

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

13th October 2022

Bishop Forbes' Evensong: 9th October

The annual Diocesan Evensong to commemorate the life and work of Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes, foundational former Bishop of Brechin, took place last Sunday. The Very Rev Margi Campbell, Provost of Oban Cathedral and Dean of Argyll and The Isles was the guest preacher and reflected on her new-found engagement with Bishop Forbes and his mission and presence in the needy and hard city of Dundee in Victorian Scotland.



The robed clergy after the Evensong on October 9th

The choir was a combined choir from the cathedral and St Mary Magdalene's Dundee. The congregation was treated to responses by Sanders, Brewer's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D Major and Stainer's Psalm 122 in the Prayer Book service. Robed clergy from the Chapter and Diocese were part of the altar party, with the Bishop, carrying Bishop Forbes' pastoral staff, presented to Forbes in appreciation of his ministry in 1872, three years before his death at the age of 58. Forbes is buried in the choir of the cathedral church that he founded as St Paul's in Dundee.

Each year the evensong takes place on the Sunday nearest to October 8th, the date of Forbes' death in 1875.

Late News: Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Lent Appeal from earlier in 2022 was never formally reported. The total raised by donations from around the Diocese was £2,093, which has been paid in equal shares to Energy Action Scotland, a fuel poverty charity, and the Diocese of Swaziland. Bishop Andrew would like to express his sincere thanks to all who donated so generously.

REFRESH! ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Workshop for children and families in church: Please RSVP to sign up!

Saturday 29 October 10am – 1pm at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee

Do you want to try something new this Christmas? Wondering how to engage families since the pandemic? No time to research new resources? Looking for fresh inspiration?

Claire Benton-Evans, the new Children and Youth Officer, will lead an interactive half-day workshop for the Diocese, full of fresh ideas, recommended resources and new things to try for Advent and Christmas. All clergy, lay readers, lay leaders and volunteers are welcome.



Book your free place by emailing Claire at youth@brechin.anglican.org

Music in the Diocese this Autumn

There is a range of excellent musical offerings of interest to all taking place in the Diocese this autumn.

"Members' Night" Recital at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee

On Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm, Tayside Organists' Society and St. Mary Magdalene's will be hosting a recital to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. Come and enjoy a night of music by J S Bach, Parry, Stanford, Tambling and Buxtehude. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Visiting Choir from St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh heading to Northern Brechin Diocese churches

The choir of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Edinburgh is visiting some of our Northern Cluster churches next weekend. They start the weekend with an Evensong in St Palladius' Church, **Drumtochty** on Saturday, 22 October at 5.30 p.m. The setting and anthem will be by Orlando Gibbons.

They will then travel to **Stonehaven** on Sunday 23rd October and sing the Communion service at 10:00 am as well as an Evensong at 3:00pm including responses by Smith of Durham; canticles, Stanford in C; and anthem, Stanford - Beati Quorum Via. Everyone is very welcome to attend these services.

Lunchtime Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral on Fridays

St. Paul's Cathedral has announced the return of their lunchtime concerts. The autumn series got underway last Friday, 7th October, with a welcome return from pianist David Mowle.

The next concert will take place on Friday 21st October at 1pm with guitarist Matthew McAllister. Further concerts will include Scots fiddle player Alastair Savage accompanied on piano and accordion by Gregor Blamey, as well as Kim Duncan on oboe and recorder, accompanied on piano by Robert Duncan... hopefully, something for everyone this term! Details are at <https://www.saintpaulscathedral.net/concerts/>.

Each concert will last 45 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day and coffee/tea and cake will be served after each concert giving the audience the chance to meet and chat with the performers as well as with each other.

Thank you Synod attendees

Thank you to all who donated at Synod for the coffee and cake to the work of the McMillan Cancer Care.

St Ninian's Church added some extra on Sunday morning and were able to donate £120.

This is already being put to work and they are incredibly grateful for all donations large and small.

Revisions to the SEC Daily Prayer: Your help needed

The Liturgy Committee has been asked to revise the SEC Daily Prayer, and to help it with that process it would like to learn how Daily Prayer is part of our life today.

An online questionnaire is now available, and the committee asks that anyone interested can spare just five minutes to complete it, please. Submissions can be anonymous, unless the respondent wishes to be contacted.

In the introduction to the questionnaire, the committee says: "This is not intended to 'catch you out', or to find out who's not doing what! It is an attempt to be honest as we think about changes to Daily Prayer over the next few years, so that any change echoes the needs of the church."

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#).

University of Dundee looking for volunteers to help Ukrainian refugees

The University of Dundee are engaging with a number of Ukrainian refugee families and students. They are currently looking for people who might be able to volunteer to help at events and who might be able to invite two or three Ukrainians for a meal at home as a way that they can build connections with local families.

If you might be able to help in one of these ways please contact Rev'd Roxanne Campbell (roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net)



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

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

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