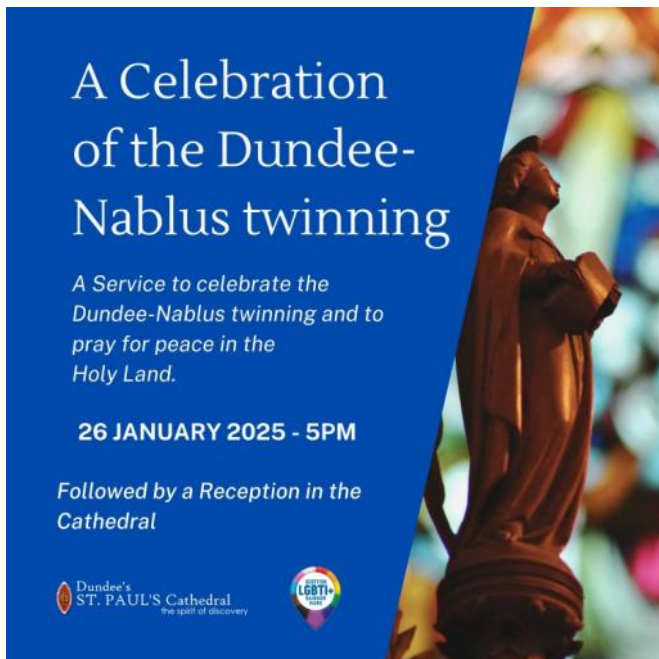


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Service Celebrating Dundee-Nablus Links—26 January at 5pm

There will be a special service at the Cathedral, on Sunday, 26th January 2025, at 5:00 pm to celebrate the links between Dundee and Nablus, Palestine with which Dundee is twinned. The service will also celebrate the link between St. Luke's Church in Dundee, and St. Philip's Church in Nablus. This service will honour the twinning of our two cities, with prayers for peace in the Holy Land and a spirit of unity. We are delighted to welcome a delegation from Nablus, including Fr. Jamil, priest of St. Philip's Church.

Following the service, there will be a reception in the Cathedral to meet our guests and strengthen the ties of friendship between our communities. We hope to see you there for this evening of prayer, connection, and shared commitment to peace.

Denis Duncan Lecture—Restorative Presence: Presence, Belonging, and the Journey of Healing

On 30th January from 7-9pm GoHealth in partnership with The Church of Scotland present this year's Denis Duncan Lecture. Join Prof John Swinton on this online lecture, filmed in Aberdeen, as he explores how to create healing communities of presence and belonging founded on the ministry of Jesus. With stories, practical suggestions and profound theology, John invites each of

us into a vision of Christian community that does not seek to 'fix' brokenness but rather honour each person's unique journey. He explores in depth the lived experience of those with mental health problems and makes practical suggestions for churches in extending and deepening their ministry for those who suffer.

You can ask your questions to John on the evening, which will also include live music and prayers. Everyone is welcome.

Free tickets available here: <https://gohealth.org.uk/shop/dd2025/>

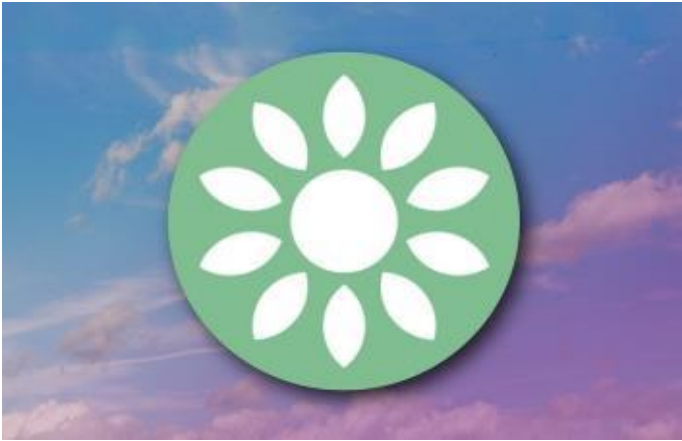


The Welcome Audit: Trailblazers in Brechin Diocese wanted to try new Children's Engagement resource!

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?

Why not reflect on a Welcome Audit for the new 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/>





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

Upcoming SEC Net Zero Webinars

National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All - 16 January from 1:00 – 2:00pm

Join Dougie Spencer, Funding Manager for the National Lottery, for an overview session of the National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All programme.

This SEC focused webinar will provide context on funds available for works to SEC buildings, best practice for applications and provide the opportunity for all interested to ask questions.

You can read an account of a charge in Edinburgh Diocese accessing this funding [here](#).

Please contact jackn@scotland.anglican.org to register your interest.

Rectory Green Fund: 6 February (Thursday) from 1:00 – 2:00pm

Led by Jack Nevin, Net Zero Innovation Coordinator, and other members of the SEC Net Zero team, this session will provide an overview of the processes, eligibilities and opportunities presented by the Provincial Rectory Green Fund. Case studies will be presented and the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding projects and options will be afforded.

For more information about the Rectory Green Fund, please visit this [page](#).

Solar Panels and Other Energy Retrofit Considerations for Listed Church Buildings 27 February (Thursday) from 1:00 to 2:00pm

This webinar, administered by the technology and policy teams from Historic Environment Scotland, will focus on the suitability of solar panels and other

energy retrofit solutions in terms of achieving sympathetic installation to listed church buildings as well as the permission / consent process.

There will also be an overview and explanation of the Ecclesiastical Exemption within the planning context and the opportunity to informally ask questions of the HES team.

Three SEC charges whom already have solar panels installed on their church buildings will also be providing their perspective and experience on the performance of panels at their property.

Please contact jackn@scotland.anglican.org to register your interest.

Save the Date—Diocesan Synod 1st March at St Mary's Broughty Ferry



A reminder that Diocesan Synod will take place on Saturday 1st March. All clergy and lay reps: please put that in your diaries.



Calling notice for any news or upcoming events to share in the Bulletin

If you have details of upcoming events, concerts, stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.