

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 29th June 2021

### A busy weekend for Brechin Diocesan Clergy: 10th & 11th July 2021

#### 10th July: Licensing of Martin Allwood as Priest in Charge of Carnoustie and Monifieth

Rev Martin Allwood will be licensed by the bishop as priest in charge of Holy Rood, Carnoustie and Holy Trinity, Monifieth on Saturday 10th July. There will be the following 'in-person' services at both churches that day:

10.30am Holy Rood Carnoustie

2.30pm Holy Trinity Monifieth

The intention is to livestream these services to let a wider congregation than the number-limited services take part in the celebrations. 'In-person' attendance will only be possible for those already invited by the vestries.



Martin will also be acting as a 'transitional minister' for the two churches, helping them to work together again and to explore their history and values and growing relationships with their local communities, ecumenical partners and the wider dioceses.

Please keep Martin, his wife Colleen, and all those in the congregations and communities of these Angus towns in your prayers.

#### 11th July: Licensing of Fr David Gordon as Priest in Charge of St Salvador's Dundee

Fr David Gordon will be licensed as the Priest in Charge of St Salvador's in Dundee, following on from Fr Clive Clapson who retired from St Salvador's in 2020. Fr David will be licensed by the bishop during the 11am Mass in the Hilltown church.

Fr David will continue as the priest in charge of All Souls' Invergowrie, where he has served since March 2020. He will share his time between these two churches as he leads them as their priest and pastor and also helps them to develop their mission and ministry in their local contexts as part of another 'transitional' ministry.

### Memorial Service for Carole Spink: 8th July 2021

Reminder: A memorial Service for Carole Spink, much missed friend, Lay Reader and Treasurer at the Cathedral, will take place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.



It will be followed by the interment of Carole's ashes in the Cathedral's Garden of Remembrance. More people will be able to attend than were able to come to her funeral which took place last August. However, numbers will still be limited by the physical distancing rules and Covid restrictions, so please do book a place through the Cathedral Office by calling 01382 224486 or by emailing [admin@saintpaulscathedral.net](mailto:admin@saintpaulscathedral.net).

The Service will be live-streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsdundee/>

### News from the Clusters: June 2021 Update from St Luke's Café Church, Dundee (Tay Cluster)

A message from Bruce Gowans, Lay Reader: a short update on how things are going at St Luke's Café Church during the pandemic.

We've been opening the Foodbank and Clothing Bank on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the day, and it's been great to find a small cluster of people not connected with church have gravitated towards us and begun to turn up regularly to help our church volunteers. As ever, strict adherence to the "rules"

has to be observed, but our grassy areas have been much appreciated by folks popping in to sit in the sun and chat outside and we've been able to share faith along with food and clothing.



We've also been blessed by folks who have heard how we are operating and donated tools, white goods - and even a shed - to help us operate as we do and to meet the various needs we become aware of through our connections. It's been a good opportunity to let some folk who come see inside the church and the set-up we have for the kind of service we run on a Sunday.

One young chap with a troubled past came to help after receiving a food parcel and took the opportunity to ask for prayer and forgiveness for his past life and continuing problems. It was a rare moment sitting with him as Canon Dixon led him in a prayer of absolution and commitment.



Recently we were reminded of the idea of "Missio Dei", that God is always at work in the world - so we just need to join in. It looks like even in the midst of a pandemic He is still finding ways to work His will.

If you would like to help in any way (or need help) please contact St Luke's via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cafechurchdundee/>

## **'Recovery and Renewal' Fund**

Guidance notes have been sent out to vestry secretaries and clergy for the SEC 'Recovery and Renewal Fund' – a fund discussed at General Synod last year to help charges grow and recover from the pandemic. This fund will allow small grants to be made from GSO, via Diocesan Offices, in various categories to assist charges in recovering from the pandemic and in renewal/development e.g. improving digital communications.

Each Diocese will take applications and triage/integrate them into a diocesan proposal. Applica-

tions will be made this August for review and payment in the autumn.

To assist, the Diocese will be holding two Zoom 'drop-in' sessions in July, to clarify the scheme and provide guidance for possible applications. These are: Sunday, 11th July at 3pm and Sunday, 25th July at 3pm. The Zoom links will be sent out via vestry secretaries/clergy so please contact them for details.

## **Submission date for Provincial Building Grants: 24th August**

A reminder that the next submission date to the diocese for applications for Provincial Building Grants is Tuesday, 24th August. Applications for Building Grants should be submitted ASAP to the Diocesan Buildings Committee via the Diocesan Secretary Mr Mike Duncan ([a.duncan142@btinternet.com](mailto:a.duncan142@btinternet.com)). Grants which are approved will be then be brought before the Diocesan Council for final approval and submission ready for the Provincial Buildings Grants Group.

## **Online Worship in the Pandemic**

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online. A Sunday service, each from one of the Dioceses, will continue in the form of a service broadcast at 11am each Sunday.

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/>

## **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](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org).