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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, ARBROATH 160th ANNIVERSARY

Below the tower of St Mary's Church in Arbroath, set in a cavity in the foundation stone, is a sealed container which contains a number of items including a parchment on which is written the Deed of Dedication, including the following words:

"...The Chapel which for many years was occupied by the Episcopal congregation of Arbroath as a place of worship, situated near the sea, on the east side of the High Street, having become inadequate for the accommodation of the increasing worshippers, the congregation, encouraged by the munificent contributions of the Family of Mudie of Pitmuies, resolved to erect a new Church of larger dimensions, and in a style more becoming the name and service of Almighty God, which might be set apart for ever by consecration for public worship in communion with the Scottish Episcopal Church..."

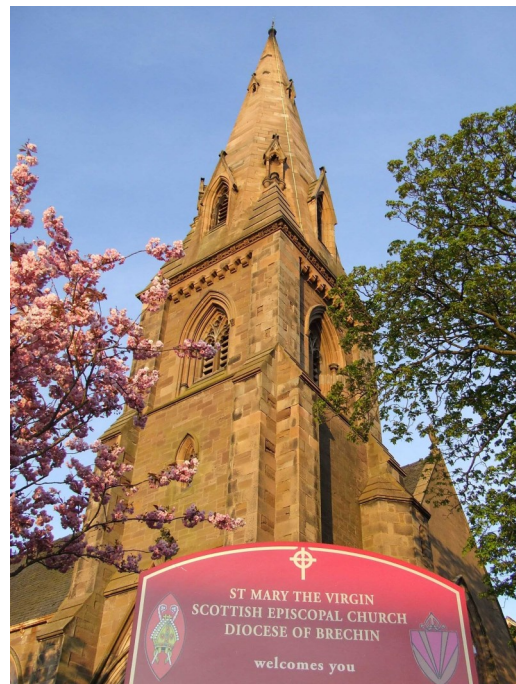
The foundation stone was laid in 1852, and the church completed in 1854 and consecrated on 31st August that year. According to the old style Red Book of 1973 (which gave more information than the present one), the only churches in the Diocese which are older are Broughty Ferry, Catterline, Fasque and Muchalls. Of course, the congregations of a number of churches date their origin well before the 19th century; and St Mary's congregation Arbroath goes back to 1596. Its history over these four hundred years or so is typical of the Episcopal Church in the North-east through that period. At times in the 17th century, Episcopacy was in the ascendancy, and the congregation worshipped in the then new town parish church.

For much of the 18th century, under the Penal Laws following the '45 rebellion when Episcopacy was proscribed, the congregation had to meet almost secretly and numbers were restricted to no more than five. For a number of years, the town house of one of the local landowners was used for worship; the minister and four people would stand in the hallway, and there would be five people in each of the rooms opening on to it. Late in the 18th century, a qualified (or 'English') chapel whose incumbents were loyal to the Hanoverians attracted a number of local Episcopalians, but many remained with the 'Jacobite congregation' as it was sometimes described. The two congregations merged in 1806.

We often treat our Episcopal History in Scotland as a great romance. However, we must not forget that this little bit of history is part of a much longer tradition and greater heritage – two thousand years of Christianity; from the time when Jesus delivered his message in the villages and towns of Galilee, and the mission of the earliest apostles and evangelists around the Mediterranean, to the present.

Our little bit of history can teach us that perseverance and resilience are essential for continued existence. These qualities may be required even more in an age of apathy, than in an age of antagonism, for us to continue worshipping faithfully in these place set apart, in a style becoming the name and service of Almighty God.

Reverend Canon Dr John Cuthbert



Join St Mary The Virgin to celebrate their 160th Anniversary

The celebration will commence with a Ceilidh on Friday, 29 August.

Throughout the weekend there will be an Exhibition of the Church's history and Bishop Nigel will preach at 11am Sunday Eucharist on 31 August.

The celebration will end at 5pm with St Paul's Cathedral Choir at Evensong.

Diocesan Buildings Committee's next meeting will be
Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at
6.30pm
Please direct any applications to the
Diocesan Office

Women's Retreat 2014 St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside

Friday, 12 September—
Sunday, 14 September is now full.

To place your name on the waiting list
please contact

Rev. Jane Nelson
4 St Michael's Road, Stonehaven AB39
3RW.

Email: nelson.jane1@btinternet.com or
Telephone: 01569 730967



CURSILLO MEETING

Saturday, 16 August 2014
11am at Holy Trinity, Monifieth

**Leprosy Mission Scotland
Afternoon Tea**

Central Baptist Church
Ward Road, Dundee

**Saturday, 30 August 2014
12noon—4pm**

Presentations by Leprosy Mission
Cards and small gifts on sale.

Entrance Free

Donations welcome for the work of
the Mission in Malek in South Sudan.

**St Paul's Cathedral
Evensong with
Deeside Choristers
Sunday, 17 August at 6pm**

Refreshments will be provided
after the service.

**All Souls' Invergowrie
Strawberry Fair**

Saturday 16th August
10am -12noon
in the Church Hall

Adults £1.50

Children 50p

includes refreshments

Handcraft ,cake & candy stalls.
Raffle.

**St Margaret's Church,
Dundee**

Coffee Afternoon

23 August 2014—2pm-4pm

Cake, jam and candy, bottle,
tombola, gift, craft and toy stalls.

Adults £1.50

Children 50p

**St Mary Magdalene's Church,
Dundee**

Invite you to a celebration of the
Eucharist on Monday 4th August at
7.30pm to remember the centenary of
the start of the First World War.

Raising the Profile

St David's Inverbervie held a car Treasure Hunt on Sunday, 15 June as part of Inverbervie Gala Week.

They were delighted with the response and thank all who took part and returned to Church for refreshments and answers. They are hoping to have the access, kitchen and toilet upgrades in place before a repeat next year and are looking forward to having a full time Rector again when Rev Sam Ferguson arrives next month.

*For those of you who missed it—proof that the Bishop got sponged!!!
This took place at the Young Church Event in Montrose*



From the Bishop's August Diary

Details of the Bishop's Diary can also be found on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofbrechin.org

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| 2 | World War I Service, City Square, Dundee | 7 | Personnel Meeting Diocesan Office |
| 3 | St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee | 13-29 | Annual Leave |
| 4 | St Mary's, Montrose Spring Clean | 31 | St Mary the Virgin, Arbroath 160th Celebrations |