

Brechin Bulletin

27th June 2024

Messy Church: Dundee gathering with wealth of ideas for outreach to families

Members of Brechin Diocese joined an ecumenical gathering in Dundee recently for an excellent training day led by Messy Church-BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship). There were lots of ideas and inspiration shared for ministry with children and families, including how to encourage intergenerational participation, and how to gather and respond to meaningful feedback. We were treated to some musical training from Fischy Music, and learned how we can use their resources even if there is nobody who feels able to lead singing in your church. In the afternoon we headed outside to participate in a sample session of 'Messy Church Goes Wild', including a prayer walk, campfire activities and cloud gazing.



Photo: Jane Butler, Messy Church Training & Development Lead, speaking at Lochee Parish Church in Dundee. (Photo C. Benton-Evans)

These ideas were simple, easy to use and often resource-free: great for congregations that are short on volunteers or for children who need a change from crafts. If you'd like to know more about how any of these ideas could work in your context, please contact Claire: youth@brechin.anglican.org

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. Any clergy or lay readers are welcome to robe for the service.

Kenneth continues as the part-time Interim Rector for

St Mary Magdalene's in Dundee, where he has served for the past four years. He has also been taking care of St Margaret's Lochee, a ministry that he will also pass on to an interim (see later story).



St Ninian's Mid Craigie Dundee (Photo St Ninian's)

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

Rev Professor David Brown to be Appointed Canon Theologian at St Paul's Cathedral Dundee: 25th August Celebration Evensong

As announced last week, 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.

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. This service will also be a 'farewell' to Provost Elizabeth Thomson as she moves on from the cathedral to take up her new post as Provincial Director of ordinands.

Special Appeal for Winter School Shoes for the Diocese of Eswatini: Last Call: 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.

Vacancies in the Diocese of Brechin

Several churches in Brechin will become vacant in the next few weeks with changes of job and clergy moving on. These churches will be supported by priests acting as 'Interims' in their pastoral lives and while work takes place to review ministries and then recruit new priests. The charges and interims are:

All Souls' Invergowrie—Very Rev Fay Lamont

St Margaret's Dundee—Very Rev Elizabeth Thomson

St Martin's Dundee—Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale

St Salvador's Dundee—Rev Gary Clink

The Bishop would like to thank all the vestries and the Interims for being willing to work together to support these church communities to their next phase of healthy ministry.

Plans are being developed for future ministry for the churches in Dundee city—watch this space for information as these plans progress.

Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Youth Week: Booking due by 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!

Events from Around the Diocese

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 stdrostan-book@btinternet.com



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.