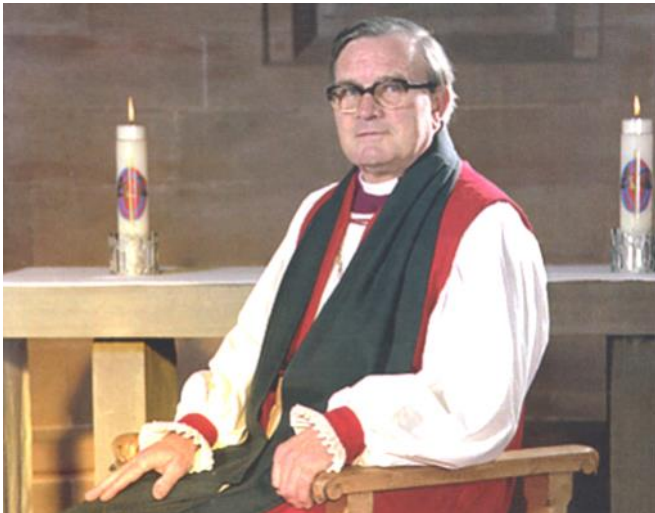


Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

12th May 2022

Bishop 'Ted' Luscombe RIP: 1924-2022

The Rt Rev Edward Luscombe, former Bishop of Brechin and Primus of the SEC has died at the age of 97. Bishop Ted, as he was best known, was Bishop of Brechin for 15 years and served as Primus from 1985 until his retirement in 1990. The text below is adapted from a full article on the SEC website, [here](#).



Bishop Ted whilst Bishop of Brechin (Photo: SEC Website)

Born Lawrence Edward Luscombe in Devon in 1924, he attended Torquay Boys' Grammar School and then Kelham Theological College before seeing active service with the British Indian Army during the Second World War. He left the army in 1947 at the time of the partition of India, having reached the rank of Major. He qualified as a chartered accountant in 1952 and worked for 11 years as a partner with Glasgow firm Galbraith Dunlop & Co before he was ordained deacon at St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow in 1963. Previously he had held the posts of vestry member, lay representative and diocesan treasurer in Glasgow & Galloway.

He then resumed training for the priesthood at St Boniface College in Warminster (under the auspices of King's College, London) and was ordained priest in 1964 during his curacy at St Margaret's Newlands in Glasgow. In 1966, he became rector of St Barnabas, Paisley.

In 1971, he moved to Brechin Diocese, where he ministered until retirement. He was Provost of St Paul's Cathedral to 1975, then was Bishop of Brechin until 1990. He had a lasting impact on the Diocese in his fifteen years as Bishop, with a mix of confidence, good pastoral care and financial sense. He also became the Primus of the SEC in 1985.

He was active in the Anglican Communion. He chaired the Inter-Anglican Finance Committee and the Primates' Special Committee on the Anglican Centre in Rome. He was made an Honorary Canon of Trinity Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa, an officer of the Venerable Order of St John and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Dundee.

In retirement, he gained an MPhil and PhD research degrees from the University of Dundee where he was made an honorary research fellow in modern history. Retirement also allowed Bishop Ted time to write a series of books about the history of the church and some of its notable clergy. He was also a Trustee of the Scottish Episcopal Church. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Dr Doris Morgan, and is survived by his daughter Jean.

Bishop Ted is having a private family funeral followed by a public memorial service in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on **Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 11.30am**. All clergy are very welcome to robe (choir dress, hoods optional) and process. If clergy are robing, could they please RSVP to admin@saintpaulscathedral.net so that seats can be reserved.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese:

All are very welcome at these events taking place in churches in the Diocese of Brechin in the next few weeks. These are events that would appeal to all in the Diocese and involving significant performers from local communities as well as from much, much further afield. Performance and contact details are all given below

Sunday 15th May at 4pm: St Mary's and St Peter's Montrose: Montrose and District Choral Society "Choral Evensong"

The Montrose and District Choral Society will be singing a Choral Evensong on Sunday 15th May at 4pm in St Mary's and St Peter's in Montrose.

Montrose Choral will sing a traditional Anglican Evensong that will include Vivaldi's *Et in Terra Pax Hominibus*, Franck's *Panis Angelicus* and other familiar pieces.

Entry is by donation, part of which will be forwarded to Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal.

Tuesday 24th May: at 7.30pm: St Mary's & St Peter's Montrose: Paulus is "Looking for me Friend"



St Mary's and St Peter's are delighted to be presenting Cabaret Performer & TV Personality, PAULUS (BBCs All Together Now), and his loving tribute to his idol: the late, great Victoria Wood.

Joined on-stage by sought-after Musical Director, and old friend, Michael Roulston (Fascinating Aida, Julie, Madly, Deeply.), together the two prove what many have known for decades: that it takes two men to do the work of one woman half as well!

Tickets £14 from [Brown Paper Tickets](#) or email jim-bentonevans@gmail.com for more details.

Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm: "Music for Midsummer", A concert at St. Mary's Broughty Ferry

On Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm St. Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry welcomes Richard Durrant, as part of his 27 day "Music for Midsummer" tour 2022.

Richard is an English guitarist and composer. He studied guitar, cello and composition at the Royal College of Music in London. Since his debut at the Purcell room, London in July 1986, Richard has gained an international reputation as one of the great guitarists of his generation. He has pursued both performance and composition in an unconventional career that has avoided categorisation and he has built a faithful, ever expanding audience who warm to his unpretentious manner and natural skills of communication

At this concert Richard will play his Sussex downland inspired "The Crest, The Coombe, The Twitten" and the richly melodic "Book of Spells" on a concert guitar made from a 5,000 year old English oak. You will also hear unaccompanied Bach played on a ukulele made from cedar rescued from the Oregon "Biscuit Fire".

Now in its eighth year, Richard's 2022 musical pilgrimage takes him from the magnificent St Magnus Cathedral on Orkney, through the UK to Brighton Open Air Theatre for midsummer and further concerts in Sussex and Kent. Once again, to reduce his carbon footprint, Richard will be travelling between venues by bicycle carrying his instruments on a trailer.

Tickets cost £12 (including a glass of wine) or £5 for under 18's are available from Sue Rowe (mrssusanrowe@gmail.com or telephone 01382 779723)

Carbon Audit of SEC Churches—carry out by 25th May 2022

The recent launch of the toolkit by the SEC includes a request that an initial analysis of the 'energy footprint' of our churches for 2021 be carried out by the 25th May, and submitted to the Province. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/towards-net-zero-2030-toolkit-and-checklist/>. We suggest this is an action for charge treasurers to gather the utility bills for **2018, 2019 and 2021** (please do not use 2020 bills) and, with the cleric or charge environmental group (if you have one), to enter this data into the '[Energy Footprint Analyser](#)' provided by the Province. Please contact the Diocesan Environmental Group (via [Elliott](#)) for details/guidance if needed.

The War in Ukraine: Responding

The war in Ukraine continues to dominate the news and our thoughts and prayers. We also need to remain aware of many other areas of the world where war and injustice is ever-present. Respond by:

Praying for Peace

Donating money for refugee support

Opting-in and/or lobbying for UK refugee support

Please continue to support the many events and activities that can help our local and national communities respond to this ongoing crisis.

Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have stories and photos of events around the diocese, we would love to share these in the bulletin.

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