

Brechin Bulletin

17 September 2026

Passing of Alastair Cruickshank

It is with sadness that we note the death of **Alastair Cruickshank**, former Registrar and Chancellor of the Diocese of Brechin, who died peacefully at home in Perth on 5 September 2026, following a short illness. Alastair served the Diocese with great dedication over many years, offering wise legal counsel and faithful support to bishops, clergy and congregations. He will be remembered with gratitude for his commitment to the life and work of the Diocese. Our prayers are with his family, friends and all who knew him at this sad time.

Alastair's funeral will take place at **St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Perth**, on **Thursday 24 September 2026 at 1.00 pm**. All family and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Donations in lieu of flowers may be given at the church in support of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory*

SPAB Scotland: Maintaining Scotland's Historic Places of Worship

SPAB Scotland is hosting a training day on **Tuesday 22nd September in Guthrie, Forfar**, offering practical guidance on the care, maintenance and preservation of historic church buildings. The event includes expert talks, workshops and a building walk-around, providing valuable advice for community groups, church representatives, building owners and anyone with an interest in Scotland's historic places of worship. All are welcome to attend. For further information and booking details, please click [here](#).



Cathedral Pilgrimage to St Fillan's Cave

On Saturday 12th of September, members of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee enjoyed a pilgrimage to St Fillan's Cave in Pittenweem. They gathered at the church of St John the Evangelist to learn about the history of Christianity in the East Neuk, before making their way to the cave for a celebration of the Eucharist, presided over by the Provost Roxanne Campbell, with the Rev David Gordon giving an excellent homily. As one Pilgrim commented: *It was a very special experience to have the Eucharist celebrated in the cave: a spiritual link back through the ages to with all those others who have considered the cave to be a sacred place.* Afterwards, lunch was most definitely in order! A huge thank you to David and the team at St John's for making them feel so warmly welcome.



St Paul's Cathedral Pilgrimage members attending St Fillan's cave. Photo—Rev David Gordon/R. Campbell

How can your church's money help build a better world?

On **Friday, 2 October**, we are gathering at **Augustine United Church, Edinburgh** to bridge the gap between faith and finance. This event is designed specifically for church leaders and financial decision-makers who are ready to strengthen the climate impact of the finances they help steward.



St James Church Hall Homecrafts Sale & Doors Open Weekend

Saturday 19 September, 10.00am to 12 noon

St James Church Hall, Arbuthnot Street

Come along to our Homecrafts Sale featuring knitting, home baking, preserves, teas and coffees, and many more stalls.

The church will also be taking part in Doors Open Weekend on 19-20 September, offering an opportunity to explore the church and learn more about its history and ministry. All are very welcome

Doors Open Day at St Mary's, Broughty Ferry—26th & 27th of September

On Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September, St Mary's will be taking part in Dundee's Doors Open initiative. This is the first time we have taken part since the church was re-ordered, so we will be showing how we have aimed to make the building sustainable and how we use the church building for community activities, as well as highlighting its history and architectural features. The church will be open on Saturday from 1000 to 1600 hours and on Sunday from 1200 until 1600 hours, but you are welcome to join us for the Eucharist at 1100 hours. Refreshments will be available.



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.

RICHARD DURRANT
40th Anniversary Solo Tour Part Two
THE ART OF LEVITATION

As heard live on BBC Radio 2, Radio 3, Radio 4 and 6 Music
(performed by Cerys Matthews, Tom Robinson, Sean Rafferty & Patsy Kensit)

Music from the High Baroque, English Folk Baroque and Durrant originals

Friday 2nd October 7.30pm
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SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 10am - 12 noon

Holy Rood Church

Maule Street, Carnoustie

Raffle / Books / Cakes

No tickets – simply leave a donation

