

Brechin Bulletin

29 May 2025

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

All are very welcome to attend Rev Roxanne Campbell's installation as the Provost of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee on Saturday 31st May at 2pm. Roxanne will be instituted as the Rector and installed as the Provost of the Cathedral having been the interim priest for the past few months and the 'Priest for Outreach' for some years beforehand. All are very welcome to attend this celebration and new beginning for the Cathedral community and the Diocese. 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.

Please keep Roxanne and the Cathedral community in your prayers in these last few days of preparations.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

If any charges or individuals have collected funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal, supporting the USPG Gaza & West Bank Crisis appeal fund, please send these to the Diocesan Treasurer (via your charge treasurer if you wish).



This Christian Mission Charity USPG <https://uspg.org.uk/> are supporting 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. More details of the appeal and how to support are at <https://uspg.org.uk/current-appeal/>. You can still give directly, or pass to the Diocese and we will pass that on to USPG.

If you have made direct donations, if you could pass details on, then we can account for the total Diocesan support as we give thanks for all the help provided.

The Scottish Episcopal Church General Synod in Edinburgh: 5th to 7th June

The annual General Synod of the SEC meets in Edinburgh next week. Representatives of the clergy and lay people of Brechin will attend as usual. The business includes reviewing the annual work of the General Synod Office support structures, and legal and other governance matters. This has been a time of great change in the staff of GSO, and work will be explored on strategy developments for the whole church. There is a session to explore assisted dying, a matter of concern and interest in Scotland and the UK. There will also be a debate about a declaration of friendship between the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland and the SEC, the 'third leg' of agreements between the Kirk, the SEC and the RC Bishops.

Please keep all at the General Synod in your prayers as they prepare for this meeting to guide and support the life of our church in Scotland. Social media and other updates will be shared as the Synod proceeds.

Assisted Dying: an important matter in our individual and church life

Following the vote last week to start legislation in Scotland to change the law in this area, this is clearly a very important matter in our churches and one which evokes strong emotional responses on both 'sides' of the debate. The SEC was invited to comment on proposals last year, and the relevant committees, on their own behalf, responded. They noted the different views and expressed concerns over adequate safeguards in the legislation <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/response-made-to-assisted-dying-call-for-views/>. The clergy and lay readers of this Diocese have a planned session to review issues around assisted dying. The General Synod in June is also engaging with these issues.

Please watch this space for further resources and information to inform us as these changes are debated.

Important Charity Law & Safeguarding Information for Vestries

Each Vestry Secretary should have received an email from the General Synod Office highlighting an im-

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>

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) or Elliott in the Diocesan Office

Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral : 7th June

You are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral in the Cathedral on Saturday 7th June 2025 at 2.00pm followed by refreshments and Sheena Wellington singing and speaking on "The Weave of History and Culture". Cost £5.00 including refreshments.

Upcoming Music and Events:

Music at St. Mary Magdalene's: 11 June at 1pm

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's Church will be on Wednesday 11th June at 1pm. Come and enjoy the music of Geoff Bolton on the organ. Admission is by donation with tea and coffee available from 12.45pm.

Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral Dundee: Lord Lyon presents "A Right Royal Year", 6 September.

Save the date! Saturday 6th September 2025 The Lord Lyon Dr. Joe Morrow will speak on "A Right Royal Year" followed by refreshments in St Paul's Cathedral at 2.00 pm.

Deadline Notice for Provincial Building Grant Applications to Diocese: 18 August 2025

If your church is planning on submitting and application for a provincial building grant please have it sent to the Diocesan Buildings Committee (DBC) (via the office) by the 18 August. This will allow the DBC to review applications and Diocesan Council to confirm approval in time for the Edinburgh meeting.

For guidance on Provincial Grants, please contact the office or access the Provincial website at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/buildings/> where a wide range of technical guidance is available alongside information on finance.



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.

