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New Diocesan Secretary

The Diocesan Synod meeting in March has approved the appointment of Ms Ann Johnston as Diocesan Secretary. So our seemingly long search is over – as so often happens, Ann would not have been available to help us during 2012, and so the right person has been worth waiting for.

Ann is a long-standing communicant Scottish Episcopalian with family roots in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee who currently lives in Newport on Tay. Ann trained as a solicitor and practised for many years in private firms and for Scottish local authorities. She currently works in the field of social care in North Fife.

Building on the inherited Diocesan Secretary job description, during the coming year the role will be developed afresh to meet the strategic needs of the diocese. The work of the Diocesan Secretary which is voluntary and part time will be based in the Diocesan Office and aligned collaboratively with the role of the Bishop's PA.

Ann's email address will be diosec@brechin.anglican.org and she is looking forward to supporting our congregations and their clergy, enabling the smooth running of the diocese.



Resurrection Now

This edition of *Bulletin* arrives ready for Holy Week and Easter when we experience again the mounting drama of Christ's Passion, death and resurrection. There are church services and events somewhere each day which are advertised locally and on the diocesan website. I hope that you are able to take advantage of them as they nourish and challenge our Christian faith.

Artists, musicians and writers have found many different ways of conveying the meaning of the Resurrection down the centuries: Stanley Spencer's colloquial painting of the graves of Cookham churchyard opening and their occupants rising as though it were just a new day; Mahler's Angelic Second Symphony evoking the power and grandeur of God; and Christina Rossetti who wrote – *My life is like a frozen thing, no bud or greenness can I see: Yet rise it shall – the sap of Spring, O Jesus, rise in me.* May some personal transformation mark your Easter this year.

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Durham University
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Edinburgh
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Montrose Vestry
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Edzell
St Margaret's, Lochee
Vestry
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London
- 19 Safeguarding
Conference, Edinburgh
- 21 Inverbervie and
Montrose Services
- 23-24 College of Bishops
- 26-27 Abertay University
Court Conference
- 28 St Luke's, Dundee

Diocesan Church and Society Action Group

Members Required

Are you concerned about peace, justice and the integrity of creation?

Are you concerned about what the SEC should do and say at local, diocesan and national level?

To find out more, contact the convenor, Rev David Mumford 01356 622708 or email dmumford@phonecoop.coop

Diocesan Office

Please note the Diocesan Office will be closed from
Monday, 1st April to Friday, 5th April 2013

BOOK BROWSE III

**Saturday, 23rd March
St James's Church Hall
Stonehaven
10 am—4 pm**

Come along to our book browse and find yourself a pre-loved book. Books available are non-fiction, fiction, all genres with books for the pre-reader right up to the mature reader. All books £1 or less with FREE tea and coffee.

LOVE BOOKS

**Youth Action
Group Event
Sofa Session
and Pizza
Sunday, 21st
April - 3—5 pm**



**St Mary's Rectory, 2 Springfield Terrace,
Arbroath**

The Youth Action Group invites young people (S1-S6) to an afternoon sofa session and pizza. Christian Aid "Sofa Sessions" resources will be in use to discuss the top of gender. Contact Mairi Cuthbert on 01241 873392 or email mairicuthbert@gmail.com by 19th April to confirm you are able to attend.

Daffodil Coffee Morning Holy Trinity Church, Monifieth

**Saturday
23rd March
10—12 noon**

Cake and Candy,
Raffle and
Small Gifts Stall

Admission
Adults £1.50
Children 50p
(includes
tea/coffee)



5th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality Edinburgh 7—10 July 2013

The 2013 Conference will explore Resilience and Creativity and their role in supporting the spiritual lives of older people.

We are hoping to attract both those with an academic interest and expertise in the area from around the world, as well as those from the UK with more practical experience through involvement in the care industry or as informal carers. We also intend to involve older people themselves within the programme.

The conference will be of interest to those coming from a faith based approach and those approaching spiriting spirituality from a secular one.

A mixture of keynote speakers, workshops and papers will be offered as well as social events



Music and dancing around the Diocese

Cuba Evening

**St Andrew's Church Hall
St Andrew's Street, Brechin
Friday, 5th April 2013 at 7.30 pm**

A Cuba evening for eco-congregations and potential dancers. Discover how Cuba managed to run its economy using massively less oil.

For further details contact:
David Mumford 01356 622708

Bruce Davies Concert

**St Mary's Episcopal Church, Arbroath
Thursday, 25th April 2013 at 7.30 pm**

Bruce Davies is well known to St Mary's. He has entertained us on many occasions with traditional Scottish songs and some of his own. Tickets at the door: £6 (£5 concessions)

Cries of London

**St Mary's Episcopal Church, Arbroath
18th April at 7.30 pm**

Award winning vocal group present a programme of madrigals, sacred music, folk songs and close harmony.

Tickets at the door: £8 (£6 concessions) or from the Rector.

Choral Evensong

**St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee
Sunday, 14th April 2013
At 6 pm**