

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: 1926-2022 The Scottish Episcopal Church Mourns



Following the death of Queen Elizabeth on Thursday 8th September and the period of mourning until after her funeral in London on 19th September, the Scottish Episcopal Church has joined with the nation and all the churches of Scotland in this time of mourning. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/church-leaders-statement-on-the-death-of-queen/>

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, was involved in the memorial service held on Monday 12th September in St Giles' Kirk in Edinburgh. He read the gospel in this service, alongside Archbishop Leo Cushley from the Roman Catholic Conference of Bishops and many other guests. The service was reported on the SEC website <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/primus-to-read-gospel-at-thanksgiving-service/>

The new monarch, King Charles III, was present in Edinburgh and throughout the memorial and funeral arrangements in London. The Primus met with the King along with other British faith leaders at a reception at Buckingham Palace the weekend before the funeral: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/primus-and-faith-leaders-meet-with-king-charles/>

The Primus ended his busy week and a half by attending the funeral itself in London. He offered prayers on the SEC website for all mourning <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/funeral-of-her-majesty-the-queen-please-pray-with-me-today-asks-primus/>

Many SEC churches have been opening to allow people space to pray, reflect, maybe light a candle in this time. Services of prayer and reflection, as appropriate in a time of mourning, have been taking place in many of our churches throughout Scotland.

Members of SEC churches on or near the route of the funeral cortege for the late Queen joined in lining this route on Sunday 11th September. The cortege passed throughout Brechin Diocese, passing Muchalls in the north, pausing at Dalhousie Castle in Brechin, following the Kingsway West around Dundee and passing Glencarse towards Perth.

Some members of SEC churches were also able to line the Royal Mile as the cortege, the King and his sister and brothers walked from Holyroodhouse to St Giles on Monday 12th. And a few hardy SEC souls queued in the Meadows in Edinburgh that night to pay their respects in St Giles as the Queen lay at rest overnight before being flown to London. The queue was shorter than the one in London, but the experience was just as moving and powerful.

The many ways in which Scots, whatever their view on the monarchy, paid their respects to the late Queen showed the high regard that she was held in for her many, many years of service. May she rest in peace and rise in Glory!

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and service of the late Queen: St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, Sunday 25th September at 6.30pm

A service of thanksgiving will be held this coming Sunday in the cathedral in Dundee. The Lord Lyon, King of Arms, Joe Morrow CBE KStJ KC DL FRSE, will attend and offer a reflection. Bill Campbell, the Lord Provost of Dundee, will also attend. Bishop Andrew will preach a (short) homily.

All are very welcome to attend this service as we have ended the time of mourning and move into this new season. Clergy and Lay Readers are very welcome to robe: please let Provost Elizabeth know for seating purposes (provost@saintpaulscathedral.net).

Please pass the word on to your church members and anyone who may be interested in attending.

Exhibition of COP26 Stitches for Survival scarf at the Cathedral till 2nd October

This is an opportunity to come and see some timely and beautiful artwork from the “Stitches for Survival” 1.5km climate message scarf. This was previously on display at Glasgow Green last November during the Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow. The panels will be at the Cathedral in Dundee until the 2nd of October.



Further information on Stiches for Survival can be found on their website: <https://stitchesforsurvival.earth/>.

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](#).

Help provide supported care for separated children in Dundee

Carolina House Trust, a Dundee charity that provides fostering and continuing care across Scotland, have recently partnered with Dundee City Council to provide accommodation for separated children (or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children) in Dundee. They are now recruiting suitable carers. More information on how to be a host family can be found by following the link below.

<https://carolinahoustrust.org.uk/host-families/>

Invitation for SEC Members to attend Carfin Grotto – Scottish National Marian Pilgrimage (Roman Catholic)

On Saturday 24th September, the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will arrive in Carfin Grotto near Motherwell after having toured much of the UK. An invitation has been very kindly extended to Anglicans/Episcopalians to also attend the celebrations the following day, including the Rosary Torchlight Procession at 6pm.



If you would like to attend with some fellow Episcopalians (you can of course simply attend yourself if you prefer) then please let Fr Gary Clink, Assistant Priest at St Salvador's, Dundee know and he will provide you with details of the event. Fr Gary will be driving to Carfin Grotto immediately after Mass at St Salvador's (which starts at 11am, all welcome!)– feel free to contact him directly: gary.clink@brechin.anglican.org; mob. 07500944284.

Autumn Synod for Brechin Diocese: 1st October 2022 at St Ninian's Dundee

An autumn synod has been called by Bishop Andrew to focus on the carbon net-zero target set for the Scottish Episcopal Church for 2030, and to receive the diocesan accounts for 2021 (just audited).

The members of Synod should have received their formal calling notice and notice of motions for the meeting. Anyone else who is interested in the church's environmental plans or any of the other business is welcome to attend as an observer. Please contact the office (see below) for details.

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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