

Brechin Bulletin

Early July 2024—2 week edition

Dean Kenneth Gibson Licensed as Priest for St Ninian's Mid Craigie, Dundee

Bishop Andrew licensed Kenneth Gibson as the Priest in Charge for St Ninian's Mid Craigie, in Dundee, on Sunday 30th June. Kenneth continues as the Interim Rector for St Mary Magdalene's Dundee, a post he has held for the past four years.



Clergy and Lay Canon Allan Duffus with Kenneth as he is licensed to St Ninian's (Photo M Swift)

Members of St Ninian's and St Mary Magdalene's gathered for the celebration, along with family and friends and others from the community. Greetings were brought from Mid Lin Care. Thanks were given for the clergy and lay readers and others who had supported St Ninian's in their year-long vacancy.

Over the next year Kenneth will share his time between the two churches, working with them towards future models of sustainable shared priestly ministry. This work will form part of an overall plan for future ministry in the City of Dundee from 2025 onwards.

A Day of Celebrations at St Luke's Centre of Mission, Downfield

Bishop Andrew was at St Luke's, Downfield for a day of celebrations on 23rd June. St Luke's is a 'Centre of Mission', a partnership between Church Army and the Diocese of Brechin. Church Army is an Anglican mission charity based in Sheffield. The Dundee Centre of Mission has been running since 2014 with Canon Captain Kerry Dixon CA as the 'Lead Evangelist' and Priest in Charge. In 2024, therefore, a tenth birthday was due to be celebrated.

Steve Waller, the Church Army employed pioneer based at St Luke's for the past few months was also affirmed by the Bishop as a lay worker in the Diocese.



Steve Waller (L) is affirmed by the Bishop in his lay ministries as Pioneer Evangelist (Photo M Sutherland)

The joyful celebrations were finished as Brian, one of the 'Pirate Monks' (a long standing men's support group in the project), was baptised by the Bishop, assisted by Kerry, with full immersion in the church service!



Brian, a Pirate Monk, is baptised at St Luke's. Picture by consent. (Photo M Sutherland)

The Centre of Mission, sometimes called 'Café Church' will continue as a charge in the Scottish Episcopal Church as well as the Church Army partnership. The Sunday morning worship is informal with modern music and plenty of food on offer. The project delivers food and clothing aid in the north of Dundee as well as engaging with youth work and work with people struggling with substance abuse and many of the other problems within Dundee as a 21st century Scottish city.

Installation of Canon Theologian at St Paul's Cathedral Dundee: 25th August Celebration Evensong

As previously announced, 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. 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.

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. There are also plans for some other new Canons to be installed that evening: watch this space for details.

Prayers for Iowa

From Canon Pat Millar, Companion Links Officer:

Today (Friday 28 June) I received the message copied below from a Companionship friend in Iowa.

"We've been experiencing some significant river flooding in Iowa over the past week or so. So far none of our churches have been affected but lots of people have had homes and belongings destroyed. Keep Iowa in your thoughts and prayers as the waters continue to move down the rivers."



Flooding in 22 counties in Iowa (Photo Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds)

There is extensive news of the awful flooding in Iowa in communities alongside the rivers. This latest weather crisis follows extensive damage and disruption caused by tornadoes only a couple of

months ago. They are having a hard and worrying time. Please include our Iowa Companions in your Intercessions over the coming weeks as they work to support families and communities in the aftermath of these floods.

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.

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



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.