

Brechin Bulletin

28 August 2025

Successful Diocese of Brechin Net Zero Roadshow and Workshops Held in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

Saturday 23rd August: the Provincial Net Zero Team, in collaboration with the St Paul's Cathedral Eco-Group, organised a day of networking, fellowship, workshops and inspiration, bringing the Diocese together to inform, celebrate progress and provide guidance for churches on their 'net zero journey'.



The Net Zero Team welcome delegates and start the day's activities (Photo C Benton-Evans)

The team had gathered presenters from Christian Aid, HeatHack, the National Churches Trust, Angus Climate Hub, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, Eco-Congregation Scotland, Transition Dundee and Business Energy Scotland and more. There were also representatives from firms providing green heating systems and retrofitting for church buildings: Herschel, Flexel and local firm RTRFIT were all represented.



Provost Roxanne Campbell shares cathedral experiences (Photo C Benton-Evans)

Workshops were offered in the morning and afternoon on specifics of HeatHack's church assessment tools, Christian Aid's campaign on climate change and global debt, the National Churches Trust 'Cherish' Grant and details of technical solutions for fitting churches with heating systems for net zero.

An excellent lunch was provided by a local sustainable community organisation.

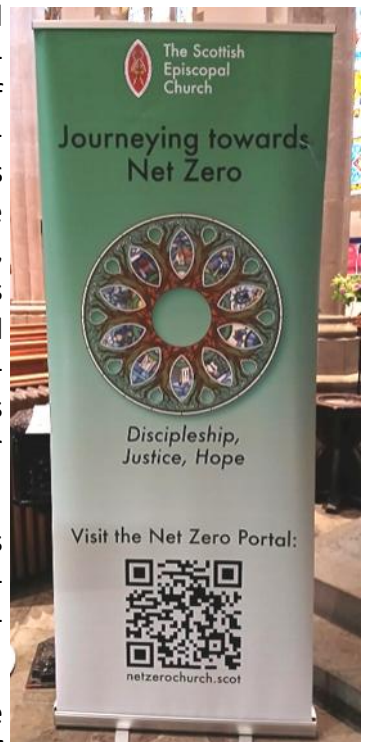
Bishop Andrew closed the event with a few words of prayer and by thanking the Net Zero Team, all those who come to present and lead workshops and all the members of the Diocese who had gathered to celebrate and learn.

Watch the Bulletin for further Net Zero news and events.

Victory over Japan (VJ) Day 80 Years On: A Moving and Poignant Service at All Saints, Glencarse

At All Saints, Glencarse, Sunday's service was themed to mark the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of the Second World War. Following the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan surrendered to Allied forces on 15th August 1945, ending six years of conflict and suffering throughout the world.

As part of the All Saints' service there were moving testimonies from three members of the congregation with very close family experiences of the conflict in Asia. It was heart-rending to hear of Sandra's father as a prisoner working on the Burma railway, of Robin's mother serving in the Women's Royal Naval Service in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Rosemary telling us of the women's choir in prison in Sumatra: captives who endured malnutrition and disease with many members succumbing to their harsh conditions.





Ven Ian Young with Sandra, Rosemary and Robin after the special VJ service (Photo supplied by Ian Young)

During the service, the congregation sang the “The Captives’ Hymn”, which was written by Margaret Dryburgh during her time as a prisoner of war in the Far East during World War II. She composed the hymn for the women prisoners of war while interned in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Sumatra, enduring squalid and horrific conditions yet remained spiritually strong due to her Christian faith.

It was a service which touched the congregation greatly; these stories of only one generation ago.

St Andrew’s Brechin have been having a busy time in August 2025!

On Saturday 16 August, they held their annual Summer Fete in the grounds of the church with teas, a barbecue, stalls, a bouncy castle and lots and lot of fun and games. They also presented charity donations to 2nd Brechin Brownies, Bravo Brechin, and Brechin Community Garden.

The following Sunday, 24 August, was a joint ‘Back to School’ Cafe Church Service with the Church of Scotland. Friendship, hospitality and laughter characterised both these events and continue to be at the heart of St Andrew’s mission to the community.

Friends of St. Paul’s Cathedral Dundee: The Lord Lyon presents a talk “A Right Royal Year”, Saturday 6 September.

The Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee are delighted to welcome Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, who will speak on a 'Right Royal Year' on Saturday 6 September at 2pm in the Cathedral.

Cost: £5.00 (includes refreshments).



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

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.