

Brechin Bulletin

3 September 2026

Scottish Government and Historic Environment Scotland announce new "Scotland's Places of Worship" Fund.

Some HUGE news for Scottish listed places of worship as [The Scottish Government](#) and [Historic Environment Scotland](#) announce the launch of a new "Scotland's Places of Worship Fund". This new scheme replaces the Listed Places of Worship Grant, Scheme that was cancelled by the UK Government in January. Up to £1m will be made available to provide VAT recovery grants on repairs to Scottish listed places of worship during this financial year. Further details will be made available when the new scheme is formally launched in October, but this news will undoubtedly be welcomed by many congregations across Scotland who were forced to delay vital repairs due to the unexpected increase in costs caused by the closure of the previous UK wide scheme. Read more about the new scheme in today's press release [here](#)

Reminder to Book—Youth Overnight Event in Montrose, 12-13 September!

The latest Provincial Youth Overnight event is coming to Brechin Diocese on 12-13 September! It will be hosted by St Mary's and St Peter's, Montrose, and led by Provincial Youth leaders. This event will bring together teenagers from all over the Scottish Episcopal Church for fun, food and worship, which they will help to lead on Sunday morning. If your church knows someone of High School age who would like to join in, please encourage them to sign up! The deadline is 1 September: information and booking [here](#).

Provincial Lay Reader Conference

Three Lay Readers from the Diocese of Brechin attended the Provincial Lay Reader Conference at Glenalmond College, where Bishop Andrew was present as the Provincial "link bishop" for Lay Readers. Led by Revd Dr Canon Sandra Millar of Gloucester Diocese, the conference explored the theme "**From Stranger to Friend**", encouraging churches to think about how we welcome newcomers and help them feel part of our communities. Sessions highlighted the importance of warm hospitality, clear communication through notices, websites and social media, and maintaining contact with those who engage with church life. Workshops offered practical ideas for reducing anxiety for visitors, making worship accessible while retaining a sense of wonder, and viewing church through the eyes of a newcomer. The conference provided valuable encouragement and insights that participants can share within congregations across Brechin Diocese.



Lay Readers attending the Conference at Glenalmond College—photo Bishop Andrew.



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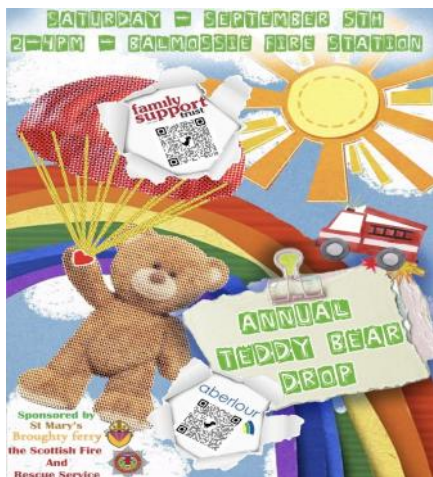
How can your church's money help build a better world?

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 Mary's Broughty Ferry 3rd Teddy Bear & Soft Toy Para- chute Drop, 5th September, 2-4pm.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun as we raise money for **Aberlour Children's Charity** and the **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Family Support Trust**.

Saturday 5th September, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Balmossie Fire Station Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



You are invited to Gillian's Coffee Morning

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SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 10am - 12 noon

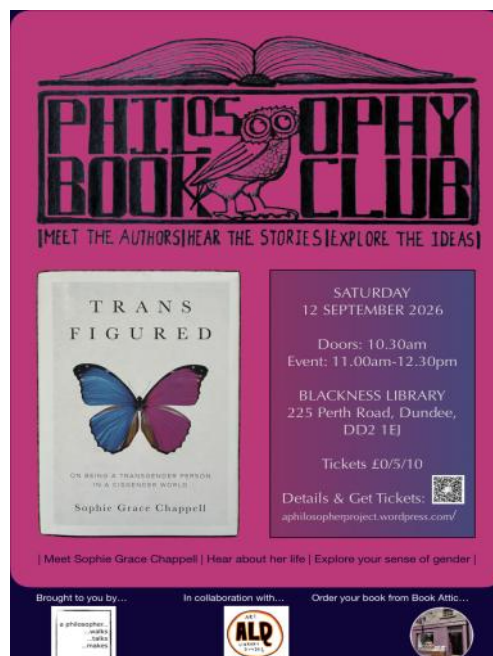
Holy Rood Church

Maule Street, Carnoustie

Raffle / Books / Cakes

No tickets – simply leave a donation

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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.