

# Brechin Bulletin

## 9th May 2024

### Lay Worship Leaders Licensed at St Mary's, Arbroath



Cedric de Voil and Sue Lansley are commissioned by Bishop Andrew, with Rector, Rev Pete Mead.

Cedric de Voil and Sue Lansley were licensed as Lay Worship Leaders for St Mary's Arbroath on Sunday 4th May. Rev Pete Mead, the rector of St. Mary's, supported Cedric and Sue through this training. Bishop Andrew had a great visit with the congregation as he thanked the newly commissioned leaders and all who support the life and mission of St Mary's.

### Clergy Moves: Announced May 2024

Announcements were made on Sunday 5th May of some upcoming changes in clergy in the Diocese of Brechin. Bishop Andrew shared the following:

#### **St Ninian's Mid Craigie & St Mary Magdalene's Dundee**

Dean Canon Kenneth Gibson, presently the Interim Rector of St. Mary Magdalene and part-time Rector of St Margaret's Lochee, will also take on the role of part-time Priest in Charge of St Ninian's, Dundee, vacant since the retirement of Dean Fay Lamont last year.

Kenneth's role at St Mary Magdalene will change to become part-time to allow him the time to take on this new role. The Bishop expressed his thanks to the clergy and lay leaders who have been supporting and will continue to support Kenneth in these three churches. Kenneth will start this new pattern of ministry with a licensing service at St Ninian's this June, at a date to be determined. Please keep Kenneth and the churches in your prayers at this time of change.

### **Invergowrie and St Salvador's Dundee**

It has been announced that the Rev David Gordon, Priest in Charge and Transitional Minister for All Souls' Invergowrie and St Salvador's Dundee, will be moving to a new post in the Scottish Episcopal Church in the summer.

David has been appointed as the incumbent of St John the Evangelist Pittenweem and St Michael and All Angels Elie (the East Neuk of Fife) in the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunblane and Dunkeld. He will be moving from Dundee to these new charges in summer 2024.

The Bishop sincerely thanked David for all his work as a stipendiary cleric over the past four and a half years in the Diocese of Brechin, from pastoral care in the vacant cathedral during COVID, to supporting Invergowrie on the retirement of Ashley Cummins and leading St Salvador's after Fr Clive Clapson moved on from that church. David has been a caring and pastoral presence in all these charges and in the wider diocese. Ongoing pastoral care of the Brechin charges will be arranged in the next while.

Again, please keep David, his family and all the churches concerned in your prayers.

### **Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts: Friday 10th May at 1pm**

Simone Tavoni, piano, will be performing at the next of the regular concerts hosted by the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral. Entry is £5, or £3 for students. Tea, coffee, cake and chance to meet the performers are all on offer at the concert series!

Watch this space for further events: dates for the diary are the 24th May and the 7th June.

### **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](http://www.yeek.scot) Please encourage families with teenagers to find out more!



### **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. All are very welcome at this very important event.

### **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



### **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](mailto:youth@brechin.anglican.org). Information and booking here: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/collections/messy-church-events/products/scottish-messy-church-training-days-dundee>

### **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:



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