

Brechin Bulletin

22nd August 2024

All are Invited to the Installation of Canons: 25th August, 5pm, St Paul's Cathedral Dundee Celebration Evensong

Rev Professor David Brown will be installed as Canon Theologian and former Provost Elizabeth Thomson will be installed as an honorary Canon on Sunday 25th August at 5pm. This will also be the farewell party for Elizabeth as she has moved from St Paul's Cathedral to become the Provincial Director of Ordinands. All are very welcome to attend this service of celebration. Clergy and Lay Readers are invited to robe: choir dress.



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

Scottish Episcopal Church 'Net Zero' Programme Update: Energy Footprint Tool to Begin Roll Out

Just over 2 years ago charges were asked to complete a form called the Energy Footprint Analyser which calculated the carbon emissions associated with your church buildings' electricity and heating consumption. Since then the Net Zero team have been engaged in discussions with the Church of England for permission to use a similar, but more sophisticated, tool that the CofE had developed to measure a charge's carbon footprint. This is now ready to be used and vestry treasurers have been informed by the Net Zero Team that they will be contacted in the next few weeks with information on how to get registered to use the Energy Footprint Tool.

The Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) is an online software tool developed for the SEC to gather data on greenhouse gas emissions across the Province. This data is crucial in measuring our contribution to climate change, shaping strategy, and reducing our carbon footprint as part of the Net Zero Action Plan. The roll-out will occur in stages, one Diocese at a time, with the goal of providing everyone access to the tool by the end of September.

Vestry Treasurers will receive another email when the tool is available for their charge, including detailed instructions on how to use it. Guides and webinars will be available on the Net Zero Portal throughout the roll-out as well.



Our Net Zero logo from the Provincial Environment Group
(Image: SEC Website)

Having access to a tool which will measure the size of your carbon footprint is clearly an essential step in moving towards the SEC target of Net Zero by 2030.

Please watch out for more information on this tool and various other initiatives that will be helping us as the church works towards the 2030 target for achieving Net Zero.

'Net Zero' Update: Webinar for the Scottish Episcopal Church on Historic Environment Scotland's Grant Programmes

On 19 September, a webinar will be held from 1:00-2:00 PM, hosted by Dr. Susan O'Connor, the Head of Grants and External Relations and Partnerships for Historic Environment Scotland (HES). The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of HES' grant programmes for SEC charges, specifically targeting the built heritage and the Net Zero Action Plan. Dr. O'Connor, who previously served as the Director of the Scottish Civic Trust and holds a doctorate in Architectural History and Criticism from the University of Bath, will offer insights into heritage conservation and the available funding opportunities.

To register interest, please contact Jack Nevin, Net

Zero Innovation Coordinator and the Net Zero team link for Brechin Diocese, at JackN@scotland.anglican.org

“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>

Other notices shared from around the Diocese:

St Mary Magdalene's Dundee Quiz Night: 10th September 8pm

Attention Quiz fans! St Mary Magdalene's will be holding a quiz night on September 10 in the Fort Bar in Broughty Ferry at 8pm. Teams of between 3 and 5 people or individual entries welcome - we will find a team for you if you don't have one! Refreshments provided.

Contact Judey Struth (07858790623) to register a team or for any other info. Hope to see you there!

Richard Durrant Concert at St. Mary's Broughty Ferry 19th September.

St Mary's, Broughty Ferry, is delighted to welcome back, the amazing guitarist and composer, Richard Durrant, DipRCM, ARCM, FLCM..... and genuinely nice guy! Many will remember his concert, *Music for Midsummer*, in 2022, when Richard was touring on his bicycle from Orkney all the way down to Shoreham by Sea. That concert featured some of Richard's own guitar compositions plus a wonderful performance of Bach on a ukelele. In 2011, Richard was invited to launch his latest solo album in Paraguay and, whilst there, in recognition of his championing of the Paraguayan composer, Augustin Barrios Mangore, Richard was officially proclaimed an Illustrious Visitor to Asuncion – quite an honour. Since then, Richard has returned to South America many times, playing in Paraguay, Argentina and Peru. On **Thursday 19 September 2024**, Richard returns to St

Mary's with his concert, *The No. 26 Bus to Paraguay*, in which he explores the mysteries of La Ruta Mangoreana, uncovering the beauty of Paraguayan music and sharing stories from South America. A very different but magical evening!

Tickets: £12.50 (includes glass of wine), under 18's £6

Contact Sue Rowe at mrssusanrowe@gmail.com or 01382 779723.

St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee seeks a new Administrator

The Cathedral seeks to appoint a competent and reliable person as a part-time, paid, Administrator. The post involves familiarity with administration, invoicing, social media, church rotas. The ideal candidate should also be able to represent the church to members of the public. More information about the role, and how details of how to apply can be found [here](#).

Save the Date—Diocesan Synod 26th October

A reminder: the Autumn Diocesan Synod is on Saturday 26th October—Budgets and Mission! All clergy and lay reps who are required to attend: please put that in your diaries.

New Bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld

Please pray for Bishop Andrew MacKenzie, the newly consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Dunkeld. He was consecrated on Saturday 10th August in St Andrew's Cathedral, Dundee. Watch for more notices about ecumenical opportunities to meet and connect with our brothers and sisters in other churches.

Any news or upcoming events 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.