

Brechin Bulletin

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Scottish Visit of World Wide President of Mother's Union



President Sheran Harper with Mother's Union members.
(Photo: C. Berry)

The World President of Mothers' Union, Sheran Harper, made her last visit at the end of her six years presidency: and the visit was to Scotland. She had planned to visit earlier but COVID-19 intervened. On 6th November she attended a Provincial service and lunch at St John's Church in Perth.

The Primus, Bishop Andrew and other clergy were present as well as members of Mother's Unions from all over Scotland. Marion Reilly and Christine Berry attended from Broughty Ferry Mother's Union.

Dundee Women's Aid 50th Anniversary

Rev Mark Aaron Tisdale and Christine Berry represented Mother Union at the 50th anniversary conference of Dundee Women's Aid on November 26th. They heard about both the history of the work in Dundee as well as the many modern day problems faced today. A large number of volunteers and staff members attended. Oor Fierce Girls spoke about work being done in schools.



Christine Berry at Dundee Women's Aid. (Photo C. Berry)

Christingle at Broughty Ferry

The first 'Christingle' service for a decade was held at St Mary's Broughty Ferry on Advent Sunday. The congregation had a wide a range of ages and experiences and the celebration came off without calamity and with much celebration; sweets, fruits and good cheer abounded!



The congregation with their Christingles (Photo St Mary's Broughty Ferry Facebook)

Scottish Episcopal Institute Advent Series: Theology of Creation

From the SEI.scot website. The latest in the series of online short courses provided by the Scottish Episcopal Institute will take place throughout Advent, looking at Creation Theology. The course, led by the Very Rev Stephen Holmes, Provost of St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth and Associate Tutor at the Institute, is made up of four roughly 40-minute video's with questions for reflection or discussion.

[Theology of Creation 1 – The Mountain behind the Mountain – 25 November](#)

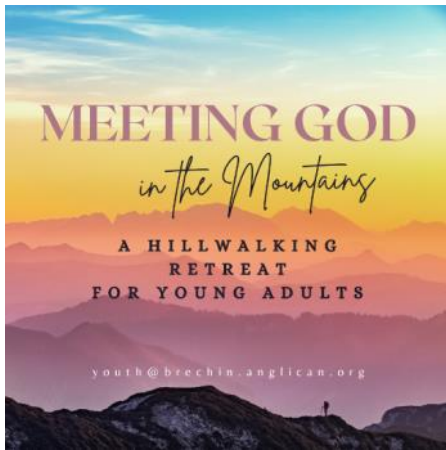
[Theology of Creation 2 – Creation through the Word – 2 December](#)

[Theology of Creation 3 – New Creation in the Spirit – 9 December](#)

[Theology of Creation 4 – Creation perfected in praise – 16 December](#)

The course can be joined at the links found in the session titles above. Two sessions have now been broadcast. The two future sessions start on the next two Mondays in December from 7pm.

Brechin Diocese Young Adult Hillwalking Retreat—Seeking expressions of interest



Plans are afoot for a guided hillwalking retreat next summer for young adults (18-25ish) in Brechin Diocese, to be led by Claire Benton-Evans, Children & Youth Officer and trainee Mountain Leader, and Dr Richard Tiplady, qualified Mountain Leader and author of 'Following Jesus in the Great Outdoors'. Please share this offer widely! Here's the plan so far:

- Escape the daily grind and explore your faith with other young Christians (18-25ish) in the wild beauty of the Angus hills
- Climb Scotland's most easterly Munro, Mount Keen
- Share a short night hike experience under the dark skies of an Angus glen
- Stay in a comfy yet remote Retreat House (St Drostan's Lodge)

Find further information and register your interest without obligation here: <https://forms.gle/UkU3ShrH7bZD3aC16>

The Welcome Audit: Trailblazers in Brechin Diocese wanted to try new Children's Engagement resource!



The Welcome Audit is a brand new resource launched at Synod by the Children & Youth Officer. It is designed to help churches with no children renew the welcome that they offer. Could your church be a

pilot project? During the Advent season of preparation, why not reflect on a Welcome Audit for next year? Get in touch with Claire who will be happy to support you on your church's journey from first idea through to successful Welcome Audit and beyond. Contact youth@brechin.anglican.org and find the Welcome Audit here: <https://www.thedioceseofbrechin.org/groups/youth-group/>

Notices from Around the Diocese

Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene's: 11th December 1pm

The next St Mary Magdalene's lunchtime concert will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 1pm and will be a celebration of Christmas by the Impromptu Singers. As ever there will be tea and coffee from 12.45 and attendees are invited to bring their lunch to enjoy with the music. Admission is by donation towards performers' and church expenses.

Christmas Concert at St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry: 14th December 2pm-3pm

Join St Mary's on Saturday 14th December for a Christmas concert provided by musicians from Dundee Symphony Orchestra. Enjoy a mince pie and cup of tea or coffee while you listen. Entry is by donation.

Call for Details of Christmas Events and Services to Share on Diocesan Communications

Please send details of Advent and Christmas services and events that you may be planning, to share on the Diocesan website and from upcoming editions of the Bulletin. And please share photos of the events that have taken place, so we can tell the good news stories of all that is taking place in the Diocese this year!



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.