

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

23rd March 2021

Maundy Thursday - Chrism Mass & Renewal of Ministerial Vows

A service will be held on Zoom on Maundy Thursday (1st April) for clergy, lay readers and all other 'lay ministers' 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.

All eucharistic assistants, lay worship leaders, pastoral visitors and others who are authorised by the bishop in their ministry are warmly invited. They will all have an opportunity to rededicate themselves to these ministries in an act of affirmation.

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. Some churches might 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 own 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.

COP26, Divestment and Investment for Climate Justice: an event this week.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION WEBINAR

COP26, DIVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021

7.00PM - 8.30PM GMT

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
BISHOP STEVEN CROFT



The Very Rev John Conway, Provost of St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh, is a guest speaker at a webinar on Thursday 25 March exploring how Anglican Communion churches can act for climate

justice ahead of COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Glasgow later this year.

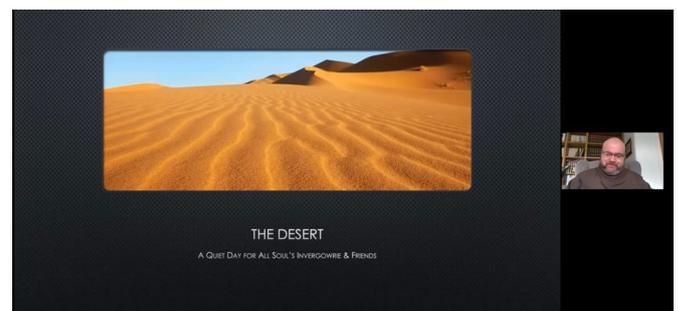
The keynote speaker is The Rt Rev Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, and other speakers include The Rev Dr Rachel Mash, Environmental Co-ordinator of the Anglican Church of South Africa, and The Rev Jacynthia Murphy of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

There will also be representatives from the Church of Ireland, Church in Wales, and Operation Noah.

The event takes place between 7pm and 8.30pm. For more information and details of how to book go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../anglican-communion-cop26...>

Lenten Quiet Day: Report Back

A virtual Quiet Day was hosted by All Souls, Invergowrie, on Saturday 13th March. We were delighted to welcome Brother Joseph Emmanuel, SSF, to address us and to guide our prayer and reflection. His theme was "The Desert", which reflected both our Lenten journey and our experience of journeying through this time of pandemic.



The day started at 10am with Morning Prayer followed by an Address from Brother Joe. Free time followed and we came back together at 2pm for another Address. The day drew to a close with Evening Prayer and finished at 4pm.

There were over 30 participants who Zoomed in from Tayside, Fife, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Most were from All Souls and the Cathedral. Feedback from participants has been very positive and there have been several requests to visit Alnmouth Friary, where Brother Day is based, when we are able. That is a lovely prospect. May it come soon!

Brother Joe's addresses and sermon are accessible on All Souls' website:

<https://www.allsoulsinvergowrie.org/news>

RSCM Holy Week services online

Recently the Royal School of Church Music held a three rehearsal choral training session online to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter. Singers from all over the world took part and were invited to make and submit video recordings of themselves which have been collated to make a choir for four online services. These will be broadcast on the RSCM's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/rscmcentre>) at the following times:

*Jesus' agony, betrayal and denial – Tuesday
30th March, 18.30 BST*

*Jesus' trial and crucifixion – Wednesday
31st March, 18.30 BST*

*Jesus' death and burial – Friday 2nd April, 18.30
BST*

Jesus' resurrection – Sunday 4th April, 18.30 BST

Further information and a booklet to accompany the services is available on the RSCM website www.rscm.org.uk

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.

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

Mrs Susan Fox RIP

Mrs Susan Fox, wife of Canon Sidney Fox, former Rector of St. Andrew's Brechin, died recently. Canon Fox was also the priest for Auchmithie and Tarfside and a canon of St Paul's Cathedral. In retirement the Foxes have been living in Hornsea in Yorkshire. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.