

Brechin Bulletin

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General Synod Report 2024: “Committees, Canons, and Coffee”

Dean Kenneth Gibson writes, “At its best, the Church is a gathering of individuals from diverse backgrounds, shaped and informed by shared values, hopes and vision. At General Synod this was made manifest in our three days together.

“The routine business of accepting and discussing the reports of our Boards and their pendant committees was attended to, as was the debating of Canonical Revision relating to our closer inter-church relationships, the impact of Net Zero on our Building Regulations, and the proposed revision of our Liturgy for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The Canons on Safeguarding were also tightened and tidied up.



Rev Roxanne Campbell present the motion against nuclear weapons at the Synod (Photo SEC)

“While the Primus challenged us as a church to consider our response to our historic links with the Slave Trade, the Motions on the Church’s stance towards nuclear weapons and the on-going horror of the Israeli-Gaza conflict produced moving and deeply-felt views. The Motions adopted displayed the nature of our SEC as being firmly on the side of Peace and Reconciliation.

“Alongside the official business was the realisation that at its heart our Church is founded upon relationships sustained by mutual respect and trust, all washed down by copious amounts of coffee.”

The Synod takes place each year in Edinburgh in June, with representatives of all seven dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church. If you would like to know more about the Synod or how to take part, please speak to your priest.

Rev Professor David Brown to be Appointed Canon Theologian at St Paul’s Cathedral Dundee

The Rev Professor David Brown, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Aesthetics and Culture at the University of St Andrews, has been invited by Bishop Andrew to take up the post of Canon Theologian at the Cathedral in Dundee. This is a new post, following an updating of the statutes of the cathedral last year. The Canon Theologian helps the cathedral and diocese with preaching, lectures and other ways of enriching the theological life of the communities of Brechin Diocese.



Rev Prof David Brown and Bishop Andrew
(Photo Mary Swift)

Bishop Andrew said, “I am delighted that David has agreed to take on this new and exciting role with us. He will bring a rich and varied range of theological perspectives to our life as a Diocese!”

David will be installed at a special service of evensong at the cathedral on the 25th August at 5pm.

Very Rev Kenneth Gibson Licensing at St Ninian’s Mid Craigie: 30th June at 4pm

Dean Kenneth will be licensed as the Priest in Charge of St Ninian’s, Mid Craigie, Dundee at 4pm on Sunday 30th June, at St Ninian’s church at the east end of the Kingsway. All are very welcome to attend this service and celebration of this new shared ministry.

Kenneth continues as the part-time Interim Rector for St Mary Magdalene’s in Dundee as well as this

new ministry. Please keep Kenneth and the church communities in your prayers in this time of new beginnings.

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

Canon Pat Millar (Diocesan Companionship Links Officer) writes: 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**.

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: Booking due 1st July

Booking for the Provincial Youth Week (Yeek 24) is coming to a close on 1 July. 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!

Provincial Young Adult Pilgrimage August 2024

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>

Events from Around the Diocese

Two General Election Hustings: 27th June 7pm

Save the Date! Question your candidates! There will be two General Election Hustings on Thursday 27th June 2024. One for the Arbroath and Broughty Ferry Constituency in St. Mary's Queen Street Broughty Ferry DD5 1AJ.

The second will be for the Dundee Central Constituency and hosted in St Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church Kingsway East Dundee DD4 7RW. All Welcome!

St Mary's & St Peter's Hog Roast 30th June 1.30pm:

St. Mary's & St. Peter's Montrose is having a Hog Roast on the 30th June, the 300th anniversary of the churches. The roast kicks off at 1.30pm with vegetarian options available. Entry is by donation. Please feel free to bring your own bottle to enjoy with the live music. Numbers required ASAP (to judithchaffer@outlook.com in order to ensure the piggy is big enough!)

Summer Concert at St. Salvador's 30th June 3pm:

St. Salvador's, Dundee will host as the Soteria Ensemble presents a viola and cello recital by Sarah Nail and Stewart McMurdo. Featuring works by Shostakovich, Bach, Reger, Muczynski and Clarke. Entry by donation.

Tarfside Annual Picnic Social and Songs of Praise: 14th July

St Drostan's Tarfside welcomes you to come along and join with them in their annual Picnic Social event and Songs of Praise. Taking place on Sunday 14th July from 2.00pm with Songs of Praise beginning at 4.00pm. Please bring your own food. Tea, coffee soft drinks and some cakes will also be provided. Contact Rev. Jane Nelson for further information. Tel 01569 730967, email stdrostans-book@btinternet.com