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Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona

Recent storms did not deter young people from making the trip to Iona: two intrepid groups of pilgrims (12-18s and young adults) enjoyed the hospitality of Bishop's House and explored the beautiful island together. The pilgrims all enjoyed the opportunity to worship, pray and discuss their faith in this cradle of Scottish Christianity. It gave them some precious time out with God and each other, in the midst of busy lives.

Brechin Diocese was well represented in both the teenage and young adult pilgrim groups, and the leadership team included two Diocesan youth leaders, Claire and Hannah.

The storms brought a reminder of the climate crisis, so we were pleased that most of the pilgrims' travel was by public transport, including trains, electric Ember buses across mainland Scotland, the bus across Mull and two ferries. Pilgrims returned with stories to tell, photographs to share and very happy memories of their time together. If you know a young person who went to Iona, ask them about it!



Photo: The young adult pilgrimage group on a very breezy beach on Iona! photo credit: C Benton-Evans

Hope for Creation Conference held in Stirling

The Scottish Episcopal Church's Hope for Creation conference took place at Stirling Court Hotel on 20–21 October, bringing together theologians, scientists and sustainability experts to explore environmental challenges and practical action. Organised by the SEC's Net Zero Team, the event featured talks and workshops on topics including biodiversity, renewable energy, church buildings, funding and community energy. Speakers encouraged delegates to combine faith, prayer and practical action in responding to the climate crisis, with Bishop David Railton concluding that "the hope for creation is in you, in your communities and in the work that we're doing together."

OSCR Trustees' Week 2026: Free Webinars for Charity Trustees

Trustees' Week 2026 takes place from 9 to 13 November and is an opportunity to celebrate the invaluable contribution that charity trustees make to organisations and communities across Scotland.

To mark the occasion, OSCR (the Scottish Charity Regulator) is hosting two free webinars aimed at supporting both new and experienced charity trustees in understanding their responsibilities and strengthening good governance practices. Participation is free of charge, making this an excellent opportunity for anyone involved in the governance of charities to enhance their understanding and connect with best practice. For further information and registration details, please visit the OSCR website.

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Aberlour Christingle Appeal 2026

This Advent, you can help bring hope to disadvantaged children and families across Scotland by supporting Aberlour Children's Charity's Christingle Appeal.

Many children and families continue to face significant challenges and hardship. By taking part in a Christingle service and making a donation, we can help Aberlour provide practical support to those living in poverty.

If your church is holding a Christingle celebration this year, please consider supporting the appeal. Donations can be made online and will help children and young people when they need it most. For more information about the appeal and Christingle resources, visit Aberlour Children's Charity's website or speak to your local church organiser.





Looking for a bargain? Visit the Community Wardrobe at St Luke's Church, open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10.00am to 2.00pm.





Any news or upcoming events to share in the Bulletin?
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