

# Brechin Bulletin

## 7 May 2026

### “Celtic Bishops” Meet in Wales

Adapted from the SEC website: Members of the College of Bishops including +Andrew travelled last week to St David's in South West Wales to represent the Scottish Episcopal Church at the Celtic Bishops 2026 conference.



Welsh, Irish and Scottish Bishops (photo SEC website)

This year it was the turn of the Church in Wales to host the Conference, which is held every two to three years, with the venue rotated among the SEC, Church in Wales and Church of Ireland.

The four-day programme had a full agenda, starting with three sessions titled ‘A view of the province’ on Day One, from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, followed by a session on Ecumenism in Wales.

Day Two focused on the rise of the Far Right in the three UK countries and Eire, with the bishops considering Biblical interpretation, political theology and the challenges this phenomenon poses for Church leaders. A session followed on Church and State relations in the context of devolution touched on a variety of areas, including forthcoming elections and political matters such as assisted dying and abolition of the UK government Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

The next day looked at the life of the Anglican Communion today, with new developments, considering how communion is sustained amid difference and what this means for bishops within a global Church. Safeguarding and clergy standards were discussed, then in the evening, an address from the Right Rev Dr Jo Bailey Wells (Bishop for Episcopal Ministry, Anglican Communion Office).

On the final day, the bishops were joined by the Roman

Catholic Archbishop for Cardiff-Menevia to hear about the direction of developments within the Roman Catholic Church under Pope Leo XIV, their theological, pastoral and ecumenical significance, and what they may signal for the direction of the Roman Catholic Church under his papacy.



St David's Cathedral (photo A Swift)

Throughout, the bishops worshipped, shared fellowship and built relationships in this long standing and healthy gathering in the ‘Celtic’ provinces in UK and Ireland. It was even mostly sunny!

### 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](http://yeek.scot) and register by **1 July**.

### 2026 Energy Footprint Tool Now Open for Completion

Our diocese currently has the highest response rate across the Province with almost all of our charges having already completed the assessment. There are only a few charges remaining to achieve a 100% completion. The deadline to have your responses completed is **1 June**. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Jack Nevin at

['jackn@scotland.anglican.org'](mailto:jackn@scotland.anglican.org)

## **Submission Deadline of 11 May 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.

## **“Evening Series” at St. Paul’s Cathedral: Let it Be - The Beatles on Friday 8th May at 7.30pm**



Step back to the golden age of British music as The Music of The Beatles arrives at St Paul’s Cathedral, Dundee on Friday 8th May. Come enjoy The Lumbré Quartet and the cathedral’s wonderful acoustics for a night inspired by the sound of the 60s when Beatlemania swept the world, vinyl ruled the charts, and melodies like “Here Comes the Sun” and “Let It Be” became part of musical history. Tickets are now live at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-pauls-cathedral-dundee>

## **Granite City Brass Concert at St James, Stonehaven on 10 May at 7pm**

Come to St. James’ Stonehaven on Sunday 10 May at 7pm to enjoy the music of Granite City Brass. Refreshments will be served at the interval and there will be a raffle. Donations are welcome in support of St. James’ Church.

## **Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary Magdalene’s on Wednesday 13 May at 12.30pm**

The next lunchtime concert at St Mary Magdalene’s Church will be on Wednesday 13th May at 12.30. It will be given by the Abertay Quartet playing a selection of music chosen by brides for their wedding ranging from Handel to the Beatles. Admission is by donation and, as usual tea and coffee will be available from 12.15. Bring your packed lunch if you wish.

## **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](mailto:treasurer@brechin.anglican.org).

## **Donations to the Diocese of Eswatini Projects**

For those interested in donating to the Neighbourhood Care Point and Home Based Care projects in the Diocese of Eswatini please note that Holy Trinity, Monifieth continues to receive and transfer diocesan donations for these projects. Please contact Rev Martin Allwood at [revmartinallwood@gmail.com](mailto:revmartinallwood@gmail.com) for further details.

## **Advance Notice: Vacancy for Bishop’s Personal Assistant**

In the next few editions of the Bulletin we will be advertising for a new staff member for the Diocese, as Elliott Scarfe leaves his position as Bishop Andrew’s Personal Assistant. This role will involve supporting Bishop Andrew and performing administration tasks for the diocese. This will be a half-time post, based in the Cathedral offices and at home. More details and an application form will follow—watch this space.

## **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).