

# Brechin Bulletin

## 7 August 2025

### **Former St Margaret's Home Trustees Pre-set Donation to NHS Comfort Funds**

A donation has been made from the former St Margaret's Care Home, the SEC residential care home that sadly closed in early 2024. The winding up of the affairs of the SEC charity that ran home is now almost complete, and as part of this the trustees of the home wished to make a donation towards the care of residential and palliative care patients in Dundee.



The cheque presentation: Gill Mudie, Clinical Nurse Manager; Charge Nurse, Robyn Barnett; Bishop Andrew; Trustee Director, David Cheape; Clinical Co-Ordinator, Lorraine McPherson; Charge Nurse, Fiona Foxon. (Photo A Swift)

The bishop attended and presented a cheque for £6,500 to representatives of NHS Tayside, Roxburghe House and the Royal Victoria care units. These funds will be used by NHS Tayside for comfort and support of patients and residents.

St Margaret's Home closed due to financial pressures in early 2024, bringing to an end about 150 years of SEC involvement in care provision in the city of Dundee.

### **Pisky Session presents Zoe Bestel: Thursday 7 August at 7.30pm**

St. Mary's and St. Peter's Church is delighted to be welcoming Zoe Bestel to Montrose for our Pisky Session on 7 August.

Zoe's ethereal vocals, poignant melodies, and stirring lyrics have seen her hailed as one of Scotland's most exciting emerging talents, despite now being a seasoned performer on the Scottish and international circuit.

Tickets cost £10. To book email [bbmpisky@gmail.com](mailto:bbmpisky@gmail.com).



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

Book online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee)

### **Rescheduled Date for St Mary's Broughty Ferry Teddy Bear Parachute Jump: Saturday 9 August 1:30pm at Balmossie Fire Station**

Come along on Saturday August 9th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm to Balmossie Fire & Rescue Station for St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry's rescheduled Charity Event; all donations to be split 50:50 with Aberlour Children's Charity & Scottish Fire & Rescue Family Support Trust!

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

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 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.

### **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).

### **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).