

# Brechin Bulletin

## 14 August 2025

### Teddy Bears Brave the Elements for the St Mary's Broughty Ferry and Balmossie Fire Station Parachute Drop

Saturday 9th August: Teddy Bears and other furry creatures braved the high winds and the heights of the Balmossie Fire and Rescue Service firefighting appliance for the 2025 Teddy Bear Parachute Drop. The event had been rescheduled after Storm Floris changed the original plans.



Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale aloft on the appliance as a Teddy takes to the air for the Teddy Bear Drop (Photo J McGuinness)

The Rector, Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale, went aloft with the men and women of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to drop 60 intrepid creatures to raise funds for Aberlour Children's Charity and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Family Support Trust.

Nearly £700 was raised by this excellent and thoroughly enjoyable family occasion, for these very worthwhile charities.

### 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](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org).

### New Concert Series at the Cathedral



The Cathedral is launching an exciting new 'Evening Series' this autumn—four concerts re-imagining iconic hits with a string quartet or solo piano in the stunning setting of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.

*A Night of ABBA Strings – Friday 19 September*

*From Stage to Strings – Friday 10 October*

*Piano Goes Pop (solo piano) – Friday 17 October*

*A Kind of Magic: Queen Strings – Friday 31 October*

All concerts start at 7:30pm. Tickets from £7.50

Follow the Cathedral on social media for more details, and book tickets online at the following web address: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee)

## **Online Diocesan Synod Tonight (Thursday 14th August 2025) at 7pm**

An extra Zoom Diocesan Synod is being held this evening (Thursday 14th August) at 7pm to offer opinion on two proposed changes to the text of Canon 4, the process for electing bishops.

If any stipendiary or commissioned cleric or charge lay representative has not received details for joining the Zoom meeting or papers for this meeting, please contact the office ASAP [office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org). The attendance at the meeting will be registration for the Synod.

## **Faith in Community Dundee: Welcome Pack Appeal for Asylum Seekers (Closing date Friday 15 August)**

From FiCD Dundee: We have recently been made aware of a specific need in our city and are looking for some help from local faith communities.

In Dundee there is an accommodation provider which houses approximately 120 single male asylum seekers. More often than not, these men arrive with no belongings. A very practical resource to provide on their arrival, is a small welcome bag, containing some basic items. We are reaching out to church communities to help us to gather a stock of items, over a set period of time, to bolster the stocks for these welcome bags. The items we are looking for are:

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| Anti-bacterial spray | Sponges for washing up |
| Toilet rolls         | Paper and pens         |
| Washing up liquid    |                        |

Collection Point: We are partnering with Maxwell Centre (St Salvador's Halls, Dundee, DD3 7EW) who have agreed to act as a collection point for all donations. The centre is open at the following days/times:

Mon -Thur – 9.30am –5pm & Friday 9.30am-4pm

Closing date for Appeal: 15th August

We would be really grateful if you were able to gather any donations of the above items and then drop them to the Maxwell Centre, where there will be a collection point for the Welcome Pack Appeal.

## **Deadline for Provincial Building Grant Applications to Diocese: 18 August**

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.

## **Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral Dundee: The Lord Lyon presents a talk "A Right Royal Year", Saturday 6 September.**

Save the date! On Saturday 6th September 2025 The Lord Lyon Dr. Joe Morrow will speak on the subject of "A Right Royal Year." Taking place in St Paul's Cathedral at 2.00pm that day, this special 'friends' event will be followed by refreshments.

All very welcome!

## **Save the Date & Time: Ordination for Enza Gibson 27 September at 3pm**

Enza Gibson, who has been training for the ministry at the Scottish Episcopal Institute for the past three years, has completed her course of training and will be ordained as a Deacon on 27 September at 3.00pm in St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. All very welcome to attend. Please watch this space for more details of the service.

Enza will then serve as a training curate with Rev Martin Allwood, based in the linked charges of Monifieth and Carnoustie. Please keep all in your prayers in the time of preparation for this new ministry!



## **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).