

# Brechin Bulletin

## 29th August 2024

### St Paul's Cathedral Dundee: Choral Evensong with Installation of Canons

Choral Evensong, led by Rev Roxanne Campbell and Billy Muir, the Director of Music and his choir, was the occasion for the installation of two new Canons at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, in the Diocese of Brechin.



Chapter with the new Canons, other clergy and the Warden of Lay Readers and Bishop Gregor, retired Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Photo: Mary Swift

The Rev Professor David Brown was made Canon Theologian, a new post for the cathedral. His career in academia includes the Universities of Oxford, Durham and St Andrews, and he has an especial interest in the interaction of theology and culture, especially the arts. The former Provost of the cathedral, Dr Elizabeth Thomson was made an honorary canon as she moves on to a new national role as the Provincial Director of Ordinands for the Scottish Episcopal Church. She has served as the Provost for three years, having been in ministry at Derby Cathedral and in the Dioceses of Oxford and Bath and Wells prior to arriving in Dundee. Bishop Andrew appointed the new Canons, with consultation with the Chapter, several of whom were in attendance to assist in their installation.

The service was attended by friends and colleagues from around the Diocese and also from other local churches and settings. The service was followed by a reception and party for the cathedral to officially say 'goodbye' to Elizabeth and thank her for time as Provost of the cathedral.

### Young Pilgrims at St Drostan's

The Provincial Young Adult Pilgrimage to St Drostan's saw twelve young adults, led by Claire Benton-Evans



Pilgrims at the Queen's Well

as Provincial Youth Co-ordinator, spend a weekend surrounded by the wild beauty of Glen Esk. The pilgrims walked, talked, ate and worshipped together. We visited the Queen's Well (pictured left) and some climbed the Hill of Rowan while others visited the Glen

Esk Folk Museum. We all valued the opportunity to spend quiet time with God and each other in nature. The church of St Drostan's was well used for private prayer and many acts of worship, including candlelit Compline.

All the pilgrims appreciated the home comforts that the Lodge offers: huge thanks to the Trustees for maintaining this valuable resource so beautifully. The pilgrims also gave thanks for the practical support provided by the good folk of St Andrew's, Brechin: to Rev Canon Jim Benton-Evans who helped transport pilgrims up and down the Glen, and to Betty and Helen who provided a warm welcome, tea and cake as we gathered in Brechin (pictured below). The box of Lego that our pilgrims found in the church hall was so popular that we borrowed it for the weekend!



A warm welcome and Lego for pilgrims at Brechin

Finally, the pilgrims were very grateful for the finan-

cial support of the Murray Scarlett fund and the Diocesan Council, whose generosity enabled these pilgrims to come. Read more about this pilgrimage in the latest edition of the Provincial Youth Newsletter found here: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Summer-2024-Provincial-Youth-Newsletter.pdf>

All photos above from Claire Benton-Evans.

## **Scottish Episcopal Church 'Net Zero' and Building Care Updates:**

### **Energy Footprint Tool to Begin Roll Out**

The 'Energy Footprint Tool' EFT for the SEC is now ready to be used and vestry treasurers have been informed by the Net Zero Team on how to get registered to use the tool. The 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. 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.

### **Webinar for the SEC on HES Grant Programmes, 19th September (online)**

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). This session will provide an overview of HES' grant programmes for SEC charges, specifically targeting the built heritage and the Net Zero Action Plan. 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](mailto: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: <https://howtocareforyourchurchwor.rsvpify.com>

## **Notices from Around the Diocese**

### **Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts: Saturday 7th Sept 1 pm**

The Cathedral's Autumn/Winter Lunchtime Concert Series is set launch on Saturday, September 7th with the award-winning violinist Seonaid Aitken and guitarist Conor Smith celebrating the music of Stéphane Grappelli and Ella Fitzgerald. Enjoy jazz classics like "Sweet Georgia Brown" and Ella's unforgettable hits. Tickets cost £8 for adults (16+) and £5 for Children (15 and under). Tickets are available at the door.

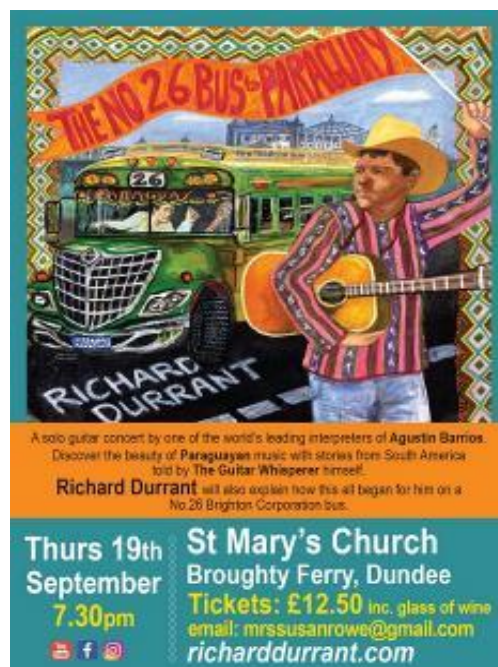
### **St Mary Magdalene's Dundee Quiz Night: 10th September 8pm**

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!

### **Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene's: 11th Sept 1pm**

The St Mary Magdalene's second Wednesday lunchtime concert series starts again on 11th September with an organ recital by Robin Bell, BMus. ARCO, ARSCM. The concerts start at 1pm and last for about 35 minutes. Admission is by donation and audience members are invited to bring their lunch to enjoy with the music. Coffee and tea will be available.



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**Thurs 19th September 7.30pm**

**St Mary's Church**  
Broughty Ferry, Dundee

**Tickets: £12.50 inc. glass of wine**  
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