

Brechin Bulletin

5 March 2026

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2026—DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal



Bishop Andrew is inviting churches and individuals in the Diocese to support the DEC's ongoing Middle East Appeal. The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC—an umbrella body for the major UK charities) <https://www.dec.org.uk/> and their local partners have been working tirelessly to support families impacted by conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, the West Bank and Syria. The present war will only make such matters worse.

More details of the appeal and how to support are at <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>. Please either give directly, or pass to the Diocese after Easter and we will pass that on.

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



Image: Diarmaid MacCulloch/Dundee University Chaplaincy

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>

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 Monifeith, 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, 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. It is strongly recommended that anyone doing such 'regulated work' attends this event as their regular 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

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'

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" at St. Paul's Cathedral: The Music of Bridgerton on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm

The St Paul's Cathedral Evening Series returns for 2026 with The Music of Bridgerton on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm. The 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. 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 will be another memorable series of evenings.

Elections at Diocesan Synod this Saturday: last chance to stand!

There are 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 or directly to the Bishop to arrange a discussion about the duties and how to stand.

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/

For Canon 35 (Building Change) and Grant Applications: Meeting Date for the Diocesan Buildings Committee

The next meeting of the DBC will take place on **18 May 2026**.

Please note that the deadline for grant applications and Canon 35 matters for this meeting is therefore **11 May 2026**. Contact the office for more information.

St Drostan's New Website

St. Drostan's new website became live on 1st March 2026, with the same address as previously; www.stdrostan.org

Amongst the new features is an Interactive map which plots a route from your home location to the Lodge, details of walks, attractions and activities within easy reach of Tarfside, and customer feedback.

Also of particular interest to Churches are details of the Murray Scarlett Glenesk Fund through which the Diocese subsidises visits by Church Groups to the Lodge, this fund is Underused and had many tens of thousands of pounds available for Churches in this Diocese, it not only pays Lodge fees, but subsidises food and Transport to the lodge!

Please have a look at the new website and any feedback would be welcome, particularly using the "get in touch" form on the website

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.