

Brechin Bulletin

23rd October 2024

A Message from the Bishop

From Bishop Andrew, to all in the Diocese of Brechin. You may have read recent media coverage about matters in Aberdeen and Orkney and the College of Bishops, and public statements being made by Bishops. This is a very, very difficult and unhappy situation for the Scottish Episcopal Church. We are working to try and find a way through the present problems. Please do keep all concerned in your prayers in the next days and weeks.

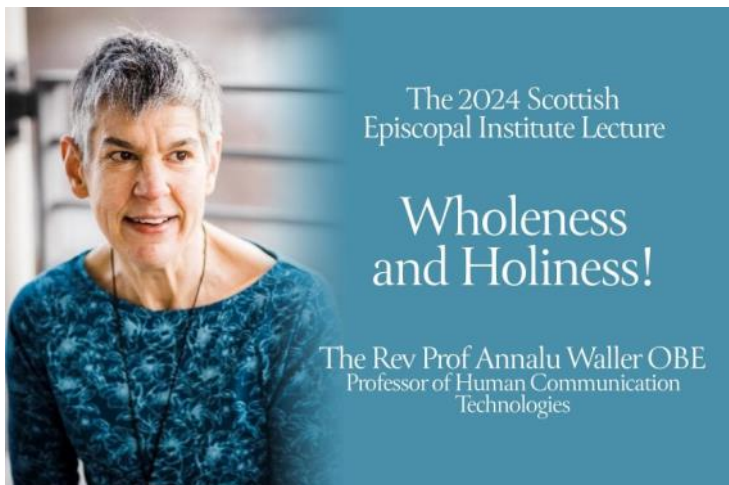
Call for Prayer for the Middle East

From Bishop Andrew: The situation in the Middle East goes from bad to worse, with the ongoing Israeli-Hamas conflict in Gaza now added to with Israeli actions in response to Hezbollah in Lebanon, as well as so many areas of conflict in and around that area.

I urge all of our churches to pray for an end to the suffering of so many innocent people in these conflicts with their extremes of power imbalances. Please continue to pray for wisdom and action from those in political office, for cease fires in these places and, above all, for peace in the Holy Land.

Annual Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture: 'Wholeness and Holiness!' Livestream 24 October, 5pm.

The Rev Prof Annalu Waller OBE, Professor of Human Communication Technologies (University of Dundee), and priest here in the Diocese of Brechin, will present the Ninth Annual Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture on Thursday 24 October at 5pm.



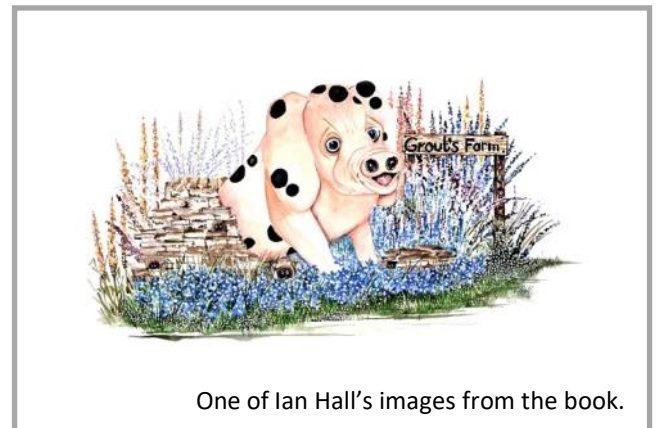
Prof Waller's title is: 'Wholeness and Holiness!' She will

discuss the nature of disability and faith and what this means to her. She will talk about her life and why she believes we should view disability and difference as integral to being human. Her presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. The event is entirely online.

The Lecture will be live streamed on the SEC website (<https://www.scotland.anglican.org>) from 5pm on Thursday 24 October, or you can join via Zoom using the details found [here](#).

Bruce Gowans Charity Book "Horace the Helpful Hog" Published

Three hilarious stories in one book about a Gloucester Old Spot pig whose attempts to be helpful inevitably go awry. Fully illustrated and suitable for children all the way through Primary school, it's written by Bruce Gowans, Lay Reader at St Luke's and illustrated by Ian Hall.



One of Ian Hall's images from the book.

Priced at £4.99 it's in A5 size and all proceeds will go to support those in difficult circumstances the church encounters in its ministry at the Foodbank/ Clothing Bank – sometimes more than food and clothing are needed.

They can be obtained at the church midweek café, open Tuesday 1000-1500 and Wednesday 1000 – 1400, at church services on a Sunday 1030 -1215, or by contacting Bruce via the church Facebook page "Café Church at St Luke's Dundee"

It's a brilliant little book – don't miss it!

Energy Footprint Tool Request

A request from Prof Peter Sharp, Diocesan Net Zero Representative: Recently vestry treasurers will have received an email from the Net Zero Team asking

them to input data into the Energy Footprint Tool. Possibly because no deadline for responses was given, relatively few charges in Brechin have responded so far. It is very simple to complete; at the least you simply have to give details from your charge's annual energy bill(s) for 2023. Its importance is that it provides you with your carbon footprint for that year and so you will be able to see how, in future years, measures that you have put in place have reduced your carbon emissions.



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

Notices from Around the Diocese

Autumn Craft Fayre at St Mary's, Broughty Ferry: Saturday 26 October

This event starts at 10:00 and entry is free. Refreshments will be served throughout the event. Everyone is most welcome and please come along to support these amazing crafters. Further information please contact Fiona on f.walthall@btinternet.com or 07803359965

A Musical Evening in St. Andrew's Brechin: 27th October 4pm

On Sunday 27th October the Friends of St. Andrew's Brechin invite you to join them for a musical evening with the South Esk Strings and The Proseccos. Tickets are available at the door and cost £10 which includes a glass of prosecco and canapes.

Time to Remember Service at All Souls, Invergowrie: Saturday 2nd November 12pm

All Soul's Church, Invergowrie will be holding a Time To Remember Service on Saturday 2nd November which is All Soul's Day. During this short act of worship we will take time out to remember and to hold in prayer those we have loved and lost,

The service will begin at 12.00 noon and will be followed by a simple lunch of soup and bread. All are welcome to join us at this service.

A Service of Light at Holy Rood, Carnoustie on Saturday, 2nd November at 6.00 pm

Church of the Holy Rood, Carnoustie invites you to join them on 2nd November at 6pm for a Taizé style Service to honour all the saints and those we have loved but see no more. Everyone is welcome from all faiths and none. If you aren't familiar with the Taizé Chants, just sit and let the music wash over you. Then enjoy your memories in the special peace

Cathedral Concert: Celebration of Dundee's Community Choirs, Saturday 9th November, 1pm

Join us on Saturday, November 9th at St Paul's Cathedral for the next concert in our Autumn-Winter Lunchtime Series, as Alice Mara presents "A Celebration of Dundee's Community Choirs!" featuring performances by:

Lochee Linties – A vibrant community choir with 15 years of joyful singing, promoting physical, mental, and social wellbeing. They are thrilled to perform at the Cathedral for the first time!

Just Sing – A choir formed by Maggie's Centre Dundee and NHS Tayside for anyone affected by cancer, including family, friends, and health professionals. This group comes together to sing uplifting songs, welcoming new members with open arms.

Big Noise Douglas Community Choir – Run by Sistema Scotland, this choir began with just 3 members and has blossomed into a lively group, performing locally and beyond. They are always looking for new voices to join their weekly sessions.

Saturday 9th November, 1pm.

Tickets £8 (adults) £5 (children, 15 and under)

Come experience the magic of community, friendship, and song in this special celebration! Tickets available at the door. See you there!

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.