

Brechin Bulletin

27th February 2025

“All Saints” Glencarse Fundraising Coffee Morning for “Rachel House” Hospice

On Saturday 22 February, a number of All Saints congregation met for an informal coffee morning and rehearsal to learn 6 new hymns for Lent. During a relaxed and convivial atmosphere, members enjoyed coffee and home baking after a 'good sing' under the fine musical direction of the Venerable Canon Ian Young accompanied by the organist, Paul Rosie. There was however, a more compelling reason that this event was held as Ian gently asked for donations to Rachel House, the children's hospice, Kinross. After Sunday's service, the final total was £360 and will be sent to Rachel House in due course. For over 20 years, Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS) has been offering a full family support service for babies, children and young children with life-shortening conditions.

Dundee Community Gardens Pilgrimage: Saturday 22nd March at 11am



Join the eco-group of St Paul's Cathedral for a pilgrimage and prayer walk to visit some of some of Dundee's beautiful community gardens. We will meet at the Maxwell Centre, Carnegie Street, DD3 7EW on Saturday 22nd March at 11am. We plan to visit a few locations and finish at the Cathedral. If you would like to join us but don't fancy walking that far then there's also great bus routes with the number 22 bus going between Carnegie Street and the city centre approximately every 15 minutes.

Diocesan Synod meets this Saturday, 1st March, at Broughty Ferry

The Annual Synod for the Diocese of Brechin meets this coming Saturday for regular Governance, canonical revision and review of last year's Diocesan activities.

Names have been found for many of the posts to be filled at this Synod, but there are remain a number of Diocesan posts vacant. The posts needing the right people are:

- Clergy and lay alternate for General Synod—we have some posts filled but still have space for another clergy and another lay rep.
- Three members for the Buildings Committee—needing some interest and knowledge in the care and development of church buildings, and increasingly making decisions related to Net Zero changes.
- One member, either clergy or lay person, for the national Mission Board—someone with an interest in church growth, outreach and evangelism.

Could any of these posts suit you? If you are interested in any of these positions please contact the office at office@brechin.anglican.org.

Brechin Diocese Festival of Lay Ministry: 17 May at Dundee University Chaplaincy

The Festival of Lay Ministry – a whole-day event for the entire Diocese seeking to celebrate, resource and encourage lay ministries of all shapes and sizes— will take place at the University of Dundee Chaplaincy Centre, on Saturday 17 May, running from 9.30 – 4.00 pm. The day will include workshops focused on different aspects of lay ministry; discussion; and worship led by both experienced lay leaders and novices.

A central part of the day will be the “Marketplace of Ministry”, where each congregation is being asked to showcase an example of lay ministry in their church. These do not need to be specifically worship or Sunday focused: they could be e.g. lay ministry in care homes or schools, musical ministry, peer support or anything at all that committed lay people carry out on behalf of the church. More details and booking for the workshops can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1192929798139?aff=oddtcreator>.

If you have questions or queries about the Festival, please direct them in the first instance to Rev Canon Jim Benton-Evans (jimbentonevans@gmail.com).

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025—USPG Middle East Gaza Crisis Appeal

Bishop Andrew is inviting churches and individuals in the Diocese to support the USPG's Lent Appeal 2025 to be launched early in 2025.

This Christian Mission Charity USPG <https://uspg.org.uk/> have decided to support the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East (of which St Philip's Nablus, linked to St Luke's is a church) and the Middle East Gaza crisis response. Even with the ceasefire in that part of the world, with the effects of conflict and the ongoing political turmoil, there is extreme and urgent humanitarian need. More details of the appeal and how to support are at <https://uspg.org.uk/current-appeal/>. Please either give directly, or pass to the Diocese after Easter and we will pass that on.

Welcome People with Learning Disabilities to Church with Prospects across Scotland

Prospects across Scotland is a charity that aims to equip churches to be more effective in how they welcome people with learning disabilities and share the good news about Jesus in a way that can be understood. They are offering the following trainings:

Autism in the Church Family

17th March 7-9pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1228234395139?aff=oddtcreator>

Building Communities of Hope – Worship for All

3rd March 7-9pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-communities-of-belonging-worship-for-all-tickets-1228206160689?aff=oddtcreator>

or

24th March 7-9pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-communities-of-belonging-worship-for-all-tickets-1228238998909?aff=oddtcreator>

More information on the training can be found [here](#).

Creative ideas for Lent and Easter with all ages

Even if you have no children who regularly come to your church, Lent and Easter are great opportunities for reaching out to local families. [Here are some seasonal ideas to inspire you](#), from creative prayers to community outreach: contact the Children & Youth Officer for more details.



Easter Story Stones. Photo: C Benton-Evans

Night and Day in the Mountains

“The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and the moon” (Ps 74:16)

There's nothing like spending time in the mountains to give you a new appreciation of daylight and darkness. Young adults who join our Hillwalking Retreat (26-28 May) will experience both, with a short night hike and a daytime ascent of Mount Keen. There will be lots of opportunities for reflection and faith conversations along the way. If you or someone you know is 18-25(ish) years old and would like to be part of this, all information and booking is here: <https://tinyurl.com/KEENINFO>



Retreat leaders in action: Richard Tiplady teaching night navigation to university students and Claire Benton-Evans leading the Glen Esk Provincial Pilgrimage for young adults. (Photo C.Benton-Evans)

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.