

# Brechin Bulletin

## 30th January 2025

### Cathedral Celebration of 40 Years of Dundee-Nablus twinning



Fr. Jamil and wife Loma receiving an Anglican Communion Forest certificate of tree planting. Photo M Swift

Last Sunday, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee hosted a special service to celebrate the links between Dundee and Nablus in the West Bank in Israel-Palestine. Fr Jamil, his wife Loma and daughter from St Philip's Nablus joined us to mark the 45 year-old civic twinning and 5 year-old Anglican link between St Philip's in the occupied West Bank and Canon Kerry Dixon and all at St Luke's Downfield in Dundee. The choir of St. Paul's was joined by the Music Group of St. Luke's for a splendid worship performance.

### Denis Duncan Lecture—Restorative Presence: Presence, Belonging, and the Journey of Healing: 30th Jan online

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/>

### Licensing Lay Ministers in Stonehaven



Bishop Andrew and Canon Mary Jepp with lay leaders Anne O'Gorman, Peter Fogiel and Matt Geldart. Photo M. Swift

Bishop Andrew was in St. James the Great, Stonehaven on 19 January to share worship and celebrate lay ministry with a licensing of a Lay Worship Leader and Eucharistic Assistants.

### Music at St. Mary Magdalene's: 12 February at 1pm

St Mary Magdalene's Lunchtime Concerts return on 12th February with the Carnoustie Traditionals playing a selection of Scottish music. Concerts start at 1pm and last for about half an hour. Admission is by donation with tea and coffee available from 12.45. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch to enjoy with the music.

### Choral Evensong at St. Salvador's: 15 February at 4pm

Come join St. Salvador's on Saturday 15 February as they host a service of Choral Evensong sung by the

Royal School of Church Music Scottish Voices. Scottish Voices is an adult choir made up of singers from throughout Scotland who meet a six times a year to sing services in abbeys, cathedrals and significant churches around the country. The choir is directed by Frikki Walker, Director of Music at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow, and accompanied on the organ by Kevin Duggan, Director of Music at Dunblane Cathedral. All are welcome.

## **Upcoming SEC Net Zero Webinars**

### **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](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org) to register your interest.

### **Iain Fleet presents 'From Garden to Eden' : 1 February from 2pm to 4 pm at the Cathedral**

The Friends of St Paul's Cathedral are delighted to host Iain Flett for talk entitled "From Garden to Eden" The talk will last about an hour, followed by refreshments, a Q&A session, and a discussion with

memories and reminiscences of "The Gassie."

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather, reflect, and connect. Everyone is welcome!

## **Hillwalking Retreat for Young Adults**



Looking forward to summer? On 26-28 May 2025, Claire Benton-Evans and Rev Dr Richard Tiplady (pictured, on a wintry Corbett) will be leading 'Meeting God in the Mountains', an exciting retreat opportunity for young adults aged 18-25ish. The retreat will be based at St Drostan's Lodge and activities will include a short night hike experience, an ascent of Mount Keen and plentiful opportunities to explore faith through facilitated discussions in the peace of the Angus hills.

This is an outreach activity which is offered to any young adults in the Diocese. It will be advertised in the universities through the Chaplaincy teams. Please share widely in your congregations and beyond! Just 15 places available, so early booking is advised. [Full information and registration here](#).

*If you love the sound of this but are no longer under 25, please register your interest [here](#) for possible future opportunities for other ages*

## **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](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org).