

Brechin Bulletin

20th March 2025

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.

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.

Installation of Dr Peter Smart as Lay Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

Come and join us on Sunday 30th March at 5pm as Dr Peter Smart, former Warden of Lay Readers and who held many, many other Diocesan and Provincial Roles is installed as a Lay Canon during a special evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this celebration and all clergy and lay readers are very welcome to come robe in choir dress (cassock, surplice, hood, preaching scarf etc.). Please contact Elliott at the Diocese (office@brechin.anglican.org) to say you intend to robe. And please keep Peter and his family in your prayers as he approaches this new season of ministry.

Enza Gibson Curacy Announcement: Plans for ministry later in 2025

Mrs Enza Gibson, a final year student from the Diocese of Brechin at the Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI), will serve her curacy (following completion of her training) in the charges of Holy Trinity Monifieth and Holy Rood Carnoustie, under the guidance of the Rev Martin Allwood, who will be her training incumbent. News of the ordination date (in September) and other details will be shared later in the year. And please support Enza and family in prayer as she completes her studies and training and prepares for ordination.

SEI trains clergy and lay readers for the SEC. To know more, contact your Rector in the first instance!

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.

Festival of Lay Ministry: Emergency Worship Kit



Chapel at Lake Braies. Photo by [Florian Schindler](#) on [Unsplash](#).

Maybe your church is not quite as picturesque as this one. But you still need a plan for when it snows – or when the Rector has suddenly broken an ankle on Saturday night, or whenever something unforeseen has happened and you need to put together an emergency worship plan. The diocesan **Festival of Lay Ministry** on Saturday 17 May includes a session on Emergency Worship. It'll give you ideas and resources for what you can do. That's just one of six sessions you could choose – others include working with young people, building a team, and worship outside the church (not in the snow!). There's also a Marketplace of Ministry at lunchtime where you can pick up more ideas, or bring along something your church has done. The Festival is in the Chaplaincy

Centre of Dundee University and is free – book now at <https://tinyurl.com/lay-ministry> or use the QR code below scanned in your mobile phone to access the booking process:



Nominations Sought for Provincial Board Convenership Vacancies

The Province has two upcoming convenership vacancies. Nominations are sought for the Convener of the Provincial Standing Committee and the Convener of the Mission Board. Information can be found about these opportunities on the provincial website: [Exciting opportunities arise as new Conveners sought for Standing Committee and Mission Board - The Scottish Episcopal Church](#)

Nominations (form attached with bulletin) should be submitted by 9 April to the Secretary General, Dr Dee Bird, at secgen@scotland.anglican.org.

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 training:

Building Communities of Hope – Worship for All
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](#).

Concert at St. Mary’s Arbroath: 29th April at 7pm

St. Mary’s Arbroath will be hosting a concert by Cantate Domino, a Slovenian vocal group, from Kocevje. The event will begin at 7pm. All are very welcome at this excellent event!

2024 Energy Footprint Tool Now Open for Completion: Please Open the Email and Complete Now!

The 2024 Energy Footprint Tool response period has now opened. The EFT is an important tool in the SEC journey to Net Zero. All charges have been contacted with details as to how to complete a response, the submission format is the same as last year. Get in touch with Jack Nevin with any questions [‘jackn@scotland.anglican.org’](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org)

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.

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)



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)

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>