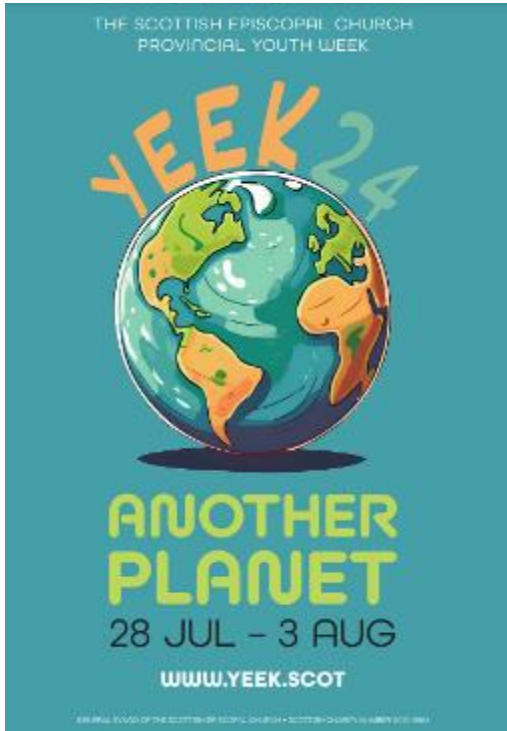


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Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Youth Week: A week for teenagers that's "out of this world"!



Booking is 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 with a long-standing culture where young people support and 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). For further information and registration, visit www.yeek.scot Please encourage families with teenagers to find out more!

Robot Souls: online lecture is now available to view

The recent Forbes Lecture given in St Paul's Cathedral by Dr Eve Poole OBE, "Robot Souls", is now available online as a TED talk. Her Robot Souls TEDx can be found on YouTube or by following the link below.

<https://youtu.be/uMVDkSuzQbk?si=zYU5fpP99bgKtPZv>

Pilgrimage to Iona: One Space Left



Bishop's House, Iona (Photo: Friends of Bishop's House)

The congregations in Brechin, Montrose and Inverbervie have organised a pilgrimage retreat to Iona this summer, 8-12 July and have booked Bishop's House. There is now just *one* space available, which they are offering on a first come first served basis to any adult who would like to take advantage of it. The total cost for the week, including all travel from Brechin to Iona and back again, full board and accommodation in Bishop's House, is £400. Anyone interested should contact the Rector, Rev Canon Jim Benton-Evans, by email at jimbentonevans@gmail.com.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024: "Save the Children: Gaza Crisis" Appeal : Final Call for Any Donation

If you managed to save towards Bishop Andrew's Lent Appeal for the Save the Children "Gaza Crisis" Appeal, please send these funds into the diocese, via your charge treasurer if you are able.



Save the Children

This appeal remains dreadfully topical, with the ongoing humanitarian crisis affecting children especially as Israel continues to engage in military action in Gaza and aid workers and their support are so badly affected by the violence. 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.

If you wish to give directly (with Gift Aid) to Save the Children at <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-crisis-2> please let the Diocese know if you give directly so we can thank you for your response to the appeal.

SOLAS Festival 2024: Calling Creative Worship Leaders!

Here is an exciting opportunity to lead worship at a midsummer music & arts festival at Errol Park near Dundee. Solas Festival is not a religious gathering, but it is rooted in the Christian tradition of faith and community. Festival organisers say: "We would like to include a creative act of Christian worship as part of Solas Festival, and we'd like to invite festivalgoers to unite in a moment of reflection. We're seeking worship leaders to bring fresh ideas! £400 is available to support your vision." **Deadline: 30 April, 2024.** Details here: <https://www.solasfestival.co.uk/blog/2023/2/13/solas-festival-2024-worship-proposal-callout>



Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse: 2pm, Saturday 25th May at St Mary's Broughty Ferry

A pilot session for Brechin Diocese will be held at St Mary's Broughty Ferry at 2pm on Saturday May 25th. Encouraged by the Bishop, Mrs Isabelle Pottinger from the Scottish Mothers Union Domestic Abuse Committee will give an illustrated talk on this important topic so often hidden from sight. It is hoped clergy, safeguarding officers and any other interested parties from all the charges in the diocese will make an effort to attend. The talk will be followed by questions discussion and tea. Put the date in your diary and plan who can come from your church.

Book Launch at St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry—31st May at 7:30pm

Bookhouse, an independent book shop operating in Broughty Ferry, is hosting a book launch and talk with author Victoria Mackenzie in St Mary's Church on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm.



Victoria MacKenzie



The Rector, Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale will conduct the interview as they explore her debut novel, For Thy Great Pain Have Mercy on My Little Pain, a story about Margery Kempe and Julian of Norwich fictionally meeting. All very welcome! Tickets at £5 are available from Bookhouse or from their website: at the QR code above.

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>



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.