

Brechin Bulletin

Passiontide: 21st March 2024

Farewell Service for Stuart Muir: 5pm Cathedral Evensong on Easter Day

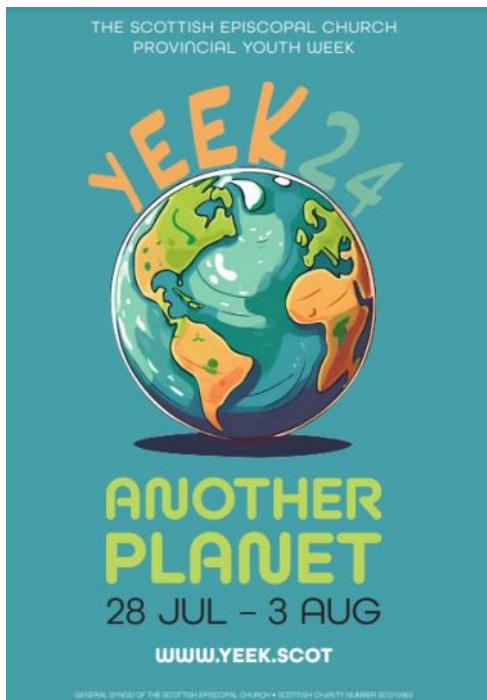
Stuart Muir, Pastoral Musician at the Cathedral, is leaving his post on Easter Sunday to take up a new appointment as Director of Music at St. Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen. We are very sorry to see Stuart leave us, but delighted for him in his new role.

Stuart's last service at the Cathedral as Pastoral Musician will be on 31 March, Easter Day, at 5.00 pm. A farewell service of Choral Evensong will be followed by a party to say goodbye to both Stuart and Robert. Everyone is welcome to come to the service and party.

If you can come to the party, please let the cathedral staff know by clicking [here](#).

Provincial Youth Week: A week for teenagers that's out of this world!

Booking is now open for the Provincial Youth Week (Yeek 24). This annual event for young people at High School is a week-long immersive experience, blending faith and fun in a community where everyone values kindness, respect and mutual support. Yeek is a place where young people lift each other up. Our theme this year is 'Another Planet' and it promises a week filled with discovery, creativity and connections. If you know a teenager who is connected to your church, give them the gift of an unforgettable experience at Yeek (28 July – 3 August 2024).



There are discounts available before the Early Bird deadline on **1 April**: for further information and registration, visit www.yeek.scot Please encourage families with teenagers to find out more!



Music in the Diocese of Brechin:

Cathedral Lunchtime Concert: Friday 22nd March, 1pm

The Cathedral's next Friday lunchtime concert is this Friday, 22nd March at 1.00pm. Come and enjoy the piano duet of Oran Halligan and Edyta Mdyłowska. 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.

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's: 10th April 12.30pm

The next Wednesday lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's will be the Abertay Quartet on 10th April. 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 Whitchester 17th-19th May 2024

As we approach the end of Lent, might you be wondering about a retreat for your spiritual life and discipleship?

A retreat is planned for 17th - 19th May 2024. It will be at Whitchester 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

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Resources:

Save the date – the “Messy Church” team is coming to Scotland!

If you've wondered whether “Messy Church” might be something your church could try, this is for you! It's a full day of training for both new and experienced Messy Church leaders, including digging into Messy Church values, discipleship and Messy Church



Goes Wild, plus a music workshop with Fischy Music. This will be an inspiring day that's not to be missed!

Dates of events and details are below:

Friday 7 June 10am – 4pm – Dundee (£20).

[Full details and booking](#)

Saturday 8 June 10am – 4pm – Glasgow (£20).

[Full details and booking](#)

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A Trauma Sensitive Approach to Children's, Youth and Family Ministry

Diocesan Child and Youth Officer Claire Benton-Evans writes: I recently undertook an excellent online training course on this subject. It is free and can be completed at the participant's own pace: each section is in bite-sized chunks, and there is a good balance of activities. It's suitable for solo or group learning. I would recommend it to anyone who missed the recent training day for clergy on the same subject.

It can be accessed here: <https://cym.thinkific.com/courses/a-trauma-sensitive-approach-to-childrens-youth-and-family-ministry>

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

As we approach the end of Lent, a reminder that 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. The humanitarian crisis for so many civilians and especially the children of Gaza demands our support.



Save the Children

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.

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis is still with many of the most vulnerable in society even as we enter Spring of 2024. Food and fuel prices remain stubbornly high, and pressure remains on people trying to afford the costs of food, 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.