

Brechin Bulletin

Epiphany 2024

A Happy New Year 2024 to Friends and all in the Diocese of Brechin

After the church communities of the Diocese celebrated Christmas and New Year we are now returning for a new year in the life of our church as we keep the feast of Epiphany this coming weekend. Christmas was a very busy and active time in our churches, with many carols sung and Christmas celebrations offered in the communities of our diocese. Please pray for a peaceful and healthy New Year and Epiphany as 2024 begins.



Christmas and Epiphany crib at Holy Rood Carnoustie
(Photo M Swift)

Retirement of Linda Walls as Monifieth Lay Reader: Eucharist 7th Jan, 10.30am

This Sunday will be see a service of thanksgiving for the ministry of Linda Walls, who is retiring as an active Lay Reader in the Diocese of Brechin. Linda, a vital part of the leadership team at Holy Trinity Monifieth, has been a Lay Reader since 2007. Bishop Andrew will lead the service this Sunday at the usual time of worship—all are very welcome to attend!

2024 Diocesan Intercession List Available

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/media/resources/Brechin_Joint_Intercession_List_2024.pdf

Day of Prayer for Peace: Muchalls

Saturday January 6th 2024
10am to 4pm

At St Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Muchalls

10am, morning prayer service
11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm a brief prayer for all
3pm closing Communion service



Sit quietly or try a selection of prayer activities. Canon Mary Jepp will be available for individual prayer at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Refreshments available throughout the day A simple bread and soup lunch available 12.30 to 1pm. Any donations received will be sent to Médecins Sans Frontières.

2024 Brechin Diocesan Youth Event: Bowling on 20th January

The next Diocesan Youth Event (Saturday 20 January) is bowling and burgers at Tenpin Dundee for young people in S1-S6. The booking deadline is past but to know more please contact Claire Benton-Evans youth@brechin.anglican.org




BOWLING YOUTH EVENT


Get ready for an afternoon of fun and food at Tenpin Dundee!

 **FOR AGES S1-S6 IN BRECHIN DIOCESE**

 **SAT 20TH JANUARY**

 Tenpin Dundee, Kingsway West Retail Park, Dundee

BOOKING NOW 

 Contact Claire: youth@brechin.anglican.org

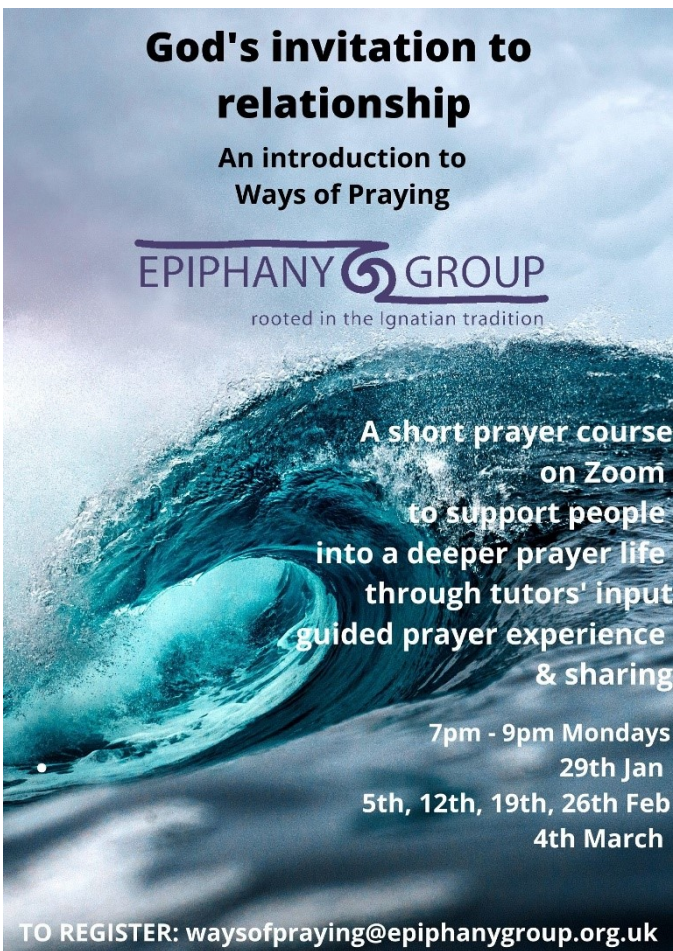


War in Israel-Palestine: Anglican Emergency Appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

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. 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.



God's invitation to relationship
An introduction to
Ways of Praying

EPIPHANY GROUP
rooted in the Ignatian tradition

A short prayer course
on Zoom
to support people
into a deeper prayer life
through tutors' input
guided prayer experience
& sharing

7pm - 9pm Mondays
29th Jan
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Feb
4th March

TO REGISTER: waysofpraying@epiphanygroup.org.uk



The Net Zero cards available from the office

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.

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.

Installation of Canons: 5pm, 21st Jan 2024 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 chapter and the wider diocese.

All are very welcome at this celebratory service of evensong.