

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

10th August 2023 Two Week Edition

Family Fun at Holy Trinity, Monifeith

Colleen Allwood writes: Holy Trinity Monifeith recently hosted Voluntary Action Angus and ScrapAntics for their summer programme of children's activities. ScrapAntics is a Dundee-based creative recycling, social justice enterprise who deliver "Loose Parts" play sessions along with a range of other projects across the Dundee and Angus area.



Children playing with the loose parts. (Image C. Allwood)
Permission for all children's images given

"Loose Parts" play sessions use recycled resources that can be played with, built and broken in a multitude of ways. During the activity 25 children and their parents used a variety of different objects including tyres, plastic tubes, guttering, ropes, cable reels, wheels, wooden pallets, barrels, wooden blocks, planks and an assortment of other unique objects to encourage creative, imaginative play, turning the items into valuable tools for learning and discovery. The garden space within the Holy Trinity grounds provided an ideal safe environment for the activity and for once, this summer, the sun was shining!

Prof Annalu Waller is back on land in her "Summer of Madness" Fundraiser

Rev Prof Annalu Waller has now completed her journey on the tall ship 'Tenacious' from Shetland to Norway with the Jubilee Sailing Trust. Along with her reported parachute jump, the charities Annalu is supporting are:

- Riding for the Disabled at [Brae Riding](#)
- [Capability Scotland](#)
- [Communication Matters](#) / ISAAC (UK)

If you have not had a chance to support Annalu yet, you can sponsor her at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/AnnaluSummerMadness>.

Companionship Young Adult Pilgrims Arrive in Iowa for 'third leg' events

The Brechin and Swaziland parties for the Iowa leg of the Companionship Diocese Young Adult pilgrimage have now arrived in Iowa (as of 9th August) and are starting their programme. There were some travel delays for both parties, but all have now made it to the American Midwest. Please follow the Diocese of Brechin Facebook Page to see updates on the pilgrimage.



Iowa and Brechin pilgrims on the bus: off to collect the Swazi party! (Image A Swift)

Full reports and some 'welcome back to Brechin' events will follow in due course!

Dundee Kiltwalk: 20th August

The Dundee Kiltwalk, a sponsored walk (generally) in kilts takes place around Dundee on Sunday 20th August. <https://thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/dundee>

Many charities are being supported by kiltwalkers this year as usual. Dundee Fighting for Fairness are a feisty and passionate group of individuals from the Dundee community that is working to change policies and procedures of service provisions in Dundee to ensure things are fair for those struggling with poverty and inequality in Dundee City. DFFF is raising money through the Kiltwalk so they can continue to meet on a regular basis and keep up the work they are doing. They also bring community insight and perspective to the Fairness Leadership Panel, which has a mix of community and council and other agencies represented.

Faith in Community Dundee is the umbrella charity for this excellent cause.

Bishop Andrew and Mary will be doing the 'Wee Wander' element of the Dundee Kiltwalk with mem-

bers of DFFF. The Bishop has got to know them through Fairness Commission and Fairness Leadership Panel work over the past few years.

If you would like to support the work of the project please consider donating to DFFF here: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/DFFF-Kilt-Walk?utm_term=3mAr4mYew

Special Evensong for Installation of Deans & Chancellor: 27th August

Dean Kenneth Gibson will be installed at a special Evensong at the Cathedral on Sunday 27th August at 5pm. During this service, the Bishop will also be installing Very Rev Fay Lamont as 'Dean Emeritus' and Sheriff George Way of Plean as Diocesan Chancellor. George started his role during the pandemic with 'Zoom' services, so this will be an 'in-person' thank you for all he has been doing.

Please come and support Kenneth, Fay and George at this special service of thanksgiving and blessing.

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (SECMA) Open Day: 2nd Sep

Although SECMA is winding down, an Open Day is being held in St Luke's Dundee to showcase SECMA's achievements over the decades and how it will continue to impact lives across the world in the future. There will be talks, displays, a prayer corner and, hopefully, musical entertainment. Homebakes, light lunches and other refreshments will be available.

It will be a great opportunity for SECMA supporters to meet up and have fellowship again, since regular Brechin gatherings ceased over 3 years ago due to Covid restrictions.

This event will be held in St Luke's on Saturday 2nd September, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Please come any time that suits. A programme of scheduled items will be advertised nearer the time.

Charity Teddy Bear Parachute Jump—10th September

Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale writes: St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry are hosting a fun day for the family. Starting at 3pm on 10th September, come watch your teddy parachute jump from the Fire Station Drill Tower at the Balmossie/Monifieth Fire Station and receive a certificate of bravery.

Donations for the teddy bear drop will go 50/50 towards the Firefighters Charity and Abelour Children's Charity.

Iona Pilgrimage October 2023: Calling All Young SEC Pilgrims!

Applications are now open for the Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona in October 2023. There are spaces available for young people from each Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time away with God in a very special place, in the company of other young people and Provincial youth leaders. Full information and booking details for **pilgrims aged 12-18** here <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1218> and **pilgrims aged 18-25(ish)** here: <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1825>

Please share this with anyone you know who may be interested, and contact Claire if you have any questions: youth@brechin.anglican.org.

Diary Date

Diocesan Autumn Synod—28th October at St Ninian's Dundee

Official notice will follow, but please note in your diaries the date and venue for the Brechin Autumn Synod, on Diocesan Strategy and Budgets for next year.

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues, so we have placed information and resources to help with living costs on a new page on the Diocesan website. The page can be found here: Cost of Living Crisis page [here](#).

If you are aware of any special projects that are running for the school holidays with food or activities for young people, please pass details on to the office who can share them in future bulletins.



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have details of upcoming events, stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.