

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

16th March 2021

Maundy Thursday - Chrism Mass & Renewal of Ministerial Vows

A service will be held on Zoom this Maundy Thursday for clergy and lay readers to renew their ministry vows. This service (which usually takes place in the cathedral on that day) is always open to anyone to attend, especially those who have a lay ministry within our churches.

This service was held on Zoom in 2020 in the first lockdown, so it feels poignant to be planning for a virtual format again this year. Churches will probably be open by Maundy Thursday, but the restrictions and risks associated with clergy and lay ministers travelling to Dundee from all over the diocese means that the Zoom option is the only practical way to meet. The bishop will lead the act of worship (and will renew his ordination vows as part of the process).

1st April at 10:30am via Zoom

Elliott will send out the Zoom link by the usual diocesan email communications. Please put the date in your diary.

Provincial Youth News

The latest **Provincial Youth Newsletter** is out now: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Winter-21-Provincial-Youth-Newsletter.pdf>

Find out how young people across the Scottish Episcopal Church have been keeping connected during lockdown, plus news of the Provincial Youth Week, and the Provincial Children's Chapel offering online worship for young children and their families

Glen 21: Nothing can stop the Provincial Youth Week! Last year, in the middle of the pandemic, Glen 20 took place entirely online, and participants learnt that no matter what, they could still see each other's faces, talk, laugh, explore their faith, have fun and worship together. It has yet to be decided what form Glen 21 will take: in person, online, or a blend of the two. Information, FAQs and preliminary booking here: <https://glen21.online/>



60 Minute Sing

Looking for something to take on this Lent?... missing singing?... this might fit the bill!



In response to so many people missing getting the chance to sing, a friend of Stuart Muir (the pastoral musician at the cathedral) has started a weekly online 60 Minute Sing. The singing session takes place every Friday at 11.00 am. There is a lovely mixture of well-known popular classics to sing along to... some folk songs... and some songs to 'dance, twist and stretch to' as well, if you feel like it!... so, not just exercise for the vocal chords!

There's also some time just to chat to one another and catch up on each other's news. There is no charge to join a session (although any donations towards the running costs are welcome). You can get details about the sessions and how to register for them here:

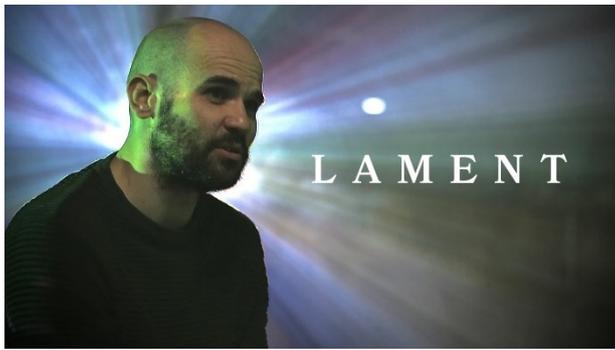
<https://www.60minutensing.org.uk/home>

Announcement: Fr John Skinner

Fr John Skinner, Transitional Minister at Montrose, Brechin and Inverbervie, will be finishing his ministry with us this coming May. John, who started in August 2019 had planned for an initial three year ministry, but is finishing early for health reasons. Please keep him, Linda and the charges in your prayers.

A process has now started with the bishop and the vestries to plan for the approaching vacancy and start the process of recruitment of a priest to continue the work John started and provide the pastoral leadership for the churches of the area.

Lament— A spoken word by Phil Knox



Phil Knox, the Evangelical Alliance lead on engaging with younger adults, came to Brechin to lead a clergy and lay reader session in 2019 on younger generation encounters with church. He was an excellent, inspiring and energetic speaker. In a completely different tone, he has produced a beautifully crafted short film addressing the grief and challenges caused by the pandemic, and in sharing the message of hope found in Jesus Christ.

<https://www.eauk.org/changing-church/changing-church-re-entry/changing-church-pain/lament-a-spoken-word>

Dundee University Chaplaincy Series— One People: Many Philosophies

The next event in the chaplaincy series will be taking place next Thursday, 25 March. Dr Naomi Appleton, Senior Lecturer in Asian Religions at the University of Edinburgh, and founding co-director of the Edinburgh Buddhist Studies network will give a talk entitled 'An Introduction to the Philosophy of Buddhism'. In this talk she will introduce some of the principles behind Buddhist philosophy and its potential applicability to modern life.



Dr Naomi Appleton

This can be a very popular area of exploration for modern day 'spiritual seekers' and Christians can develop an awareness of the clashes and synergies

that can arise from such practice. Book a place on the talk with the Eventbrite link below.

Thursday 25 March 2021 17:00 – 18:00

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chaplaincy-series-one-people-many-philosophies-tickets-144620902011?keep_tld=1

Worship in the Pandemic

In lockdown we can find ways to worship online. Many churches in the diocese are Zooming or gathering in similar ways—see link below.

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online. A Sunday service, each led by one of the College of Bishops, will continue in the form of a Eucharist broadcast at 11am through the current lockdown and beyond, as restrictions ease



This service has an option to hear the worship by telephone for those without internet access. There are more details and downloads of previous weeks' services at:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

[Link to online services within the diocese](#)

If you are offering online worship and are not included in this list, please contact Elliott who can add you to the database.

As churches (hopefully) re-open in Holy Week we will try and share details here and on the diocesan website.

News to share? Please send...

If you have any events, ideas with worship or anything else to report, please send copy to Elliott at office@brechin.anglican.org. The Bulletin will come out each week for the foreseeable future with updates on Covid issues, news from charges and (hopefully) useful information for our communities.