



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Spring in our step

The clocks have gone forward and so-called British Summer Time is here – let's hope we enjoy some warmth this year. Easter eggs fill the shops and our spring wardrobe gets an airing.

And yet as a Church we still have a way to go through Lent before arriving at the great Christian festival of the Resurrection. Passiontide, Palm Sunday and Holy Week provide an unfolding drama. Church services replete with challenging readings and poignant symbols fix our attention: Jesus 'sets his face towards Jerusalem', fresh palms turn to hard wood and nails and death.

But of course the story does not end there. Resurrection and beyond beckon us through life's ups and downs along our Emmaus road, encountering Jesus in unexpected ways. In people and situations we cannot yet know. Paradoxically it is those who journey into the abyss who walk with a spring in their step.

+ Nigel

Don't miss Bishop Nigel's video on Regeneration on the brand new Scottish Episcopal Church website launched recently [www.scotland.anglican.org](http://www.scotland.anglican.org) and follow the links to **latest news/ videos**.

### St Martin's, Derby Street, Dundee

#### Prize Bingo

**Wednesday, 30 April 2014  
at 1.30pm**

Admission 50p  
includes tea/coffee and refreshments

#### Bookstall

**Saturday, 31 May 2014  
10am–4pm**

St Martin's are holding a Bookstall in  
the Murraygate, Dundee

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Womans' Retreat 2014

12th – 14th September

St Drostan's Lodge

led by Reverend Paddy Allen.

Further details will be available at a later date  
from Reverend Jane Nelson.

#### Diocesan Young Person Church Event

Sunday, 22 June 2014 at Montrose

#### Glen 14—SEC Youth Weeks

at Glen Almond College, Perthshire

Week 1: Sunday, 27 July—Saturday, 2 August  
Week 2: Sunday, 3 August to Saturday, 9 August  
Further details on the Diocese website



The Diocese of  
Brechin welcomes  
Mrs Elaine Kerr  
as Manager of  
St Margaret's  
Residential Home  
for the Elderly in  
Dundee

### From the Bishop's April Diary

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| 2    | Amnity Panel in London  | 17    | Chrism Mass at St Paul's Cathedral              |
| 5-7  | Annual Leave  | 18    | Good Friday Services                            |
| 9-10 | College of Bishops, Edinburgh                                       | 19    | Holy Saturday Service, Carnoustie               |
|      | Conference Design Group   | 20    | Easter Sunday Service at<br>St Paul's Cathedral |
| 12   | Training meeting, Edinburgh   | 25-26 | Abertay Court Conference                        |
| 13   | Palm Sunday at Inverbervie and<br>Montrose, Licensing of Lay Reader | 27    | Confirmation at Glencarse                       |
|      | Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral                                     | 28-30 | Conversations Conference, Pitlochry             |

## New Treaty to Ban the Bomb?

An international treaty to abolish nuclear weapons is the aim of a current world wide series of conferences. Dr. Rebecca Johnson, a leading international authority on nuclear weapons spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Brechin Diocesan Church and Society group at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Brechin, on 6 March. She outlined the indiscriminate nature of weapons of mass destruction and the long term effects of radiation. Even the use of small numbers of atomic bombs could lead to a 'nuclear winter' in which smoke, dust and ash in the atmosphere would prevent the sun's heat reaching the earth. Scotland would be plunged into an ice age and there would be massive loss of life throughout the world.

The first conference was held in Norway in March 2013 with 127 governments represented. The second conference was held in Mexico in February 2014 with over 140 governments in attendance. Unfortunately the United Kingdom (together with the USA, Russia and Israel) boycotted both conferences as they feared that the outcome might be that nuclear weapons states would have to give up their nuclear weapons. The International Red Cross appalled by the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons is embarking on a world wide programme of public education. This will include the Red Cross in Scotland.

Dr Johnson urged those present to contact their Westminster MP's to try and persuade the UK to be represented at the next conference in Vienna later this year.

Further details: David Mumford 01356 622708



The photograph shows Dr Rebecca Johnson with left to right: The Rev. Alan Watt, The Rev. David Mumford, Dr Rebecca Johnson, Irene Gillies.

## Events at St Mary the Virgin, Arbroath in April

**Daffodil Tea and Spring Fayre  
in Church Hall**  
Tea/coffee and home-made scones  
**Saturday, 5 April 2014 10am to 12noon**  
Tickets £1

**Knitting Together**  
**Sunday, 13 April 2014**  
The Rectory, Arbroath  
3pm—4.30pm

Knitting together is a group that knits for charity or own knitting whilst chatting over a cup of tea and relaxing.

**Easter Activities and Party  
(Church Hall and Church)**  
**Saturday, 19 April 2014 2.30pm to 4pm**

Join in the fun decorating eggs, make an Easter bonnet and take part in the Easter story. Egg and spoon race and finishing with an Easter Egg hunt and snack.

## Book Group at St Mary's Rectory

Each month the book group meets in the **Rectory of St Mary the Virgin, Arbroath** between **7.30pm-9pm** where there is a relaxed discussion.

**Thursday, 24 April 2014**  
One Day by David Nicholls

### ALL WELCOME

For further details contact Mairi Cuthbert on 01241 873392 or email [mairicuthbert@gmail.com](mailto:mairicuthbert@gmail.com)

## Mothers' Union Reaching out .....

Members of the clergy, congregations and Mothers' Union are invited to an awareness raising about Faith in Action led by the MU Faith & Policy team.

**27 May 2014—10.30am— 3pm**

**St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth**

To book a place contact Jean Richardson - [reichardson147@btinternet.com](mailto:reichardson147@btinternet.com) or Linda Brownlie: [lindabrownlie@talktalk.net](mailto:lindabrownlie@talktalk.net) by 25 April 2014

## GREMLINS IN THE ST DROSTAN'S WORKS??!!

There have been a few problems with the St Drostan's website not showing the correct available dates. This has since been investigated and for some reason the old website that was shared with St Andrew's Brechin has resurfaced on some search engines together with dates that were created for 2014 prior to going off line last December.

Please go to our website via [www.stdrostans.org](http://www.stdrostans.org).