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DOG DAYS

The lazy days of August are often called the dog days of summer - those weeks (this year at least) that have traditionally seen dogs lying around panting in the heat. Or so I thought.

In fact, the idea of dog days originated in the Mediterranean when the hot sultry days of summer coincided with the rising of Sirius, the dog star. It had nothing to do with our canine friends at all!

The Christian Church has its own version of dog days. They're called Ordinary Time - the period between Trinity Sunday and All Saints when there are no festivals on the horizon. But, just as Sirius is far from being an ordinary star (it's the brightest in the sky at one point), so Ordinary Time for us this year in the Diocese of Brechin is anything but ordinary.

For this month we welcome with thanksgiving the arrival of the Very Revd Andrew Swift as our new bishop. After what has sometimes seemed a very long 14 months of vacancy, it will be a joy to join with him and his family at the Service of Consecration on August 25th (see below).

Bishop Andrew's arrival will offer a fresh beginning for the diocese, an opportunity to move forward with energy and enthusiasm as we seek to discern God's purposes in our work for God's kingdom here in this corner of Scotland.

So please be much in prayer for Andrew, Mary and their family as they embark on a new and exciting journey with us and for us. We truly give thanks to God for them.

Francis Bridger

Date for the Diary
Consecration of Very Revd Andrew Swift
as Bishop of Brechin
St Paul's Cathedral,
Dundee Saturday 25th August 2pm

Procession is due to commence approx. 1.40pm
across City Square to St Pauls Cathedral, High Street Dundee
All very welcome to the service (arrive early for a good seat!)



**St James Church,
Stonhaven
Book Browse**

Saturday 4th August 2018

10.00am– 3pm

Free entry

Over 2,000 books for sale
£1 per book or 5 books for £4

**St Martin's Church ,
Dundee
Tea and Bletcher**

Saturday 18th August 2018

11.00am - 12.30pm

Free entry with donations welcome

**Montrose Horticultural Society
Annual Show 2018
St Marys & St Peters Church, Montrose**

Friday 12th August 2pm– 7pm

&

Saturday 13th August 10am–3.30pm

Prize giving– Saturday 4pm

Pot plants, cut flowers, veg & fruit, floral art, Industrial, baking & preserves
children's section, photography



**St Lukes Church, Dundee
Summer Fayre**

Saturday 1st September

12pm–3pm

Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Tombola
Refreshments, BBQ and much more
Also enter your dog(s) in the dog show

For further information
contact Stuart Budden

Sbudden983@gmail.com or 07796887024

**Holy Trinity Church,
Monifieth
Summer Fayre**

Saturday 1st September

12pm–4pm

Various Craft Stalls, Tombola, Henna
Tattoos, Face Painting,
Home baking and Raffle
Admission by donation includes
Refreshments. Dedication of our new
Community Prayer Garden at 12noon
Come along and have some fun

St Lukes Church, Dundee Prize Bingo Events

Wednesday 5th September 2018

&

Wednesday 19th September 2018

1pm start (doors open 12.45pm)

50p admission, includes tea/coffee and cake

Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo and Fellowship St Lukes Church, St Lukes Road, Downfield **Contact—Mandy Budden—07768394746**

St Mary & St Peters Church, Montrose A Big Sing

Saturday 8th September

10.30am for 11am start

Performance 6.30pm

Handel's Messiah (Selected Arias and Chorus)

Everyone welcome

Bring a packed lunch

Email bigsingmessiah2018@gmail.com
with your name and vocal part to
Receive further information

St James Church, Stonehaven Open Doors Day

Saturday 15th September 10am—4pm

This is Scottish Civic Trust initiative in which many public buildings are specifically opened (with volunteers present) to encourage people to visit them and find out secrets they may be unaware of. It is highly popular and successful.

If you come to Stonehaven, you can be guided round the church, see some of the famous historical artifacts we have, enjoy some light refreshments, and perhaps purchase some of the souvenirs and other items on sale. We look forward to welcoming you.



