

Brechin Bulletin

9 May 2025

*****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.

Installation of Provost for 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.



Provost designate Roxanne Campbell (Photo M Swift)

New Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway



Bishop Nick at the consecration (Photo Scottish Episcopal Church)

The Right Reverend Dr Nick Bundock was consecrated and installed as the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway last Saturday (3rd May 2025). Bishop Nick, who had been a Canon in the Diocese of Manchester in the Church of England, now leads the more than fifty charges in the south-west of Scotland.

The service, at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Glasgow, was attended by the College of Bishops and, from Brechin Diocese, Dean Kenneth Gibson and Provost-designate Roxanne Campbell. Bishop Andrew, who had been acting bishop for Glasgow and Galloway Diocese in their vacancy, said, "I am delighted to welcome Bishop

Nick to Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church. I have been encouraged by his energy and faithfulness and look forward to working with him in the College of Bishops in the years ahead."

A full report is available at the Provincial website: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/the-consecration-of-bishop-nicholas-bundock/>

Music from around the Diocese

Cathedral Lunchtime Concert: Saturday 10th May at 1pm

The next Cathedral lunchtime concert is on Saturday 10th May at 1.00pm. Come and enjoy the talents of Stephen Armstrong and Avril Evans as they play music for piano duet.

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

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's: 14 May at 1pm

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's Church will be on Wednesday 14th May at 1pm. It will be given by The Rose Ensemble which is a mixed quartet of violin, viola, flute and bass clarinet and there will be a wide range of music. Admission is by donation and, as usual, tea and coffee will be available from 12.45

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'.

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!

Important Charity Law 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 development 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>

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.

The changes, which have taken immediate effect, are as follows:

- Charges are now eligible for the Rectory

Green Fund even if the Diocese is not able to match fund.

- These unmatched Provincial grants will be capped at £2,500. A maximum of £5000 is available if match-funded by the Diocese or other sources.
- Charges can match fund from their own sources to unlock higher Provincial funding (up to £5,000, thus £10,000 in total).
- Rectory Green Fund can now be used for works to Bishops Houses, with Diocesan match funding as a condition of this award.

The following clarifications have also been made:

- Rectories must either be occupied by clergy or work being performed is with the intention of sourcing a rector.
- Monies must be returned if the property remains empty for longer than 24 months following funding award, or if property is sold within 24 months of works performed.
- N.B. In recognition that vacancies can remain for several years, charges may seek an extension via a written update to the Buildings Grants Group every 6 months for a maximum grace period of 5 years from the point the funds were awarded.
- If a property is being constructed, and a rector not currently in place, a detailed procurement plan must be included with a complete application.

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.

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.