

Brechin Bulletin

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Mothers' Union: Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse for the Church



Isabelle Pottinger presents at St Mary's Broughty Ferry, with others from the MU team. Photo: M Swift

A Mothers' Union (MU) Scotland initiative to raise awareness of domestic violence with clergy and church members was piloted for Brechin Diocese last weekend. Isabelle Pottinger, from the MU Scotland Team, gave a presentation and shared resources to help church members identify domestic abuse, welcome survivors safely into our communities and to signpost them to agencies who can help. Information books are available, produced by the charity 'Restored' (www.restored-uk.org), for churches to be better equipped in this vital area of ministry.

Appointment of New Diocesan 'Net Zero' Engagement Representative

With the recent successful appointment of members of the Provincial Net Zero Team, Jack Nevin has recently been appointed the Diocesan Engagement Representative for the Diocese of Brechin. In the national Net Zero team, Jack is Net Zero Innovation Coordinator as well as the Diocesan Engagement Representative for the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.



Jack Nevin (Photo J Nevin)

Jack's remit includes training, support in unlocking funding, policy awareness and promoting the development of technical projects. Jack is planning to engage and connect with every charge in the diocese and seeks

opportunities to promote and assist in the development of sustainable projects.

Jack will work closely with the Diocesan Environmental Group, led by Peter Sharp. Peter, in turn, reports to Bishop Andrew and the Diocesan Council. Council is developing the Diocesan Net Zero Plan and progress on this is reported at diocesan synod.

You can contact Jack at jackn@scotland.anglican.org.

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.

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 below.



Victoria MacKenzie



Special Appeal for Winter School Shoes for the Diocese of Eswatini: Open Until June 30th.

Our Companionship Diocese of Eswatini has launched a special appeal for school shoes for children in their Diocesan schools. As Eswatini are entering the colder months now they are reaching out to orphaned and vulnerable children, in their Diocesan schools, to provide them with school shoes. In order to attend school, pupils are required to have the basic uniform **and to wear shoes**. Many families struggle to make ends meet and as a result their children often do not have proper footwear to keep

their feet healthy and protected. Most children walk long distances to and from school and some walk barefoot and only put their shoes on when they reach school; sometimes because the shoes are broken or too small and uncomfortable and often because they are not able to replace worn out shoes. We are invited to respond with donations (not shoes – the cost of post/carriage is hugely expensive and the postal services extremely unreliable).

Donations are open until Sunday 30th June 2024. Holy Trinity Monifieth will, manage the collection and transfer of donations. Cash donations can be handed to Keith Florence or to me (Canon Pat Millar) and cheques should be made payable to Holy Trinity Church. Bank transfer details are available from Keith or from me at patriciamillar2509@gmail.com.

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!

What can we offer children and families? "Messy Church" event 7th June.

If your church is asking this question, invite people to attend the upcoming Messy Church training day for encouragement and inspiration! This event taking place on **7 June in Dundee** will feature Messy Church Goes Wild and Fischy Music, so you can learn more about how Messy Church works, but also get excited about other things that could thrive in your context, such as music that gets children singing and working with families outside. The day costs £20 including lunch: it is recommended that churches pay for their volunteers' attendance, so that they are officially 'sent' and equipped for ministry to families in your community. If money is an issue, Diocesan help is

available: please contact Claire at youth@brechin.anglican.org. Information and booking here: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/messy-church-events/products/scottish-messy-church-training-days-dundee>

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's

The next second Wednesday lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's will be on 12th June at 12.30pm and will be an organ recital by Robert Gower who is organist at Dundee Parish Church. Tea and coffee will be available from 12.15pm and you are welcome to bring your own lunch to enjoy with the music. Admission is by donation.

Dundee Pride March - 15th June

This year's Dundee Pride March will take place on Saturday, 15 June. If interested in attending as part of an organised SEC presence please contact Rev Roxanne Campbell at: roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net.

Provincial Young Adult Pilgrimage

A Provincial Pilgrimage for young people aged 18-25(ish) will be venturing to the beautiful wilds of Glen Esk from 16-18 August 2024. There are spaces for each Diocese, and full-time students will be eligible for financial help from the Murray Scarlett fund. Please contact Claire for further details: youth@brechin.anglican.org. Full information and application form can be found here: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Glen-Esk-Pilgrimage-information.pdf>

Retiral of SEC Secretary General: Installation as Lay Canon in Edinburgh

The Bishop of Edinburgh would like to extend an invitation to all across the Province to attend the Evensong Service at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh at **3.30pm Sunday 9 June 2024** where the Secretary General of the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Mr John Stuart, will be installed as Lay Canon. Also: a 'giving' page has been set up on the SEC website for those who wish to contribute to John's collection for SEI. It can be accessed here: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/secretary-general-retiral-donations-to-benefit-sei/>

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.