

Brechin Bulletin

5 February 2026

Licensing Celebration for Reverend Ellie Charman at Laurencekirk Last Saturday

On 31 January Bishop Andrew led the 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. Clergy, members from the Diocese and guests from further afield all came and celebrated Ellie's ministry in the small Aberdeenshire charge.



Ellie with Bishop Andrew, Canon Jim Benton- Evans and Lay Reader Georgie Middleton (Photo M Swift)



Canon Jim, as Synod Clerk, reads the licence while Bishop Andrew presents an Anglican Communion Forest tree-planting certificate. (Photo M Swift)

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. 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 to enroll. There are limited slots at this first session so we are asking for only one candidate from each charge.

St James' Stonehaven Valentines Themed Quiz Night, 13th Feb

FRIDAY 13th February 7pm, at the Church Hall, Arbuthnot Street, Stonehaven

Teams of 4/6 – tickets £5 per person, includes tea, coffee & biscuits. BYO if preferred. Prize for winning team and raffle!

Tickets available from: Anne – 01569 765793; Paula – 07710529694; Jane – 01569 766577



Net Zero Online Event

Thriving Biodiversity: Caring for God's Creation—Thursday, 12 March at 1:00

Sharon Hall from [Operation Noah](#) will introduce their Church Land Use Vision about using church land for climate and nature benefit, and how you and your church can be part of it.

She will share some inspiring case studies from other churches and Christian landowners, and offer some free resources to give practical suggestions for local church groups and campaigning for wider influence.

There will be a chance to ask questions and share from your own local context.

Email Jack Nevin at JackN@scotland.anglican.org to register.

Brechin Diocesan 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

Upcoming Synod Dates in the Diocese

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.

Elections at Diocesan Synod

There will be General Synod Representative 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.

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.