

Brechin Bulletin

7th November 2024

'Lest we forget' for Remembrance at St Mary Magdalene's Dundee

A wonderful display of hand-made poppies has created a striking pulpit fall at St. Mary Magdalene's for Remembrance Sunday.



Photo courtesy of Dean Kenneth Gibson.

Many thanks go to Margaret and Arlene and all those many people who helped to create this memorial to the fallen.

Celebration of 40th Anniversary for Lay Reader Iain Turnbull at St Martin's

Members of the congregation of St Martin's, Dundee enjoyed a cake in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Iain Turnbull being licensed as a Lay Reader in the Diocese.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. I Dailly.

Thank you from Bishop Andrew

On behalf of Bishop Andrew and family: I would like to thank all in the Diocese for their gifts, prayers and kind thoughts on the recent death of my mother. It has been a great comfort to have been held and supported by so many. Her funeral has now taken place which was a time of family gathering and mourning. Once again: my profound thanks. +Andrew

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.

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!

The First Step to Net Zero is a Dry Building: Preventative Maintenance, how it affects net zero targets and funding

13 November, 13:00-14:00

Matthew Maries of the National Churches Trust will provide a session focused on the importance of preventative maintenance, tips from across the heritage sector and relate how such preventative works relate to net zero targets. Karen will also discuss how such maintenance plays into wider funding applications, as well as available funds relating to such work.

Please contact Jack Nevin,
jackn@scotland.anglican.org, to register

Dundee ‘World Day of Prayer’ Committee is Recruiting

This committee helps prepare for the World Day of Prayer service in Dundee, held annually on the second Friday of March. This was once known as the ‘Women’s World Day of Prayer’ and is a wonderful ecumenical chance to reflect global joys and concerns in the churches. For 2025, the location theme is the Cook Islands: <https://worlddayofprayer.net/cook-islands-2025.html>

If a member of your congregation is interested in joining, please contact kati.smith@blueyonder.co.uk. The next meeting of the committee is on 8 November, in Dundee West Church.

Notices from Around the Diocese

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 Celebra-

tion 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!

Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene’s: 13th November 1pm

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene’s Church will be on Wednesday 13th November at 1pm. It will be given by pupils of Grove Academy. As usual you are invited to bring your lunch and tea and coffee will be available. Admission is by donation.

Christmas Fayre with Tea & Blether at St. Martin’s: Saturday 16th November 2024 11.30 am to 2.00pm

St Martins Church invites you to their Christmas Fayre with Tea & Blether. Tea/coffee, sandwiches and festive pie will be provided. Entry is free with donations for refreshments welcome.

Concerts At St. James’ Stonehaven

The Balgownie Ensemble: 9th November 3pm

Admission is free. Coffee and tea is available. Donations received will help support the Disasters Emergency Committee Middle East Appeal and the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

The Rock Choir : 15th November 7.30pm

Admission cost £10 which includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee. Tickets are available at the door on the night.