

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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Children and Youth Officer Appointed for Brechin Diocese: July 2022

The Bishop and Diocesan Council are delighted to announce that Mrs Claire Benton-Evans has been appointed as the Brechin Diocesan Children and Youth Officer. This half-time appointment will start at the beginning of July 2022. Claire is also the part-time Provincial Youth



Claire Benton-Evans

Co-ordinator and has been, for the past nearly nine years, the Youth and Children Officer for the Diocese of Edinburgh, a role she is now finishing. In her time in Edinburgh she established and supported networks of people involved and interested in youth work and arranged a wide range of events and activities with churches. For churches with whatever level of children's or youth work she will be a source of inspiration and ideas.

Claire is a very experienced children's and youth minister in parish as well as Diocesan and Provincial contexts, and she has published extensively on all-age worship and other aspects of ministry. Her husband is Jim, the Rector of Brechin and Montrose with Inverbervie.

Bishop Andrew said, "I am delighted that Claire has accepted the post of Diocesan Children and Youth Officer. She brings a wealth of both experience and enthusiasm that I know will be so, so valuable and well received by the church communities in Brechin. It will be great to welcome her into the Diocesan team in this new role."

Claire, who lives in Brechin, said, "I am really excited to be taking on this new role for the Diocese of Brechin. I am looking forward to getting to know you all: my time in Edinburgh Diocese has taught me that building relationship is the most important thing, so I will be travelling around to meet those who are involved in ministry with children and young people, including those who would like to start something but aren't quite sure how to begin. In youth ministry, one size never fits all: I can be alongside you to offer ideas, advice and support as you explore how to serve your young people in your own particular context. I also want to connect teenagers in Brechin Diocese with each other and their peers across the Scottish Episcopal Church. As a leader at the Provincial Youth Week, I already know some of the

amazing young people and youth leaders who are part of this Diocese: watch this space for news of an upcoming Diocesan Youth Event!"

Claire will be commissioned at a special service once she has started her role—details to be confirmed.

Bishop Ted Luscombe's Memorial Service: Tuesday 7 June at 11.30am

Please continue to keep in prayer the family of Bishop Ted Luscombe, former Bishop of Brechin and Primate of the SEC who died at the age of 97. His memorial service will be in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, on **Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 11.30am**. All are very welcome to attend with no need to reserve places. Light refreshments will be served in the Cathedral following the service.

All clergy and lay readers are very welcome to robe (choir dress, hoods optional) and process into the Cathedral. If you wish to robe, could you please RSVP to admin@saintpaulscathedral.net so that seating 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.

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 present 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—due next week: 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.

“Rest and Be Thankful” at the Solas Festival: 17-19 June 2022, Errol Park.



The Solas festival is a relaxed, family-friendly festival where art meets with justice and faith. This summer it will be held at Errol Park near Dundee from 17-19 June, and it is popular with church groups and families. For children there will be Fischy Music, face painting, puppet making, a dance workshop, circus skills with Gaelic and more!

This year’s spirituality and wellbeing programme is called “Rest and Be Thankful”: highlights include talks from Pádraig Ó Tuama, the music of Siskin Green and a COP26 installation on God’s 7 days of Creation by Carol Marples, specialist in art and prayer. For more information or to book tickets visit www.solasfestival.co.uk

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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