

# Brechin Bulletin

## 19 February 2026

### New Bishop elected in Diocese of Edinburgh



The Diocese of Edinburgh has chosen a new Bishop, following the election last Saturday (14 February) of the Rt Rev Dr Dagmar Winter.

The Bishop-Elect of Edinburgh is the current Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon, and will be translated to her new post later in the year.

Bishop Dagmar was elected following the retirement of the Rt Rev Dr John Armes who served the Diocese as Bishop for 13 years. She accepted the post following a vote of the Electoral Synod where she received over half of the votes in each house, with clergy and lay representatives from congregations across the Diocese voting.

Bishop Dagmar was ordained priest in 1997 in the Diocese of Rochester, Church of England, serving there and in the Diocese of Newcastle, and was made a Canon of Newcastle Cathedral in 2011. She was consecrated Bishop of Huntingdon in the Diocese of Ely in 2019. She is also currently Acting Bishop of Ely, a position she has held since 2023.

Speaking just after the election, the new Bishop-Elect said: "I am hugely honoured to have been elected as the next Bishop of Edinburgh and would like to thank most warmly all those involved in the thorough process, indeed, in electing me.

"I rejoice in the diversity and inclusivity of the Diocese of Edinburgh and can't wait to get to know all the clergy and people in the charges from the Tweed to the Firth of Forth – your joys, your challenges, your opportunities. I firmly believe that the Scottish Episcopal Church has a unique voice to share in today's world, and I am

committed to supporting and encouraging all who contribute to its mission and ministry and to raising its profile further. I also look forward to joining the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

"As I pray for you, please pray for me as I prepare to leave Ely and join you in Edinburgh.

"Only last night I confirmed some young people, preaching on John 20:19–end, and told them 'as Jesus was sent, so he sends us'. It will be exciting to discover with you where God will lead us. The one who calls us is faithful – this is our joy, our hope and our strength."

Responding to the result, the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev Mark Strange said: "I am delighted to welcome Bishop Dagmar as Bishop-Elect into this new season of ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and I am looking forward to welcoming her to the College of Bishops. The gifts she brings will enhance the life and mission of the Church.

"I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the process – those who offered themselves and tested their discernment, as well as members of the Electoral Synod, Diocesan Officers, Preparatory Committee, diocesan staff and Bishop Andrew Swift, Convener of the Electoral Process, for their prayerful work.

"Please keep Bishop Dagmar in your prayers as we plan her installation and new beginnings in Scotland."

### Harris/Forbes Lecture 2026: Wednesday 18 March from 6pm -7.30pm

This year the Diocese of Brechin and the University of Dundee are delighted to host a combined event of the Forbes Lecture with the Harris Lecture. This year's Harris/Forbes Lecture will host Reverend Professor Sir Diarmaid MacCulloch as he presents Christianity and Sex: history's unsettling of many settled facts. Religion and sex are deeply entwined in modern politics, often harmfully, and their long Christian history is frequently oversimplified and misunderstood. Drawing on his recent book *Lower than the Angels*, award-winning author Diarmaid MacCulloch offers new ways to understand the past

that can ease present fears and challenge accepted assumptions. For more information and to book tickets follow the link below.

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/events/harris-forbes-lecture-2026>

## Cancellation of Training in Emergency First Aid

The diocesan Emergency First Aid training day has been cancelled due to low numbers. If you were interested in receiving Emergency First Aid Training please contact Rev Mark-Aaron at [rectorsmbf@gmail.com](mailto:rectorsmbf@gmail.com).

## Brechin Diocesan Safeguarding Conference at Holy Trinity Monifieth, 19th March: Call for Clergy, PVG Authorised Lay People to Book

A reminder for the upcoming Safeguarding Conference being held on 19 March at Holy Trinity, Monifieth. 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. It is strongly recommended that anyone doing such 'regulated work' attends this event as safeguarding training.

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)

## 2026 Energy Footprint Tool Now Open for Completion: Please Open the Email and Complete Now!

The 2026 Energy Footprint Tool response period has now opened. The EFT is an important tool in the SEC journey to Net Zero. All charges have been contacted with details as to how to complete a response. The deadline to have your responses completed is 1 June. Get in touch with Jack Nevin with any questions '[jackn@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org)'

## Evening Concerts Series returns to St. Paul's Cathedral

After the wonderful response to last year's concerts,

The St Paul's Cathedral Evening Series returns for 2026. Four themed Friday evenings of live music in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral.

Each night will see the space transformed with atmospheric lighting and the sound of string quartet music filling the building, performed by the outstanding Lumbre Quartet

Full programme details can be found on the poster below.



Tickets are now live via the link :<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee> St Paul's looks forward to welcoming you in for what promises to be another memorable series of evenings

## Elections at Diocesan Synod

There will be General Synod Representative, Provincial Board Member positions and Diocesan Council places available for election at the upcoming Diocesan Synod. 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.

