churches, including St Andrew's Brechin, are responding to the needs of those who have lost so much.



Full interview can be found on UCB's website below. Please note that the UCB player app will need to be installed to listen.

<https://ucbplayer.page.link/s8Ys9YhcoAvTLWTQ8>

War in Israel-Palestine: Anglican Emergency Appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and the Archbishop of Jerusalem Hosam Naoum have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The full text of the appeal letter is attached to the bulletin email. Details of international partners in the UK where donations can be made are: JMECA (UK): <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24585> Friends of the

Holy Land (UK, Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic): <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/donate/christmas>.

As ever, please pray for peace in this terrible time of war and violence in the Holy Land.

Iowa Youth Pilgrimage: The Pilgrims' Experience in Their Own Words

Following this summer's visit to Iowa, pilgrims reflected on what difference the Companionship Pilgrimage made to them. Leaders from the dioceses of Brechin and Iowa collaborated on this short film, which features interviews with pilgrims plus many photographs to illustrate the different elements of this pilgrimage: the fun, the fellowship, the shared worship and our activities which helped us to reflect on some of the Calls to Mission that had come out of the 2022 Lambeth Conference. These included Creation Care, Racial Reconciliation, Mission & Evangelism and Anglican Identity.



The film is about 7 minutes long and subtitled throughout, and with the sound up you'll hear plenty of joyful singing. So grab some popcorn, sit back and enjoy! You can view the film here: [link](#).

SEI Advent Talk Series: "The Coming of the Christ"

Presented by Rev Canon Prof Michael Hull, Principal and Pantonian Professor of Divinity, Scottish Episcopal Institute, the advent series will ask why in the twenty-first century, it is worth reviewing a first-

century Christian take on the coming of the Christ by rereading some of Christianity's oldest texts, particularly the Gospels. What did Christians project in a pre-Christian age? What did our forebears in the faith think about the coming of the Christ before the disciples were called 'Christians' (Acts 11.26)?

This series will be offered on the Mondays of Advent 2023 at 7pm on YouTube as a resource for individuals or groups to use creatively during the Season of Advent.

1. The Christ: God come down to earth (Monday 4 December 2023)
2. The Christ: God come to save us (Monday 11 December 2023)
3. The Christ: A sign of contradiction (Monday 18 December 2023)

The Series is free and open to all. Register [here](#). Or get the links directly from Mike at principal@scotland.anglican.org.

Help for Young Asylum Seekers in the City of Dundee

From Faith in Community Dundee: The UK government has placed 110 young unaccompanied male asylum seekers in Dundee. They have arrived with nothing. Because they are asylum seekers they cannot work, and get barely any support. Connections café, a conversation and English practice project of The Steeple in Dundee saw young men arriving to learn English, in flip-flops and t-shirts; in Scotland, in October.

The specific needs at the moment are:

- Young men's winter clothes and shoes, most needed are medium-large and for shoes 42 and 43 or 8-9 UK
- Phones chargers
- It would also be great if some dignity packs of (New) underwear, socks, toothbrush/paste, shower gel and deodorant could be provided, especially if they could include a rucksack or similar bag also.

If you or members of your congregations would be able to help with any of these items, ScrapAntics has agreed to host collections and sort out the distribution in conjunction with the Scottish Refugee Council.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations in Dundee:

- ScrapAntics Wellgate community space, near JD gym; Tuesdays 10am - 2pm and Thursdays 12pm - 3pm
- ScrapStore, Unit 2, Meadow Mill, W Henderson's Wynd, Dundee Dd1 5By, United Kingdom, Dundee DD1 5BY: Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Dundee: "Explorations in Prayer"

Interested in exploring aspects of Prayer and Spirituality at a relaxed session held in Dundee? The next open session is on Saturday 25 November from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene's Church. We will be exploring Mindfulness & Centering Prayer. All Welcome! For further details contact Dean Kenneth on 07825554419

Want to Hold Musical Events at St Salvador's, Dundee?

Musicians, singers, organists, etc., that are interested in putting on an event at St Salvador's church please contact Martin Andrews (07947 380620) (or e-mail: saintsalvadors@gmail.com). Our exceptional acoustic has made the church a preferred venue for professional recordings and is ideal for concerts and recitals of all types. We plan to establish regular events as resources become available.

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues, and as the colder weather arrives the pressure on people trying to heat their homes with continuing high utility costs will increase.

We are continuing to place information and resources to help with living costs on a 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.