

Brechin Bulletin

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Lord Lyon King of Arms Presented with a Specially Commissioned Portrait



The portrait of Lord Lyon, King of Arms, presented to Dr Morrow (Photograph: D Bertie)

Dr David Bertie, Brechin Diocesan Archivist writes: Dr. Joseph Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms, was presented with a newly painted portrait at the Annual Dinner of the Heraldry Society of Scotland on 2nd December 2023. The portrait, which was commissioned by the Society, was painted by three members of the Society, Mark Dennis, Stanley Bird and Kevin Greig, and will be hung in Lyon Office.

Dr. Morrow was formerly chaplain at St. Paul's Cathedral 1979-82, priest-in-charge and rector of St. Martin's, Dundee 1982-89, and priest-in-charge of St. John's, Dundee 1985-2008; he also served as chaplain at Glamis Castle 2010-19. He was the Chancellor of the Diocese of Brechin for many years. He was appointed Lord Lyon King of Arms in 2014, the first clergyman ever to hold this office.

Christmas Services

Please let Elliott know plans to be shared by the Diocese this Christmas.

War in Israel-Palestine: Anglican Emergency Appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and the Archbishop of Jerusalem Hosam Naoum have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Details of international partners in the UK where donations can be made are: JMECA (UK): <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24585> Friends of the Holy Land (UK, Joint Anglican-Roman Catholic): <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/donate/christmas>. As ever, please pray for peace in this terrible time of war and violence in the Holy Land.

Hope Point - 24/7 Drop-In Mental Health Support

Representatives from Brechin Diocese were recently able to go on a tour of Hope Point. Hope Point is a new and unique Mental Health Crisis intervention centre that is open 24-7, 365 days of the year. This is open for people to access directly, without referral, in person, by phone or by text message. It is in the Hillcrest Centre on South Ward Road in Dundee City Centre.



One of the support rooms in Hope Point. Photo courtesy of Rev R. Campbell.

Representatives from faith groups were offered this tour because of the particular position we are often in in terms of providing pastoral care and support to people who may be experiencing mental health challenges. Hope Point is a place that can offer further support and operates on a non-referral drop-in basis.

Support is also available by telephone (0800 955 0008) or text 01382 604123.

Healthy Environment: Net Zero Cards now available for churches

The Provincial Environmental Group has released sets of "Net Zero cards". The Net Zero Cards help churches engage with actions a church can take that will reduce your energy use and move your charge towards Net Zero. The cards are designed to let a group within a church (maybe the vestry or a working group looking at environmental issues) make sense of what can feel an overwhelming range of issues and possibilities. The cards in the pack cover Energy Efficiency Improvements, Clean Energy, and Positive Finances, the priority areas from our Net Zero Action Plan.



The Net Zero cards available from the office

Packs of the Net Zero cards are now available from the General Synod Office in Edinburgh, and sets are also available from the Diocesan Office. Please contact Elliott to order a pack for your church or to explore guidance on how they can be used in a church setting use.

SEI Advent Talk Series: "The Coming of the Christ"

Presented by Rev Canon Prof Michael Hull, Principal and Pantonian Professor of Divinity, Scottish Episcopal Institute, the advent series will ask why in the twenty-first century, it is worth reviewing a first-century Christian take on the coming of the Christ by rereading some of Christianity's oldest texts, particularly the Gospels. What did Christians project in a pre-Christian age? What did our forebears in the faith think about the coming of the Christ before the disciples were called 'Christians' (Acts 11.26)?

This series will be offered on the Mondays of Advent 2023 at 7pm on YouTube as a resource for individu-

als or groups to use creatively during the Season of Advent.

1. The Christ: God come down to earth (Previously aired and is available on YouTube)
2. The Christ: God come to save us (Previously aired and is available on YouTube)
3. The Christ: A sign of contradiction (Monday 18 December 2023)

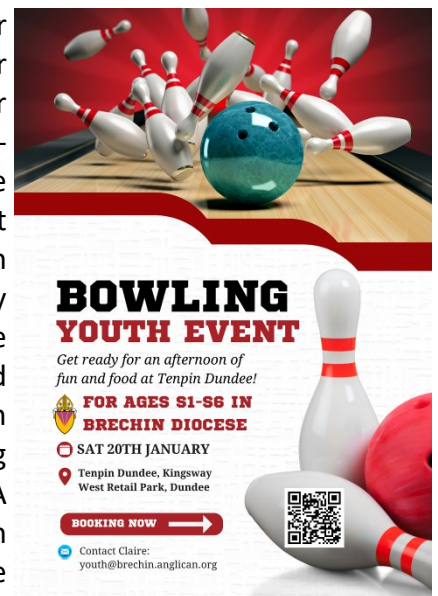
The Series is free and open to all. Register [here](#). Or get the links directly from Mike at principal@scotland.anglican.org.

Upcoming Jan Diocesan Youth Event

If a teenager or two comes to your church with their family this Christmas, why not invite them to the next Diocesan Youth Event? On Saturday 20 January there will be bowling and burgers at Tenpin Dundee for young people in S1-S6! A print-ready version of this flyer will be sent out by email,

so you can put this information into their hands. All details and booking can be accessed via the flyer's QR code, or this link:

<https://forms.gle/ofGKoXLsL1MipHrU7> Booking deadline is 2 January 2024.



Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues, and as the colder weather arrives the pressure on people trying to heat their homes with continuing high utility costs will increase.

We are continuing to place information and resources to help with living costs on a page on the Diocesan website. The page can be found here: Cost of Living Crisis page [here](#).

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.