

Brechin Bulletin

Holy Week & Easter Edition 2025

This Bulletin is a two week edition. The next copy will be week beginning 28th April 2025.

Canon Bill McAusland RIP

Canon Bill McAusland, a long-serving priest in the Diocese of Brechin, has died in St Mary's care home in Monifieth. He was born in 1936 and trained for the ministry at Edinburgh Theological College in the 1950s. He did a curacy in St Mary Magdalene's Dundee, then served in Glasgow and Galloway for seven years before returning as the Rector of St Mary Magdalene's in 1971. In 1979 he became the Rector of St Margaret's, Ancrum Road in Dundee, a post held for 22 years until retirement. He also acted as a chaplain to Ninewells, and was made a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral in 1993. In retirement he became an Honorary Canon. In retirement he lived in Broughty Ferry and was part of the community of Holy Trinity Monifieth. His funeral will be in Holy Trinity Monifieth on Wednesday 23rd April at 10am followed by a committal at Dundee crematorium. There is limited parking around the church so please allow time or share a lift.



Canon Bill McAusland RIP
(Photo Mary Swift)

Holy Week and Easter Message



HOLY WEEK

Bishop Andrew writes, "As we travel through Holy Week 2025 and approach Easter again, there is much that we rejoice about in the Diocese, the church and the wider world. The church communities of this Diocese continue to faithfully gather for worship, social activities and many forms of Christian outreach in the city and towns where we live. The Scottish Episcopal Church in our stretch of the north-east of Scotland is a sign of the Easter hope that God has for all people.

"This Holy Week and Easter are also a time of great anxiety and tension in the world. The conflicts and wars that blight so many lives rage and rumble on. The shocking news that the Israeli Government had destroyed part of the Anglican Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza on Palm Sunday is just one small sign of all feels so wrong in a world of imbalanced power politics and injustice.

"But the Holy Week journey takes us to places of darkness and despair, as we travel with Jesus to the cross. The empty tomb that waits ahead early on Easter morning promises hope and joy for all people, even in a world that can be so hard and dark and dangerous.

"I pray you have a rich and blessed Holy Week, and that Easter 2025 will be that time of joy and love for you, your families, and all those that you meet on the road!"

Image from <https://clipart-library.com>

Energy Footprint Tool (EFT) Deadline

Approaching: 20th April



From Prof Peter Sharp, Diocesan Net Zero Lead: All vestry treasurers should by now have received an email asking them to complete the latest return of the Energy Footprint Tool. Contrary to what you might see on the website, the deadline for returns is **Easter Sunday, 20th April**.

The latest version of the return has been simplified and it only took me 15 minutes to complete. It is important that we provide this information to the Net Zero Team to allow them to monitor the progress that is being made towards the target. The percentage of charges in the Brechin diocese making a return last time was not the highest in the Province, so let's see if we can improve on that. Remember, fail-

ure to submit data may compromise your ability to access Net Zero finance.

Solar Panel Open Church Day

Join us at Saint Andrew's church, St Andrews on 25 April from 10:30-15:00 for a drop in Solar Panel Open Church Day. We will start with Holy Communion followed by talks and demonstrations on the panel performance and project experience.

There will be opportunities to learn about the performance, planning permission process and installation of the panels. We will be joined by the vestry and congregation of St Andrews, the planner who worked on the project, the installer and a representative for the CAREs Government programme. There will also be a light lunch provided. Please contact jackn@scotland.anglican.org to register.

Festival of Lay Ministry – Building a Worship Team

“One of the questions clergy with multiple churches are always asked is, “How does Sunday work?”. This workshop at the Festival of Lay Ministry is intended to help clergy who are perhaps struggling with the headache of trying to juggle multiple services on a Sunday. We'll look at how to identify, train and support lay worship leaders, how to integrate them into a mixed clergy-lay worship team and how to walk the delicate balance between empowering lay leaders and exercising appropriate oversight.

The Festival is in the Chaplaincy Centre of Dundee University and is free – book now at <https://tinyurl.com/lay-ministry>.

Get Involved in Local Mission with St Luke's, Downfield!



Are you passionate about community outreach and working with young people? St Luke's Church, Dundee, has two exciting mission opportunities and we're looking for volunteers!

Our *Drop-In Café and Community Wardrobe* runs every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and welcomes a wide range of visitors each week.

We also run *The Attic* youth project, with around 60 young people attending:

- **Monday evenings:** Junior-age children
- **Thursday evenings:** Secondary school youth

If you'd like to be part of this vibrant and rewarding ministry, please get in touch with **Rev Canon Kerry Dixon** on **07711 410017**.

Come and make a difference!

Musical events in the Diocese:

Cathedral Lunchtime Concert: Saturday 26th April at 1pm

The Cathedral's next lunchtime concert is on Saturday 26th April at 1.00pm. Come and enjoy the singing and music of St. Paul's Cathedral Choral Scholars.

Tickets are available at the door and cost £8 for adults or £5 for children(15 or under).

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 what will be an excellent event!

Hillwalking Retreat for Young Adults: Booking closes 27th April

“The heavens declare the glory of God” (Ps 19:1) When was the last time you felt awe? Our Hillwalking Retreat for young adults (aged 18-25ish) offers the chance to see the sun rise and set in the mountains while spending reflective time with God and each other. Places are still available for young adults in any diocese to join this guided retreat and experience the wonder of wild places. Full information [here](#). Just a few weeks left to book! **Deadline 27 April.** 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.

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.