

Brechin Bulletin

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All Change for Clergy at St. Mary Magdalene's Dundee and Dean Kenneth

Dean Kenneth has finished his time as the Interim Rector for St Mary Magdalene's Church in Dundee, after five years of serving and supporting that church community.



Dean Kenneth cuts his Grey Book Cake on his final Sunday (photo St Mary Mags)

Kenneth started as their priest in June 2020, in the middle of the first COVID-19 lockdown. His licensing service was a Zoom event, attended by the congregation and even the late Rev David Shepherd, whose retirement as Rector created the vacancy. In the past year Kenneth started to share his time with St Ninian's Dundee, and as he finishes at St Mary Magdalene's he will continue in a part time role in Mid Craigie.

Dean Emeritus Fay Lamont will take care of St Mary Magdalene's as they start this period of vacancy. Fay in retirement has been acting as an Associate Priest at the church, as well as assisting with other charges in Dundee.

Advertising for a new priest for St Mary Magdalene's will start imminently, in a new shared ministry between the Dudhope Crescent church and St Martin's in the Hilltown area of Dundee. This role is part of the Diocesan vision for healthy, supported ministries in the city.

Please keep Kenneth and the people of all those charges in your prayers at this time of change.

New Lay Worship Leader Licensed for Holy Rood Carnoustie

Jo Fitzgerald was licensed last Sunday as a Lay Worship Leader in the ministry team at Holy Rood Carnoustie. Bishop Andrew led the service, a joint celebration with the congregations of Holy Rood and also Holy Trinity Monifieth.



Rev Martin Allwood, Jo Fitzgerald and Bishop Andrew at the presentation service (Photo J Fitzgerald)

The Rev Martin Allwood, the incumbent of the charge, assisted as this new member of his ministry team was officially recognised with her Bishop's certificate and badge of office. A Lay Worship Leader is trained and supported to lead worship services, under the direction of the incumbent of the charge.

The congregations then enjoyed a light buffet in the church building and time of catching up and socialising.

Hillwalking Retreat Reflections

This month's Inspires Online features a full report on the recent Young Adults' Hillwalking Retreat at Tarfside. There is also a photo gallery and an interview with our Youth Rep, Mia Shanks, talking with a fellow participant - the Youth Officer for St Andrew's, Dunkeld & Dunblane - about their experiences of 'meeting God in the mountains'. You can read the report and find links to a photo gallery and the video [here](#). See over the page for a photo of the event!



Retreat co-leader Richard Tiplady leading a reflection in the Angus glens (Photo C Benton-Evans)

Diocese of Brechin Net Zero Roadshow: 23 August, St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee 10am-3pm: Please Come Along

The Provincial Net Zero Team, in collaboration with the St Paul's Cathedral Eco-Group, is organising a day of networking, fellowship, workshops and inspiration, bringing the Diocese together to celebrate progress and motivate us all for future sustainable endeavours.

All church members are invited—this is an important event with vital information for everyone in our churches. Vestry members, property conveners and treasurers will find the sessions of particular value, but everyone, lay and ordained, will find this helpful and inspiring. Various key funding, heritage, technological and community-based environmental groups will be participating and sharing practical and useful guidance on the church's journey to Net Zero.

Everyone is very welcome.

Please RSVP [here](#) or by contacting the Diocesan rep for the Net Zero Team, Jack Nevin at jackn@scotland.anglican.org.

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

If your church is planning on submitting an 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.



Situation Vacant: All Souls Invergowrie and St. Margarets Lochee are Seeking a Priest

The communities of All Souls' Invergowrie and St Margaret's Lochee, two charges on the western side of Dundee, are now advertising for a priest in charge to come and lead them: <https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Priest-in-Charge-in-Scotland-jn13840>.

This post will be part of a 'support structure' for the clergy in the City of Dundee and surrounding areas. The clergy in these charges will spend time together in prayer and fellowship and share some resource and space in their ministry.

Please keep the charges and any priests who may be discerning a call to serve in those places in your prayers over the next few weeks and months.

Bulletin Taking a Break Next Week

For the following weeks, 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.