

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

27th April 2023

Celebration and Licensing of Lay Ministries at St Mary's Broughty Ferry

Bishop Andrew joined Rector Mark-Aaron Tisdale and the congregation of St Mary's Broughty Ferry for their 11am Eucharist last Sunday (23rd April) and was delighted to give licences to authorise and affirm lay ministries in the life of the church.



The team at St Mary's: Rector Mark-Aaron Tisdale; Ruth Toy; Graeme Stirling; Lis Thoms; Sue Rowe; Elaine Hammersley; and Bishop Andrew

Elaine Hammersley, was re-affirmed as a Lay Reader in the Diocese of Brechin after a break from this ministry. She joins Sue Rowe as a Lay Reader based in Broughty Ferry. Graeme Stirling and Ruth Toy were licensed as Lay Worship Leaders, a role they have exercised for some time in the charge. Lis Thoms joined the worship team as she was licensed as a Lay Worship Leader after a time of training and development under the guidance of Mark-Aaron.

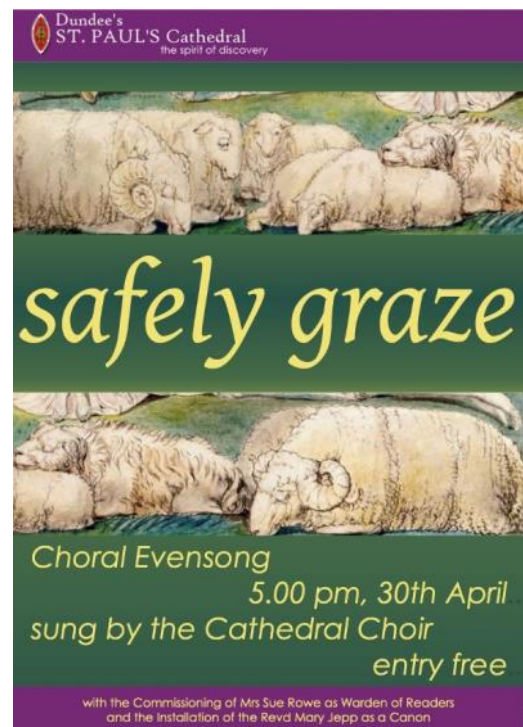
This team assists the charge in the leading of worship: and the many other ministries in the church were also affirmed in prayer and appreciation as part of this celebration.

There are many roles in worship and pastoral and practical life of our churches that depend on the gifted and skilled volunteers of the Diocese of Brechin. Any queries that anyone might have about such lay ministry possibilities in our churches can be explored with the priest and supported, if discerned, by Diocesan programmes.

Please keep all of the newly licensed Lay Ministers in Broughty Ferry, and all who support the church throughout the Diocese in this way, in our prayers.

5pm on 30th April at the Cathedral Installation of a Canon and Commissioning of Warden of Lay Readers

There will be another celebration of ministry this coming Sunday at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. At the 5pm evensong, entitled 'Safely Graze', the Rev Mary Jepp, priest for Muchalls and Stonehaven, will be installed as a 'Chapter Canon', one of the senior clergy in the Diocese who support and guide the Bishop in matters of Mission and Ministry. At the same service, Sue Rowe will be formally commissioned as the Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers, the co-ordinator of support and ministry for all of the Lay Readers who serve in the Diocese of Brechin.



Please do attend if you are able: all are very welcome indeed! Clergy and Lay Readers are welcome to robe and process into the cathedral.

Bishop's Lent Appeal: Closing Date for collections this week, please.

Bishop Andrew writes: To all in the Diocese—as we are now into the Easter Season, I would like to draw together any collections that have been made for my Appeal to support the ongoing work for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake DEC Appeal. For any who have made special collections, church or personal, for the Lent Appeal, these can be passed to Bob Main, the

Diocesan Treasurer, via your charge treasury team. Personal donations can be Gift Aided by giving them directly to DEC at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>—if you are doing this in response to the Lent Appeal, please do let Elliott in the office know so we can keep the total correct. Closing date: end of this week.

Thank you all for your support for this vital appeal—and please keep all those affected in your prayers.

Music in the Diocese

Rock Choir Concert at St. James, Stonehaven on Saturday 29th April 7.30pm. Cost £10 to include a glass of wine, tea/coffee. Tickets available at the door or by contacting Paula on 07710 529694 or Anne on 01569 765793

Lunchtime Concert at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee on Friday 12 May. Come and enjoy the music of the Altelier Ensemble, Scott Bryant (violin), Rebekah Lisan (cello), Sinae Sung (piano) – students of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Concert begins at 1pm with coffee/tea and cake, hosted by the Friends of St Paul's, served afterwards giving the audience the chance to meet and chat with the performers. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for students.

“Meeting Well”: An online workshop for All by Place for Hope on 14th May

We've all been around meetings for a very long time. Some have sapped our energy and others have left us feeling energised and looking forward to working on the things we need to accomplish together. Some we dread going to and others offer a space for relationship, community and growth. This Zoom session for all in the Diocese of Brechin, offers an opportunity to focus on how we can gain the most from meetings, including:

- Opening a meeting - creating space for good conversations: virtual/physical, hearts/minds
- Agreeing ways of working and communicating together
- When we don't agree and problems arise – some top tips
- Closing a meeting – agreeing ways forward & healthy endings

Express your interest and register here and we'll send you a Zoom link nearer the time. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCYHRuG2k5XFvjUHVKrBgs8um66lxm_t2GOXnOHnY4HWS9yA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Lambeth Conference Phase 3

The Lambeth Conference met in Canterbury in 2022. The Bishops met beforehand (Phase 1) and met in person in England (Phase 2). The theme was to explore what it means to be 'God's Church for God's World'. This was done by the bishops considering 'Calls' on key aspects of Anglican church life.

The organisers have now announced that the conference journey now continues as we take forward these “Lambeth Calls” and outcomes of the conference into the life of the Anglican Communion. This is now continuing with 'Phase 3'. Details of this next phase are here: <https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/>.

The Bishops will encourage engagement with the 'Calls' in the life of our churches. Bishop Andrew will share his experiences and perspectives and the wider SEC will also share the impact that the Calls can have on our Ministry, Mission, Witness and so many other aspects of our shared discipleship.

YEEK 'The Quest'—An unmissable summer experience for teens!

“Yeek” is the new name for the Scottish Episcopal Church's annual Youth Week, held at Glenalmond College in Perthshire. This year's theme is “The Quest” – there will be team challenges, adventures and more! Places on Yeek 23 are filling up fast, and booking remains open until 1 July.

Yeek welcomes all teenagers who are connected to the Scottish Episcopal Church, so please encourage any young members of your congregation to find out more. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive and supportive place where young people can make friends and explore their faith. For further details and booking, visit yeek.scot Questions? Contact Claire Benton-Evans, who is part of the Yeek team, at youth@brechin.anglican.org

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