

Brechin Bulletin

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MND Charity Run 7in7:Together Arrives at Holy Trinity Monifieth

Colleen Allwood writes, 'On Saturday the 6th December, Holy Trinity Monifieth welcomed Kevin Sinfield from Leeds Rhinos on the penultimate day of his 7in7:Together Challenge to raise funds for the Motor Neuron Disease (MND) community.'



Kevin Sinfield at Holy Trinity Monifieth (Photo D Buchan)

Starting at Carnoustie Golf Club, the route took him through Monifieth to Dundee, finally ending at Dens Park. Residents from Monifieth and members of the MND community gathered to welcome him at Holy Trinity at 9.15am and, after a brief stop for refreshments and an opportunity to get warm and dry, Kevin continued onto the Broughty Ferry Sailing and Rowing Club.

Speaking to those gathered at Holy Trinity, Kevin thanked everyone for their support and said that he was delighted to be in Dundee to represent the MND community and Doddy Weir, former Scottish rugby union player, who died from MND in 2022.

More details about the challenge can be found through the link below. <https://www.therhinos.co.uk/the-club/sinfield-together-202>

Longstanding Church and Diocesan Representative: David Stanley RIP

Message received this week: The Vestry of St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry regret to inform you that our dear past member, [John] David Stanley, of Broughty Ferry and St. Mary's, passed away peacefully in his bed just after midnight this morning, having received his Last Rites with Anointing around 1315 hrs yesterday.

David was a very loyal member of our community, a former Vestry and Synod member, and dear friend to the Diocese of Brechin. His loss is great to us; however, we take great solace and comfort knowing how devout David was and committed to furthering Christ's Kingdom here on earth throughout his life-time.

Rest Eternal, grant unto him, O Lord, and let Light Perpetual shine upon him!



Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) Annual Advent Series 2025

Rev Prof Swarup Bar will present a series of four talks in Advent 2025 on '19th–20th-Century Indian Christian Theologies' on Mondays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2025 at 5pm.

1. Context for the development of Indian Christian theologies (available online)
2. Indian Renaissance and Christian theology (available online)

3. Monday 15 December: Interfaith dialogue

4. Monday 22 December: Indian traditional Christologies.

The Advent Series can be accessed through the SEI Youtube page with the first two sessions available [here](#).

An Advent Calendar Poetry Study

Catherine Black is a member of Holy Trinity/Church of the Holy Rood within the Brechin Diocese. She This year she has completed a study book for advent that contains a collection of 25 of her poem alongside a daily bible reading and reflection. Each day allows the reader to take a short time out to reflect on their personal faith journey as they prepare and wait in anticipation through Advent.

Hard copies will be available mid November but you can pre order by emailing at cathe-rine.black09@icloud.com Purchase price is £8 per book. Postage and packaging is an extra £2 with discounted postage on bulk orders on request. ALL profits from the first 125 books sold will be donated to Holy Trinity, Monifieth's Starfish projects.

Wilbur & Rosie Trilogy

Lay Reader Bruce Gowans has written a trilogy of books, illustrated by Ian Hall, about a vegetarian wolf called Wilbur and a little girl called Rosie. The stories are suitable for children aged about 4-8 with lots of illustrations.

Further information on the books and how to purchase can be found through their website: gow-anshall.co.uk

People who enjoyed his previous book Horace the Helpful Hog will enjoy these too.

Diocesan Deadline Reminders

Charge Annual Returns to be Recorded and Returned Please.

A big thank you to those charges who have already submitted their Annual Returns. If you have not sent in your Congregational Return please do so as soon as possible. Submission of the Diocesan Schedule is to be completed by **19 December**. The Annual Returns can be sent to the Diocesan Office at office@brechin.anglican.org. Many thanks!

For Canon 35 (Building Change) and Grant Applications: Meeting Date for the Diocesan Buildings Committee

The next meeting of the DBC will take place on **19 January 2026**.

Please note that the deadline for grant applications and Canon 35 matters for this meeting is therefore **12 January 2026**. Contact the office for more information.



NET ZERO Portal: resources to help churches to work towards Net Zero

The SEC Net Zero portal is available on the Provincial website, and contains resources and much more to help churches as they work towards better sustainability and reduced carbon footprints. Access this vital resource at <https://netzerochurch.scot/>



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.

Are you holding Christmas events or Services: please share details with the office for the Bulletin or on the Diocesan Website.