

Brechin Bulletin

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Lay Reader Re-Licensed: Taking up her Preaching Scarf Again

Sue Rushforth, from St Laurence's Laurencekirk, was relicensed as a Lay Reader at the Chrism Eucharist in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee. This special service on Maundy Thursday was an opportunity for all those who minister in the Diocese to renew their vows and promises, so this was a very apt occasion for Sue to take up her ministry as Lay Reader again. Sue trained and served in the Church of England, but paused this ministry when she came to Scotland some years ago.

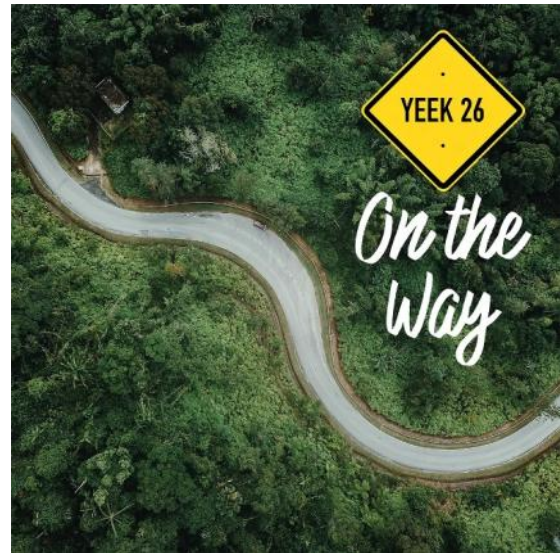


The Bishop, Sue Rushforth and Warden of Lay Readers Sue Rowe after the Chrism Mass. (Photo Lana Woolford)

Lay Readers have a ministry of preaching, leading worship and pastoral work in charges. They work closely with the clergy and other lay ministers in the teams that guide and support Episcopal church communities.

Sue was supported in her return to ministry by Sue Rowe, the Warden of Lay Readers (shown on the right in the photograph) and her priest Rev Ellie Charman. She will serve in the Laurencekirk group of charges in the north of the Diocese.

If anyone wonders if they might have a call to Lay Reader ministry, please contact your local priest for an initial discussion about this role and how you can explore and discern.



Yeek 26 - On The Way

Is there a teenager connected to your church who would like to try something different this summer? Yeek is the Provincial Youth Week and it brings together young people from across Scotland at Glenalmond College in rural Perthshire for a week full of fun, faith and finding new friends. Every journey starts somewhere - please encourage young people of High School age to join us On The Way at Yeek! Find out more at yeek.scot and register by 1 July.

"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. From John Williams, Hans Zimmer, Ennio Morricone and more, The Lumbré Quartet brings an evening of cinematic music — sweeping, intimate,

and instantly recognisable — all through the power of strings. 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.

Spring Concert

all proceeds to Amnesty International



Daniel Clunas *piano*
Conall McKay *guitar*
Imogene Newland *piano*
Geoff Palmer *cello*
Simon Rendell *oboe*

Sunday 19th
April
2026
at 3 p.m.

St James'
Episcopal Church
Arbuthnott St., Stonehaven, AB39 2JB

Free Entry
Donations very welcome!
Donations at the door or scan this QR code:



Community Events at St. Mary's Broughty Ferry

An evening with crime author Neil Lancaster

In their latest Meet the Author event the Bookhouse have invited Neil Lancaster to St Mary's to talk about his latest book, *The Dark Heart*.

When renowned author Dr. Daniel Solomon is killed in a devastating explosion in York, authorities quickly attribute the attack to Islamic extremists. But as the investigation unfolds, it becomes clear that all is not as it seems.

Tickets for this event of Wednesday 22nd April are available from the Bookhouse, Broughty Ferry.

Live music at St Mary's on 24 April

Local music promoters Hypercoaster are bringing singer-songwriter Jill Jackson to St Mary's on Friday 24th April.

Described as not just as a musician but "a force of nature, an artist whose music strikes a chord with the deepest emotions of listeners", Jill will be accompanied by two other stellar musicians, showcas-

ing songs from her latest album, plus some classics from her superb back catalogue.

Doors open at 7pm, concert starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available via the Hypercoaster [website](#).

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.

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

Thank you for your donations in support of the DEC's ongoing Middle East Appeal. If there are any further donations to pass on to the diocese please contact the diocesan treasurer Bob Main at treasurer@brechin.anglican.org.



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.