

Brechin Bulletin

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Provost Elizabeth Thomson Moves On from Cathedral to Provincial Role

The Very Revd Elizabeth Thomson had her final Sunday as the Provost of St Paul's Cathedral Dundee today (28th July). She is moving on to the role of the Scottish



Elizabeth cuts the cake after her final service as Provost
(Photo St Paul's Cathedral Dundee Facebook)

Episcopal Church's Provincial Director of Ordinands, the person in charge of recruitment and selection for clergy and lay readers for all of Scotland.

Bishop Andrew: Thanks to Clergy and Charges in Time of Change in Dundee

Bishop Andrew writes: "The 1st of August is the date that several changes are taking place in the Brechin clergy team, especially in the City of Dundee. Provost Elizabeth Thomson has now finished in the Cathedral, Rev David Gordon has finished in St Salvador's and All Soul's Invergowrie, and Rev Roxanne Campbell has moved on from St Martin's to provide full-time interim support for the Cathedral. Many heart felt thanks go to them and the vestries and people of those charges as those ministries end. I would also like to thanks the In-

terim Clergy (see later article) who have agreed to care for and support the vacant charges as we start review and recruitment processes to find the new permanent clergy for those churches. I am looking forward to working with the vestries of those churches over the next few months."

Dedication of Memorial Seat to "Bishop Ted" at St Drostan's Tarside

During the 2.30pm Eucharist on Sunday 11th August, Bishop Andrew will dedicate a new outdoor bench to the memory of Bishop Ted, gifted by his daughter Jean.



The memorial bench (manufactured from recycled plastic) with the dedication for Bishop Ted (Photo J Sutherland)

Bishop Ted Luscombe, former Bishop of Brechin and Primus of the SEC, was instrumental in setting up the St Drostan's retreat centre at Tarside, and was a keen supporter of the work of the Lodge throughout his life. Coffee and tea will be served in the Lodge afterwards.

For more information, please contact. Rev Jane Nelson 01569 730967, or stdrostans-book@btinternet.com

Eswatini Shoes Appeal Total

From Companion Links Officer Canon Pat Millar:

"I am delighted to share the final figure donated by Brechin and Iowa for the ESwatini School Shoes Appeal. The total raised was £2,438. This includes a generous donation of \$1,000 (£759 net) from Bishop Betsey on behalf of Companions in Iowa. The

bank transfer has been received by the Diocesan Office in Mbabane.

Bishop Dalcy and the Diocesan team in Eswatini have been working very hard to raise funds to provide suitable shoes for pupils in the diocesan schools. They are most grateful for our support and encouragement. They have asked me to convey their heartfelt thanks and warm wishes to friends and Companions in Iowa and Brechin.

An extract from a note from Sebenzile - Bishop Dalcy's PA:- *"Thank you so much for the donation. The shoe drive is one that we are passionate about. Our Bishop has been knocking on doors, locally and external for such a support and we couldn't be more grateful."*

It is a wonderful result and I am very grateful to the many congregations, friends and families who have contributed so generously to this most worthwhile appeal.

"How to Care for Your Church" Workshop in Lochee 25th September

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Lochee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings are hosting a free workshop for those who care for historic places of worship. The course will offer those who care for historic places of worship introductory guidance to understand their buildings better and how to carry out basic preventative maintenance. Sign up and event agenda can be found using the link below.

<https://howtocareforyourchurchwor.rsvpify.com>

This week: Prayers for Provincial Youth Week "Yeek"

This week Youth delegates from throughout Scotland are gathering 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](#).

Vacancies in the Diocese of Brechin: Support and Recruitment Plans

As reported earlier in this edition, the Cathedral in Dundee has become vacant from today 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 now vacant as of today 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—Canon Elizabeth Thomson
- St Martin's Dundee—Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale
- St Salvador's Dundee—Rev Gary Clink

The Bishop would again 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?

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