

Brechin Bulletin

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Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: Help!

Two catastrophic earthquakes hit Venezuela, with buildings were reduced to rubble in minutes. Now the survivors urgently need support. DEC charities and their local partners have been working in Venezuela for many years, providing emergency medical treatment, delivering food, and ensuring people have access to clean drinking water, but the DEC says funds are urgently needed to reach more families following this disaster. A DEC Appeal has been started to provide this vital aid. The UK Government are matching the first £2m raised in this appeal. Bishop Andrew is supporting this appeal and invites all in the Diocese to do the same.

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/venezuela-earthquake-appeal>

St Mary's and St Peter's Montrose

WHERE WORDS F
ALL SILENT,
MUSIC CARRIES
HIS MEMORY ON

WHAT IS LOVED
IS NEVER TRULY LOST

1ST AUG
3P.M.

ST MARY'S AND ST PETER'S CHURCH,
MONTROSE

FOR HAROLD,
WHOSE MEMORY STILL SINGS AMONG US

There will be an organ recital in memory of Harold Jack on 1st Aug (his birthday) at 3pm.

All welcome.

St Paul's Cathedral Hosting Children's Summer Pop Up Choir, 10-12 August

If you know a young person going into P4-S6 who loves singing, or would simply enjoy giving it a go, please share this with them. The course includes songs from musicals and pop, musical games and activities, and finishes with a concert for family and friends. You'll find all the details on the Cathedral FB page by visiting them here: [Facebook Page](#).

ST PAUL'S
CATHEDRAL
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CHILDREN'S
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POP UP CHOIR

SONGS FROM
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10-12
AUG
3 FUN-FILLED DAYS!

11AM-3PM
EACH DAY

P4-S6
ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME

£60
FOR THE
3 DAY COURSE

To book a place, or if you'd like more information, please email Billy at music@saintpaulscathedral.net.

St Drostan's Family Open Day: Sunday 19th July from 1.30pm to 5.00pm

All are welcome to come along to see how we St Drostan's used some of the funds freed up by the sale of the Parsonage and meet some of the new members of our team who have carried out this work. The extensive ground works are now complete, with new paved areas paths, "Breakfast Patio" with raised flower bed and a walkway around the Church.

New church gates (exact copies of the previous wooden ones) and additional picnic tables all supplied in artificial wood made from Recycled Milk Containers, have also been placed.

Hot drinks will be available, but feel free to bring

your own picnic.

For further information contact Peter Nelson: 01569 730967 or stdrostansbook@btinternet.com

Website: www.stdrostans.org

Net Zero Event: Benefact Trust Project Open Church Event at St Ninian's, Dundee on 29 August from 10:30 am – 1:45 pm

Join us at St Ninian's, Dundee on 29 August, from 10:30-13:45 for a day of talks, networking and learning relating to their Benefact Trust-Scottish Episcopal Church funded whole-campus decarbonisation project.

Hear from funders, installers, technical professionals, and those involved with the project at St Ninian's.

To book please click here: <https://forms.gle/GU4U8AFH8yixPKD4A>.

Rev Harry Hopkins RIP

We have received news of the death of the Rev Harry Hopkins, who was a curate in St Martin's and St Salvador's Dundee in the early 1970s, then incumbent of Holy Trinity Monifieth from 1974 to 1978. He then served overseas as a chaplain for some years, including time in the Mission to Seafarers. He then ministered from 1994 to retirement in 2018 in the Diocese of York. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona

The Provincial Youth Committee will be hosting two pilgrimages to Iona for young people in October 2026: 12-18 year olds will be on pilgrimage between 10-14 October, followed by those aged 18-25+ between 14-17 October.



Bishop's House, Iona: a retreat centre in the SEC

(photo, Island Retreats Limited)

Pilgrims will gather in Oban before travelling by ferry and across Mull to Iona, staying at Bishop's House and exploring the island, including opportunities to

visit Iona Abbey and join the community there for worship.

The cost, which includes travel from Oban, accommodation and food on Iona will be £235 for 12-18s for four nights and £210 for 18-25+ for three nights, with a supported rate of £160 available for young adults who may find the full cost difficult to manage. There will also be the option to pay by instalments.

Places are limited, and applications should be completed by **10 August**. Further information on the trip and how to book can be found [here](#).

'St Andrews Organ Week' at St Salvador's Episcopal Church in Dundee on Tuesday 28 July with a concert by two outstanding Scandinavian organists.

Bine Bryndorf is organist of Roskilde Cathedral in Denmark, where she curates the world-renowned Raphaëlis organ of 1558. She was for many years Professor of Organ at the Royal Academy of Music in Copenhagen and remains a Visiting Professor of Organ at the Royal Academy of Music in London. She is widely recognised as one of the pre-eminent European organists of her generation.

Camille Bloche is originally from Normandy in France and now works in Gothenburg, Sweden. She has won prizes at four international competitions, including those at Miami and Biarritz and now runs the organ school at Älsborg Church in Gothenburg.

The programme will include music from Denmark by Niels Gade and Niels la Cour as well as the organ sonata by Swedish Romantic composer Oskar Lindberg. This is an outstanding summer opportunity to hear two international organists of the highest calibre performing on the beautifully preserved historic Wordsworth and Maskell organ (1882) in one of Scotland's most outstanding Victorian churches.

The concert begins at 7.30pm. Entrance is £15, £10 (concessions and members of the University of St Andrews Music Centre) and £5 (students/children).

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 the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.