

Brechin Bulletin

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Christmas in St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee and Holy Trinity Monifieth congregants with their Christingles.
Photos: St. Paul's Cathedral and Holy Trinity FB pages



Christmas and New Year Celebrations as We Reach Epiphany in the Diocese

Celebrations and social events were held throughout the Diocese for Christmas and Epiphany over the past few weeks. The photographs in this Bulletin capture a little bit of the flavour of Christmas 2025.



Christmas Carols at All Saints Glencarse with the Perth Gaelic Choir (Photo M Swift)



Some of the trees from St. Mary Magdalene's Christmas Tree Festival. (Photo: St. Mary Magdalene's FB page).



The crib at St Mary and St Peter Montrose (Photo St Mary and St Peter FB page)

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.

Deadline for Canon 35 (Building Change) and Grant Applications: Meeting Date for the Diocesan Buildings Committee: next deadline 12 Jan.

The next meeting of the Diocesan Buildings Committee 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 (this coming Monday)**. Contact the office for more information.

Please remember: any change to a church building requires a Canon 35 consent for the work. The Dean can advise on this process and the few exceptions.

- Understand which option is best for you
- Get advice on overcoming challenges in conservation areas and listed buildings
- Learn about typical upgrade costs and the available funding that could rapidly accelerate your project's payback
- Learn how to find reputable installers

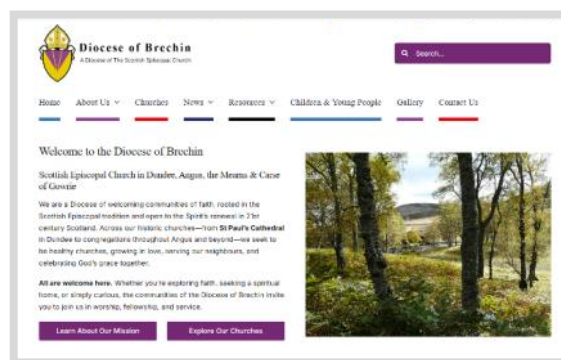
The link with more details and how to sign up for this webinar can be found here: [Funding for window upgrades – all you need to know · Business Energy Scotland](#)

Advance Notice: Vacancy for Diocesan Finance Assistant

In the next few editions of the Bulletin we will be advertising for a new staff member for the Diocese, a Finance Assistant to work with Bob Main, the Diocesan Treasurer. This role will involve supporting some of the Diocesan charges with their day-to-day financial accounting, as well as assisting Bob with the Diocesan finance. This will be a half-time post, based in the Cathedral offices and at home. More details and an application form will follow—watch this space.

Brechin Diocesan Website

The new Diocesan website (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.



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/>

Business Energy Scotland: Funding for window upgrades – all you need to know

22 January @ 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Business Energy Scotland is running a free webinar on January 22, 2026, and areas covered include:

- Learn how to reduce heat loss through draughtproofing, secondary glazing or double glazing
- Find out about all the additional benefits you can get from modern glazing, in addition to reducing heat loss