

# Brechin Bulletin

## 26 February 2026

### Harris/Forbes Lecture 2026: Reverend Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch at Dundee University, 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 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>



Image: Diarmaid MacCulloch/Dundee University Chaplaincy  
The University of Dundee is working in partnership with Brechin Diocese – delivering a lecture that explores faith, ideas, and contemporary challenges.

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This event is the latest development in the Forbes Lecture, commemorating Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes, the Victorian founding bishop of the Diocese of Brechin from the mid 1800s. Partnership with the University of Dundee while they navigate their many challenges is a way of showing support for this vital educational institution in the City of Dundee.

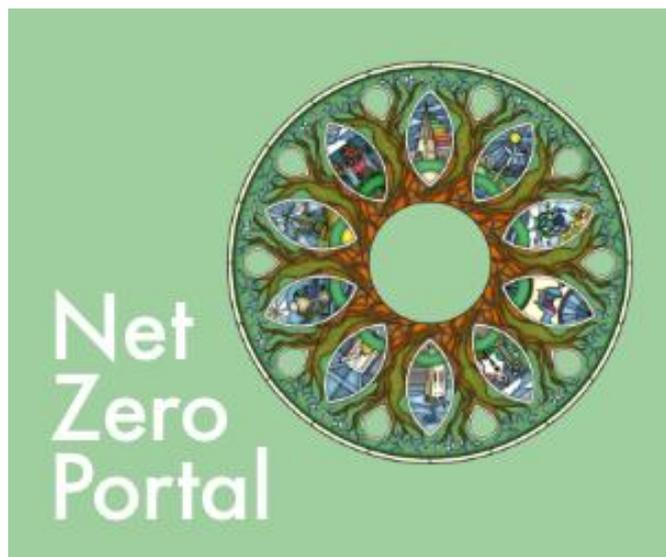
### Brechin Diocesan Safeguarding Conference at Holy Trinity Monifieth, 19th March: Call for Clergy, PVG Authorised Lay People to Book

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.

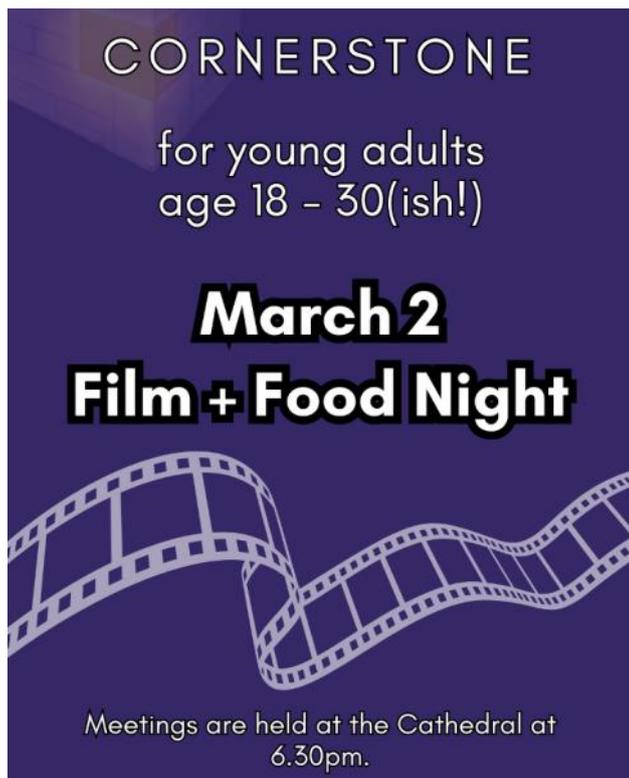
The doors will open at 9.30 am for a 10 am sharp start with a lunch break 12.30-13.15 then finish at 3.30 pm. For further information and to register your interest in attending please contact Rev Denise Herbert at [dbh.herbert@btinternet.com](mailto:dbh.herbert@btinternet.com)

### 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)'



**Cornerstone Young Adult Group  
Meeting at St Paul's Cathedral, 2nd  
March at 6.30pm**



## **Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene's, Dundee: 11 March at 12.30pm**

The St Mary Magdalene's lunchtime concerts are back with an organ recital on Wednesday 11th March. It will be given by Geoff Bolton, the director of music at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. As usual the concert will start at 12.30 with tea and coffee available beforehand. Admission is by donation and you are invited to bring your packed lunch.

## **"Evening Series" returns to St. Paul's Cathedral for 2026**

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 on the right. Tickets are now live via the link [:https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee)

St Paul's looks forward to welcoming you in for what will 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.

## **Benefact Trust Podcast: How to raise money for your church**

In the Benefact Trust's Beyond Funding latest episode, they hear from Andrew Clark, professional fundraiser and Director of Church Grants, to explore how churches can successfully raise funds for their projects amidst today's challenging funding landscape. The video of the 20 minute podcast can be found [here](#). Further information on fundraising from Benefact Trust can be found on their website: [www.benefacttrust.co.uk/support/advice-and-resources/how-to-raise-money-for-your-church/](http://www.benefacttrust.co.uk/support/advice-and-resources/how-to-raise-money-for-your-church/)

## **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).