

Brechin Bulletin

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Celebrations in Glencarse

Summer celebrations took place last Sunday (21st July) in All Saints' Church, Glencarse, the westernmost charge in the Diocese of Brechin.



Lay Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Assistants with Ian Young and the Bishop (Photo Mary Swift)

Under the guidance and support of the Ven Canon Ian Young MBE, the priest who leads the congregation, several members of the congregation have been working to become Lay Worship Leaders and Eucharistic Assistants. They were presented with their certificates and various badges by Bishop Andrew when he was with them to lead worship. Lay Worship Leaders assist the priest in the conduct of worship and can lead an appropriate act of worship if a priest, deacon or lay reader is not available on a particular Sunday. Eucharistic Assistants help the priest or other service leader in the conduct of worship, especially, for example, assisting with the chalice at a service of communion. If anyone wishes to know more about possibilities of such ministry, contact the priest in your charge in the first instance for a discussion.

At the same service, Brian Whitten, of the Arts Society Tayside Church Recording Group presented the record of church furnishings that the group has produced in



Brian Whitten presents the Record to Ven Ian Young
(Photo Mary Swift)

the past few years for All Saints Church. The detailed description of the church and all the items in the church, and research into their history had been written up and presented in a fine bound volume for the church's records. Church Recording is a national activity coordinated by the Church Recording Society, to encourage professional standard recording of artefacts and furnishings in churches in the UK. <https://www.churchrecordingsociety.org.uk/>

Provost Elizabeth Thomson to be Honorary Canon: Installation 25th August at Cathedral Celebration Evensong

Provost Elizabeth Thomson, who is becoming the Scottish Episcopal Church Director of Ordinands (the role in charge of recruitment and selection for clergy and lay readers for Scotland) has been invited by Bishop Andrew to become an honorary canon of St Paul's Cathedral as she leaves pastoral ministry to take up her new, high profile role in the Province. She has been the Provost for the past three years and in that time has made an impact on the life of the cathedral and its place in the city and diocese. She will therefore continue to have a link to Brechin Diocese as she becomes a senior officer in the National Church. She will be installed as an Honorary Canon at the Evensong to be held on 25th August. This service is also the cathedral's 'farewell' service to Elizabeth.

As previously announced, the Rev Professor David Brown, Professor Emeritus of Theology, Aesthetics and Culture at the University of St Andrews will also be installed as Canon Theologian at this same service. 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.

Please do come to the evensong if you are able: clergy and lay readers are invited to robe, in choir dress.

Bishop Andrew to be Acting Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in their episcopal vacancy

As announced last week: The College of Bishops have asked Bishop Andrew to be the Acting Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway when Bishop Kevin Pearson retires at the end of August 2024. Every member of the College of Bishops carries out certain Provincial duties as well as their Diocesan responsibilities: this acting bishop role is one such duty that most bishops will undertake at some point in episcopal vacancies.

Bishop Andrew will, of course, still be the the Bishop of Brechin while he takes on this additional Provincial duty. With the support of Diocesan staff and officers in both Glasgow and Brechin, his hope is that Brechin Diocese will not notice a difference! The Bishop will spend a few planned days in Glasgow and Galloway each month, as well as supporting some Sundays and other events in that Diocese.

Bishop Andrew said: “The election of a new Bishop is a key time in the life of the wider Scottish Episcopal Church as well as the Diocese concerned, so I am happy and willing to help our sisters and brothers in the west of Scotland as they navigate through these times of significant change.”

Prayers for Provincial Youth Week “Yeek”

Next week Youth delegates from throughout Scotland will gather at Glenalmond School in Perthshire for the annual “Yeek” youth week. Yeek has a reputation for being a safe and fun place for our young people to meet and deepen their faith.

This year Brechin Diocese is very well supported in both delegates and leaders. The Diocesan Children and Youth Officer, Claire Benton-Evans, is also the Provincial Youth Officer and takes a leading role in the running of this week. Please keep all the leaders and delegates in your prayers, that they have a rich and fulfilling week and that friendships are made and that God will bless their time of fellowship.

Read more about the plans for the week in this edition of [Inspires Online](#).

Upcoming Vacancies in the Diocese of Brechin: plans for support and recruitment

The Cathedral in Dundee will officially become vacant in a week’s time 1st August as Provost Elizabeth Thomson moves on to become the Provincial Director of Ordinands, responsible for selection and recruitment of clergy and lay readers for the Scottish Episcopal Church. As previously announced, Rev Roxanne Campbell, presently priest in charge for St Martin’s Dundee and Priest for Outreach at the cathedral will care for the cathedral as Interim Rector for the vacancy. A recruitment process for the new provost, with the vestry working with the bishop, will start immediately, with an aim to appoint next Spring/Summer.

Several churches in Brechin are also becoming also 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. Any vacancy and change in ministry can be a time of anxiety—the plan is to build up on all the good work that has been taking place in these charges as we seek new clergy to care for them.

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



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.