

# Brechin Bulletin

## 15 May 2025

### VE Day 80 Years On Commemorated

Churches in the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Brechin have been marking the 80th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' Day and the end of the Second World War in Europe. Bishop Andrew offered a perspective from the Scottish Episcopal Church for the day.



St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry decorated for VE Day. (Photo: St. Mary's FB)

"The 8th of May 2025 was the 80th anniversary of when the forces of Nazi Germany finally surrendered and ended years of fighting in Europe. That war had brought destruction and the loss of so many lives in European nations, and had of course spread to be worldwide. The war continued in Asia for a few months more, until that part of the conflict ended in August 1945 after the horrors of nuclear warfare on the Japanese mainland.

"We now live in a time that, tragically, is not one of peace in Europe or the wider world. The European war in Ukraine is now in its third year, and our news feeds are full of the images of conflict in Gaza, Yemen, India-Pakistan and so many other places. In the Scottish Episcopal Church we pray in our worship for peace in the world. That prayer is so important now, as the world moves into dark and dangerous times where armed conflict seems to be replacing reasonable and mature political leadership. More than ever, the example of all those who served and died to bring an end to the Second World War demands that as a church we pray and work even harder for peace today."

### Important Charity Law & Safeguarding Information for Vestries

Each Vestry Secretary should have received an email from the General Synod Office highlighting an important change in charity law and a survey to help in the devel-

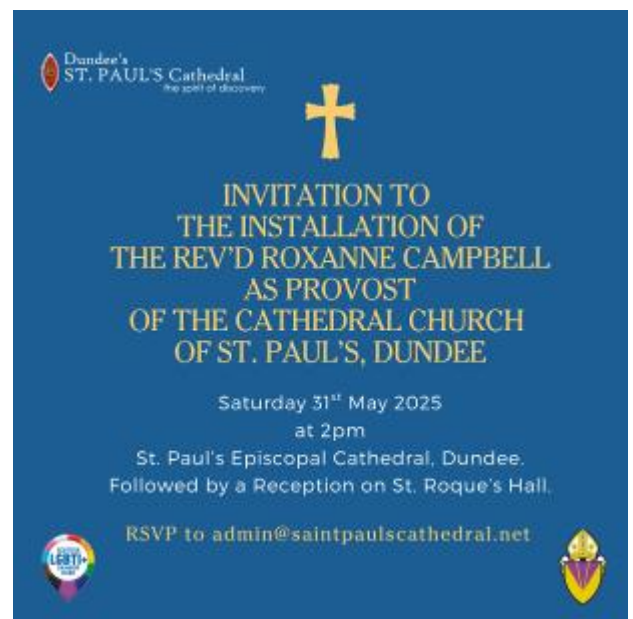
opment of a provincial strategy. From this summer, all charities will need to provide OSCR with details of trustees. Please see the two briefing papers from OSCR attached. You can also find information online here: <https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/charity-law/charities-act-2023/>

Please note that the following survey only requires one submission per charge. The closing date for the survey is 20 June.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XMTMKB7>

Safeguarding Update: all clergy, PVG Coordinators, vestry secretaries and office holders with PVG responsibility should have received a notice from the GSO Safeguarding Team with details of the changes to the PVG scheme effective as of 1st April 2025. If you have not received this mailing, please contact the PVG team in GSO ([PVG@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:PVG@scotland.anglican.org)) or Elliott in the Diocesan Office

### Installation of Rev Roxanne Campbell as Provost of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee: 31st May at 2pm



Save the date for Roxanne Campbell's installation in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. She begins her ministry as the priest leading the cathedral that day having been the interim for the past few months and the 'Priest for Outreach' for some years beforehand. All are very welcome to attend. A reception will follow

the service. Please RSVP if you wish to attend (and for clergy and lay readers if you wish to robe) to:

[admin@stpaulscathedral.net](mailto:admin@stpaulscathedral.net)

### **\*\*\*Festival of Lay Ministry Cancelled\*\*\***

Bishop Andrew writes: I am very sorry to announce that the planned festival of Lay Ministry on 17th May has been cancelled. I am very conscious of the significant amount of work that many people had put into planning the event, but number of people booked to attend was too low to allow the day to run as planned. The Diocese and the working group will work to plan e.g. some smaller events to cover the same workshop subjects and areas: the work will not be wasted. May I give my apologies again: and please watch this space for news of new plans.



### **Music from around the Diocese**

#### **Granite City Brass Returns to St. James', Stonehaven: 18 May at 7pm**

Fresh from their victory at the Scottish Championships in March, Granite City Brass is delighted to perform alongside the Granite City Community Band on Sunday 18 May at 7pm. The concert is free with a retiring collection in support of St. James'.

#### **Cathedral Lunchtime Concert: Saturday 24th May at 1pm**

The next Cathedral lunchtime concert is on Saturday 24th May at 1.00pm. Come and join as we listen to

Kathleen White (soprano) and David Mowle (piano) as they share the music of Schubert and Beethoven.

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

### **Net Zero News and Updates**

#### **Changes to the 'Rectory Green Fund' for improving clergy housing energy performance**

The Provincial Rectory Green Fund is a vital source of funding for Scottish Episcopal rectories, helping to enable the decarbonisation of the SEC housing stock used to house our clergy.

At a recent meeting of Provincial Standing Committee, changes were approved to the eligibility criteria of the Rectory Green Fund. These changes were made to ensure the fund is fit for purpose. Any works intended to raise the EPC of a rectory property continue to be eligible for support as part of this funding programme. Please do contact the Net Zero team or the Diocesan Office for more details.

Further details can be found through the Net Zero Portal: <https://netzerochurch.scot/funding-changes-to-the-rectory-green-fund/>

#### **Energy Footprint Tool: Deadline now past—please complete if not already done!**

The deadline has now passed: but still please complete the EFT input if you have not had a chance to do so. Contact Elliott in the office if you need any guidance or other information. We will be contacting those charges that yet to complete to see if we can assist in any way.



#### **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).