

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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DEC Appeal for Turkey-Syria Earthquake: and Bishop's Lent Appeal Support



The UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC—an umbrella body for the major UK charities) has launched an online appeal for the disastrous earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The news from those regions is harrowing with the horrendous loss of life, massive destruction of shelter and resources and urgent need for humanitarian aid. The political situation in Syria makes this situation even worse. Please pray for all those affected and for those providing care and support. And please donate to the DEC Appeal if you are able:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/donate/earthquake>

The UK government have match funded the first £5m donated through this appeal: the need continues. This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal will also be put to this appeal: a separate note will be sent out to all churches.

Ukraine Solidarity Demonstration in Dundee, Friday 24th February

This Friday, 24th February, marks a year since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Ukrainian community have arranged a Solidarity Demonstration in City Square at 5pm this Friday to show support for Ukraine. There will be speakers from the Ukrainian community in Dundee and Ukrainian music.



Ukrainian flag in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee at a vigil for peace in early March 2022

There will also be a Requiem Mass, organised by the Ukrainian community, for victims of the war. This will be held on Sunday 26th February at 1pm in St. Paul's Cathedral. It is open to all and all are very welcome to attend.

Hymnathon Fundraiser for Swaziland School at All Saint's Glencarse, 24 and 25 February 2023



Ian plays the Glencarse keyboard

All Saint's Glencarse will be filled with music from every season of the year as Ven Canon Ian Young plays his way through every single hymn in their hymn book to raise funds for the rebuilding of a small church primary school in Eswatini, recently destroyed in an arson attack. Please support this excellent project to help the Diocese of Swaziland. You are very welcome to come to Glencarse and join Ian on the days he will be playing—sing a verse or two of the hymns, or you can support the project by giving directly to the appeal. Donations can be sent through a crowdfunding page set up on JustGiving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/swazilandhymnathon>

SEC Carbon Net Zero Consultation News: Further Webinars

The 15th Feb launch of the consultation phase of the SEC Net Zero Action Plan is being followed by a more detailed online webinar, which will go into further depth about the plan and the specific targets proposed to support the SEC in achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2030. The Provincial Environment Group would like you to note the following webinar date below in your diary, and invites you to register. Note

that the 9th March webinar covers the same content as the one from 21 February.

[Online Net Zero Consultation - Webinar 2: Thursday 9th March \(11.30-13.00\)](#)

To provide feedback to the draft of the plan you can fill out the online response form using the weblink below.

[Net Zero Action Plan \(2023-2030\) online survey](#)

The consultation phase of the Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030) will close on Tuesday 28 March.



Net Zero Action Plan (2023-2030)

To find out more about the proposal and the consultation, visit the [dedicated webpage](#) on the provincial website. There will also be a presentation on the proposals at the Brechin Diocesan Synod on Saturday 4th March in Broughty Ferry.

Cathedral Refreshment Day for Lent– Saturday 18th March at All Souls’ Invergowrie

A date for your diaries: St. Pauls Cathedral and All Souls, Invergowrie are hosting a quiet day for Lent on Saturday 18th March from 10am to 3pm. Taking place at All Souls, the day will have guided and self guided activities and provide a space for quiet and prayer. Tea, coffee and cake are provided. All are very welcome!

SEI Lent Series “Teach Us to Pray: A Close Reading of the Lord’s Prayer”

This series, presented by the Revd Dr Michael Hull, reads the Lord’s Prayer closely and deliberately to unpack the ways in which it glorifies God and petitions for humanity’s spiritual and physical needs. The Series will be offered on the Mondays of Lent 2023 at 7pm in six 30-minute webinars, each of which will be posted on YouTube. The Series is meant to be a resource for Christians to use creatively during the Season of Lent, for example as a refresher course for individuals or a conversation starter for church groups, with discussion questions at the end of each webinar. The presenter, Revd Dr Michael Hull, is the Director of Studies at the Scottish Episcopal Institute

in Edinburgh, whose previous Advent and Lent Series have been greatly valued across the Province and beyond. The sessions are:

- (1) Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name (27 February)
- (2) Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven (6 March)
- (3) Give us today day our daily bread (13 March)
- (4) Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us (20 March)
- (5) Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil (27 March)
- (6) For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever (3 April)

The Series is free and open to all. Please register [here on Eventbrite](#).

SOLAS: Creative worship at summer arts festival in Errol

The Solas Festival is a small, family-friendly arts festival that has been held in recent years at Errol Park, outside Dundee. Solas is not a religious gathering, but it is rooted in the Christian tradition of faith and community. This year’s theme is “Kindling Hope” and proposals are invited from anyone who would like to devise and lead a creative act of Christian worship for festival-goers. This outreach opportunity is on our diocese’s doorstep: would your church like to get involved? Further details are on the Solas website here:

<https://www.solasfestival.co.uk/blog/2023/2/13/solas-festival-2023-worship-proposal-callout>

Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects

The Cost of Living crisis continues, so we have placed information and resources to help with living costs on a new 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 of interest or stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org