St James Church, Stonehaven Quiz Night

**Friday 14th September
2018**

7pm for 7.30pm start

£5.00 Per Person

Tea/coffee and nibbles
provided

Bring your own bottles and
glasses
All Welcome

St Martin's Church , Dundee Tea and B'lether

**Saturday 15th September 2018
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with
donations welcome

St Martin's, Church Dundee

Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 26th
September 2018**

at 1.30pm

Admission 50p

includes refreshments
and free
raffle

All Welcome

St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee Lunchtime Concerts

Refreshments after the Concert with a chance to meet the performers

Saturday 8th September 1pm

Triquetta—Vocal duo + piano

Lisa Lulis—soprano

Barbara Scott—mezzo-soprano

Michael Ellacott—piano

Saturday 22nd September 1pm

Daniel Silcock—piano

Music by Debussy & Rachmaninoff

Tickets available at the door

Adults £5.00, Students £3.00

Accompanied school children free

Refreshments served after the concert

St Mary & St Peter's Church, Montrose

Stogie Dance

Saturday 29th September

7.30pm

Music by Jack McPherson

Tickets £10.00 and Children £5.00

Available from 07801368238

All welcome



Do you still have your wedding dress?

St Andrew's church, Brechin is planning a fundraising Fashion Show of wedding dresses in early October.

It is hoped friends and members of the congregation will model a range of wedding dresses loaned for the occasion. Monies raised will support the City's Church outreach -The Explorers' Club, Brechin Brass Band and church funds.

If you have a wedding dress you would be happy to model or loan for the occasion please contact **Liz Howson** on **01674 810289**

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Looking ahead to October!

The next Lay Ministries' Study Day
Saturday 13 October 9.30am - 3pm
Holy Rood, Carnoustie

'Healing Ministries'
Study leader - Bishop Bob Gillies

Many of us have questions about healing ministry. What is it? What does it mean? How does it work? Am *I* really competent to assist?

The study day is intended for Lay Readers and others in authorised lay ministries, such as Eucharistic and Pastoral Assistants. Others with an interest are also welcome.

Further information will be available from Peter Smart, Warden of Lay Readers, before the end of August.

BRECHIN EXPLORERS' CLUB

Volunteers from all the churches in Brechin, led a Holiday Club in one of the Brechin schools for the first week of the summer holidays. This is one of four events organised as an outreach for children in the Brechin area each year and it attracted almost fifty children each day.

The main aim was to show the youngsters how God was with Joseph throughout all his troubles and adventures and how He can be with us and help us on our daily journey. The theme was based loosely on Scripture Union material with our own adaptations!!

The day was introduced with a News Report from Mrs Ketchup –Barbara Watson- who interviewed various people who had met Joseph. Following this was a 'Pyramid Dance' led by Iryna Ewart.

There was a teaching session for groups daily but also opportunities for discussion, crafts, cooking, music and the beloved Bouncy Castle. A special song was written for the occasion by composer Nigel Don from Edinburgh who accompanied children at the start of the week.

At the close of the week, a short service and celebration was held, followed by lunch for the children and their parents and friends. This was very well-supported and the feedback positive.

The children all enjoyed themselves and at this stage, it begs the question, what more can we do to further involve these youngsters in our Church community? Events such as the Holiday Club, are a great opportunity to teach the message of the Bible but it is just the tip of the iceberg : it takes time and energy and prayer. Many of our Churches are without a priest, let alone a Youth Worker. In Brechin, the Explorers' Team utilises adults from each denomination and we work together, despite our varying views on worship style.

Throughout the week, we talk openly about God, Prayer, what Jesus means to us, and generally give the children lots of time, in a caring and loving environment. It would be great to do this on a more regular basis.

Our next, all-day event is in November, when we will look at the Nativity Story.

Liz Howson

