

Brechin Bulletin

1 April 2026—Holy Week and Easter

Special Cathedral Evensong Celebrates Canon Michael Turner's Service

A special service of evensong took place on the evening of Palm Sunday to celebrate the ministry of Canon Michael Turner, who served as Rector of Laurencekirk and nearby charges for over 40 years, and was been an honorary canon of the Cathedral since 2013.



The Bishop, Canon Michael, Provost Roxanne and Dean Kenneth after the evensong (Photo M Swift)

The Bishop shared a reflection on Michael's ministry followed by presentation of a print and an Anglican Communion Forest tree certificate. Friends and members of congregations around the Diocese of Brechin joined for the service, which was led by the Cathedral choir. Refreshments were enjoyed by all after the service.



The Bishop presents Michael with a commemorative print of the Cathedral (Photo M Swift)

Dr Jaap Jacobs leaves role as Diocesan Secretary

Dr Jaap Jacobs has decided, for personal reasons, to step back from the role of Honorary Diocesan Secretary, a post he has held for over two years. The Bishop said, "I am very grateful for all Jaap has brought to the Diocese and the work of the Diocesan Council."

For the short term, the Diocesan Council will manage in temporary ways while work takes place to find a possible successor. For any queries, please contact the office on office@brechin.anglican.org

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral Maundy Thursday (2nd April) at 11am

The Diocesan Chrism Mass with renewals of vows and promises will held on Maundy Thursday at 11am. All are very welcome to attend this Diocesan celebration, especially all clergy, lay readers, lay worship leaders and all who hold Bishop's licences are very welcome to robe and process for the service. Clergy: white stoles.

Installation of Archbishop Sarah Mullally supported by SEC Primus and Bishop of Eswatini

The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, took place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March. The special service on the Feast of the Annunciation enthroned the first ever female leader of the Anglican Communion. The Primates of the Anglican Communion were all invited including SEC Primus Bishop Mark Strange. Bishop Dalcy Dlamini, our companionship Bishop in Eswatini was also present (see photo).



Bishop Dalcy of Eswatini can be seen on the far right. Photo: The Church of England and The Archbishop of Canterbury Youtube

New Book by Catherine Black: Step with Jesus Through Lent and Holy Week

We are almost entering Holy Week. During Lent, a number of people have been working through Catherine Black from Carnoustie/Monifieth's book 'Step with Jesus Through Lent and Holy Week'. A large section of the book has an in depth look at Jesus' journey through the stations of the cross. Looking at his encounters with the different people in His life and our encounter with Him. If you would like to have an in depth reflection on the Stations of the Cross, Catherine still has some printed copies left at a price of £8 for a book and £2 for an optional reflection pack to go with it containing various objects to help with reflecting. Catherine has also set up an installation at the Bield at Blackruthven, Perth, where you can work through each of the stations throughout Holy Week. She will be delivering this on Good Friday. To order a copy of the book, contact Catherine at Catherine.black09@icloud.com

Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene's, Dundee: 8th April at 12.30pm

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene's will be on Wednesday 8th April and will be given by Octave +1. This is a group of singers who will perform both religious and secular choral pieces. 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: An Evening at the Movies on Friday 17th April at 7.30pm

The St Paul's Cathedral Evening Series continues with An Evening at the Movies on Friday 17th April 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](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.

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.

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'

For Canon 35 (Building Changes) 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.



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.

Have a peaceful Holy Week and Joyful Easter 2026, from all in the Diocese of Brechin. The Bulletin will take a post-Easter break next week.