

Brechin Bulletin

18th January 2024

Kathleen Cummins RIP: Funeral Details

Last week we shared the sad news that Kathleen Cummins, the wife of the Rev Ashley Cummins (retired priest-in-charge of Invergowrie), died on 9th Jan. She had been ill for some time. Ashley and Kathleen have been living in Gauldry near Newport-on-Tay in their retirement. They ministered for many years in the Diocese of Brechin.

The funeral will take place at **11:30am on Friday 26th January** at the **Dundee Crematorium**. Please keep the family and Kathleen in your prayers.

Installation of Cathedral Canons: All Welcome at 5pm, 21st Jan at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

On Sunday 21st January Canon Jim Benton-Evans will be installed as the Synod Clerk of the Diocese of Brechin and Allan Duffus will be installed as a Lay Canon of the cathedral in honour of his many years' service as the Diocesan Treasurer. The bishop will install the canons, supported by the Cathedral Chapter and the wider diocese.

All are very welcome at this celebratory service of evensong.

Holocaust Memorial Day Vigil: 27th Jan at St Paul's Cathedral Dundee



On Saturday 27th January, between 10am-4pm, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee will be open for a Vigil to mark "Holocaust Memorial Day".

On this day we remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

Read more about the day at <https://www.hmd.org.uk/>

2024 Diocesan Intercession List Now Available for Download

The three companion dioceses (Eswatini, Iowa and Brechin) have issued the 2024 diary of intercessions with daily prayer intentions for all three of the Anglican Communion Dioceses. Please download your copy from the Diocesan website at <https://>

www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/resources/by/category/companion-dioceses-joint-intercession-list

If you would prefer a paper copy (the download is formatted to be printed into a paper booklet) please contact the office to have a copy produced and posted out.

Ven Bheki Magongo RIP

Sad news from Eswatini: the Ven Bheki Magongo died last night (16th Jan) in a car crash.

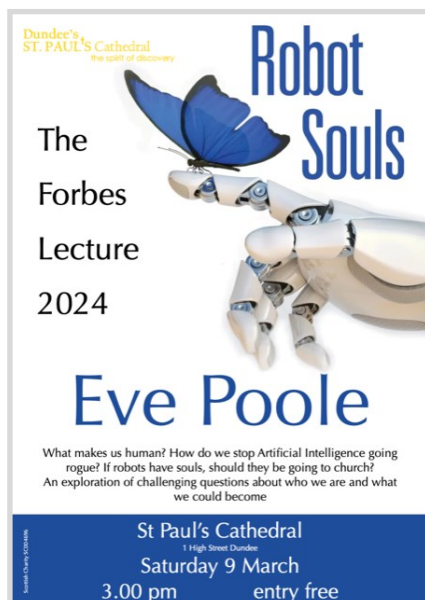
He was an Archdeacon in the Diocese of Eswatini and has been connected with Brechin Diocese since a visit by Pat Millar to Eswatini in 2007. He came to Brechin Diocese for a ministry visit several years ago and met many members of our churches. He stayed with Pat Millar and others and visited and preached in several charges.

Please keep him, his wife Lungile Magongo and their two sons in your prayers.

Forbes Lecture: "Robot Souls", 9th March at 3pm with Dr Eve Poole OBE

The Forbes Lecture is an opportunity for people in Dundee and the Diocese of Brechin to hear about matters of topical interest. The lecture is followed by questions and then by tea, hosted by the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral.

This year, Dr Eve Poole OBE will give the lecture, entitled 'Robot Souls'. In her new book of that same title Eve looks at what we've been deliberately leaving out of the design of AI. It turns out that all that 'junk code' left on the floor contains the very essence of our humanity. As hallmarks of soul, this code is vital to our flourishing. Might it be vital to the flourishing of AI too?



Dr Eve Poole OBE is an academic and writer who specialises in leadership. Her books include *Capitalism's Toxic Assumptions*, *Buying God*, and *Leadersmithing*. Eve was the first female Chairman of Gordonstoun School in Moray from 2015-2021. She also served as Third Church Estates Commissioner for England from 2018-2021, and was Interim Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2022. She was awarded an OBE in the 2023 New Year Honours List for services to education and gender equality.

Dundee Event: "Explorations in Prayer" **20 January at 10.30am**

The next open session of 'Explorations in Prayer' with Dean Kenneth Gibson is taking place on Saturday 20th January from 10.30 am -12.30 pm at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee. We shall be focusing on Lectio Divina and 'Praying with our Bodies'. All are very welcome at this session.

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 in their work to help the those suffering including victims of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. 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.

Healthy Environment: Net Zero Cards now available for churches

The Provincial Environmental Group has released sets of "Net Zero cards". The Net Zero Cards help churches engage with actions a church can take that will reduce your energy use and move your charge towards Net Zero. The cards are designed to let a group within a church (maybe the vestry or a working group looking at environmental issues) make sense of what can feel an overwhelming range of issues and possibilities. The cards in the pack cover Energy Efficiency Improvements, Clean Energy, and Positive Finances, the priority areas from our Net Zero Action Plan.

Packs of the Net Zero cards are now available from the General Synod Office in Edinburgh, and sets are also available from the Diocesan Office. Please contact Elliott to order a pack for your church or to explore guidance on how they can be used in a church setting use.

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Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues in the winter of 2024, and in this colder weather the pressure on people trying to heat their homes with continuing high utility costs. Churches and charities are also feeling the pressure of raised bill. Inflation is dropping—but that just means that prices are rising less quickly, rather than the cost of living dropping back down. Some churches continue to share 'cosy spaces' in their churches or halls to give a warm space, activities and a warm welcome to members of the public. Watch social media pages for details of the times and places.

The Diocese is 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.