

Brechin Bulletin

29th February 2024

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024: "Save the Children: Gaza Crisis" Appeal

Bishop Andrew has chosen the Save the Children "Gaza Crisis" Appeal for our Lent Appeal, with its special focus on humanitarian aid for the children affected by the dreadful violence and humanitarian disaster developing as Israel engages in military action in Gaza.



The politics of the Israel-Gaza conflict are complex, with Hamas atrocities committed on October 7 and hostages taken and held, and the overwhelming Israeli military response since then leading to so much suffering in Gaza: that ongoing suffering of so many civilians and especially the children of Gaza demands our support.

Please either collect during Lent for gathering and passing on to Save the Children after Easter, or give directly to Save the Children at <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-crisis-2> if you wish to add Gift Aid to your donation. Please let the Diocese know if you give directly so we can thank you for your response to the appeal.

World Day of Prayer Services around Dundee: Friday 1st March

The annual World Day of Prayer will have special services held in all the areas of the Diocese. Please look in the local press for details near you.

This year the service has been written by the [Christian Women of Palestine](#), on the theme of: "I beg you to bear with one another in love".

The Dundee area services locations and times are:



Lochee Parish Church, Dundee and in Broughty Ferry St Luke's and Queen St Parish Church at 2pm.

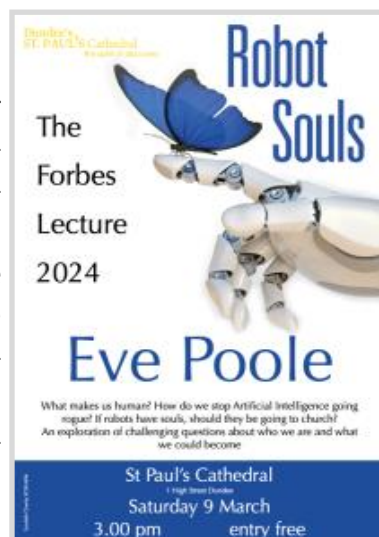
Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Monifieth at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend one (or more) of these services, which will be followed by refreshments.

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

This year's Forbes Lecture has Dr Eve Poole OBE giving a 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?

Eve 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.



'James Gregory' Lecture: 4th March at 5.15pm at St Andrews Uni

Please note that the next James Gregory public lecture on Science, Religion and Human Flourishing will be held on Monday, March 4 at 5.15 pm by Professor Justin Barrett entitled "Does my brain fit with the world around me?" Prof Barrett is an evolutionary psychologist who has taught in Oxford and the Fuller Seminary (Los Angeles).

For more information follow this link <https://jamesgregory.org.uk> and click on the lecture.

NOTE – that the lecture will be given in a new location, the Booth Lecture Theatre, which is the main lecture theatre in the Medical Sciences building. Room location [follow this link](#).



Cathedral Lunchtime Concert: Friday 8th March 1pm

The Cathedral's next Friday lunchtime concert is on Friday 8th March at 1.00pm. Come and enjoy the music of guitarist Tim Beattie. Tickets are available at the door and cost £5 for adults or £3 for students. The concert will last 45 minutes with coffee/tea and cake being served after.

the pisky sessions present...

Alison Eales



with support from Adam Ross

Friday 8 March, 7.30 pm
St Mary's & St Peter's Church, Mid-Links, Montrose

Pisky sessions tickets £10 available from <https://alison.bpt.me/>

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's: 13th March 12.30pm

The next Wednesday lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's will be given by the Carnoustie Choir, conductor Jill Harrison, on 13th March. Concerts will start at 12.30, last 30/35 minutes and tea and coffee will be available. Admission is by donation and you are invited to bring your own lunch to enjoy with the music.

Interested in a Retreat this Year? Open Event at Whitcheater 17th-19th May 2024

A retreat is planned for 17th - 19th May 2024. It will be at Whitcheater Christian Guest House, a beautiful and tranquil setting in Hawick, and will be led by Cathedral clergy. The cost is approximately £180 per person (full board). If you want to go then fill in a booking form and return to Rev'd Roxanne Campbell. Form can be downloaded [here](#). For more information contact roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net

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

This year's Bishop's Lent Appeal is for the Save the Children Gaza Appeal. There are other ways of supporting those working in that area. 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.

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 bills

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.