

# Brechin Bulletin

## 22 January 2026

### Severe Flooding Reported in our Companionship Diocese of Eswatini

Weeks of persistent rains have caused severe flooding in parts of Eswatini resulting in the loss of lives and homes. The damage to roads and infrastructure has made transportation dangerous and there is an increased danger from animals like crocodiles and hippos moving away from flooded rivers. There are reports at the following link: <https://swazidailynews.com/archives/6767>

We have reached out to the Diocese of Eswatini and will share any details of the situation and any specific needs that may arise as we receive them.

Please hold our Companions close in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

### Licensing Celebration for Reverend Ellie Charman to be held at 2pm, 31 January 2026—all are welcome!

On 31 January Bishop Andrew will lead a celebration to mark the licensing of the Rev Ellie Charman as Interim Pastor for the charges of St Laurence, Laurencekirk, St Palladius, Drumtochy, St John the Baptist, Drumlithie and St Andrew, Fasque.



Rev Ellie Charman with the Bishop Andrew (Photo K Gibson)

Ellie, who started her duties in early November 2026, is helping the charges who had been served by Canon Michael Turner for over 40 years to discern the future patterns of Mission and Ministry in that area of Aberdeenshire.

### We are Recruiting: Are You Looking to be the Finance Officer for the Diocese of Brechin?

You have the opportunity to join the Diocesan team, supporting the churches and treasury function in the Diocese. We are seeking an experienced bookkeeper to support the Diocese and associated churches. Details are:

*20 hours/week, £16,884 p.a.*

*Location: Dundee (remote/hybrid options)*

*Key skills: Sage Business Cloud, Excel, multi-entity accounts, financial reporting.*

*Desirable: AAT qualification, charity/church sector experience.*

For details and application pack, please visit the Diocesan website [www.brechin.anglican.org/finance-officer](http://www.brechin.anglican.org/finance-officer). A discussion with Bob Main, the Diocesan Treasurer, can also be arranged.

Closing date: 12 February 2026, with interviews to follow.

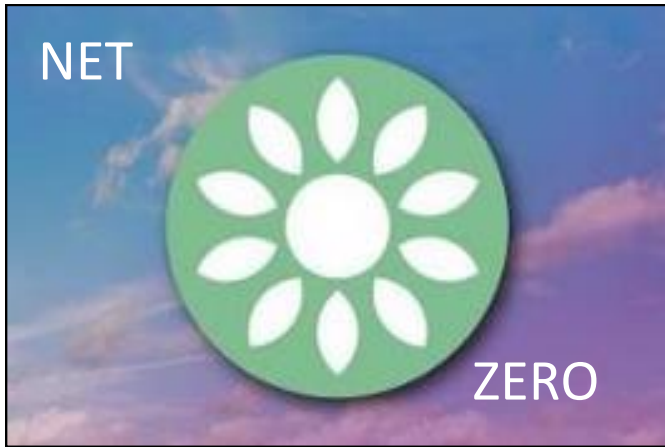
### Training in Emergency First Aid: 21st February from 10am to 2pm

A diocesan Emergency First Aid training day will be taking place at All Souls, Invergowrie on 21 February from 10am to 2pm. If your charge is in need of someone qualified in First Aid or your first aider would like a refresher please contact Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale at [rectorsmbf@gmail.com](mailto:rectorsmbf@gmail.com) to enroll. There are limited slots at this first session so we are asking for only one candidate from each charge.

### Burns Supper with Cornerstone at St Paul's Cathedral: Monday, 26 January at 6.30pm

Our Burns Supper has become one of Cornerstone's favourite annual events in the past few years. Join us to celebrate Scotland - food, poetry, music, and even a little ceilidh dancing! Age 18-30(ish)

All are welcome!



## **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/>

## **SEC Webinar: “Fit for Funding” Training 5 March at 1pm**

Fit for Funding is a short course provided by Faith in Community Scotland which aims to help you:

- think through your fundraising plan
- identify funders that can support your work
- simplify the process of applying for and managing funding

The two hour course is primarily an introduction to the world of funding, funders’ jargon, priorities and outcomes. Equally, it is also a way to build connections with those from other charges doing similar work and a great way to build mutual support and your own networks as you navigate the funding process.

Whether you are brand new to projects and finding funding or have years of experience, our hope is that you will find something useful and share your wisdom with the group. This is an extended workshop programme of the session offered at some Net Zero Roadshow events.

The training workshop is provided by Allan Ramsay, Community Development Worker for Faith in Community Scotland.

To register please email Jack Nevin at [jackn@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org).

## **Save the Date - Safeguarding Conference 19th March**

A reminder for the upcoming Safeguarding Conference being held on 19 March at Holy Trinity, Monifeith. Rev Denise Herbert, our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, joined by John Wylie, Provincial Safeguarding Officer, and Daphne Audsley, Assistant Safeguarding Officer invite all clergy, PVG coordinators, Lay Readers, Lay Worship Leaders and interested vestry members to attend. The doors will open at 9.30 am for a 10 am sharp start with a lunch break 12.30-13.15 then finish at 3.30 pm. For further information and to register your interest in attending please contact Rev Denise Herbert at [dbh.herbert@btinternet.com](mailto:dbh.herbert@btinternet.com)

## **Upcoming Synod Dates in the Diocese**

As a New Year starts, the usual business of the Diocesan and Provincial year starts for 2026. This year, the Diocesan Synod will be held on Saturday 7th March. This year we will be asking for new members of Diocesan Council and new Diocesan Representatives for the General Synod.

The General Synod will be held in early June as usual, from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th June. This year the venue is at the University of Stirling, with all accommodation requirements booked centrally by the General Synod office.

If anyone would like to know more about the opportunities to serve on Synods, Councils, Boards and Committees, please contact the office to arrange a discussion.

## **Brechin Diocesan Website**

The new Diocesan website ([www.brechin.anglican.org](http://www.brechin.anglican.org)) is live and is still being refined and updated.

Please use the site for information on churches, resources for clergy and vestries and news. If you find any glitches or corrections needed, please contact Elliott in the office

## **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).