

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 2nd September 2022

### Retirement of Lay Reader Edna Boffey



Last Sunday, the congregation of Holy Rood Carnoustie organised a special surprise thank you for Edna Boffey on her retirement as a lay reader. She was presented with a framed photo of herself robed as a reader and cake was enjoyed.

“We have a lot to thank Edna for, she saw us

through four interregnums, spent many years taking out communion to those unable to get to church, as well as doing all she does as a volunteer, leading the choir, providing service sheets to leaders and choir every week, doing various rotas and other tasks.”

### Brechin Diocesan ‘Cyclathon’ 4-18 Sep

Can you ride a bicycle? Do you want to get some exercise and raise some money for an excellent cause?



The **Dundee Cyclathon** runs between 4th-18th September to raise money for the STV Children's Appeal. <https://www.dundeecyclathon.com/>

We want to assemble a Brechin Diocesan Team for this event - with the aim of (between the members of the team) covering the distance equivalent to the perimeter of the diocese (275 kilometres, approximately). It will be a really fun way to raise some money and to make a difference. If you can cycle a long distance, just a little way or even have an exercise bike in your house: please sign up to take part!

If you might be interested in being part of a diocesan team to cover some of this distance then please contact Rev Roxanne Campbell ASAP at [roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net](mailto:roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net).

### Scotland’s “Year of Stories” Heritage Weekend: 3rd and 4th Sep at Auchmithie, nr Arbroath



Image: VisitScotland

As this is Scotland's "Year of Stories " the village of Auchmithie, including St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, is hosting a Heritage Weekend, Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th September, 11am - 4pm.

Visitors can wander and meet and talk with locals from the past: fisher folk telling how the smokie was made; how the women carried the men on their backs out to the boats to keep the (male) feet dry before they set out to fish in the cold unforgiving North Sea; how the children worked baitin' the lines and also helped farmers harvest the fields.



The new path to 'Meet the Minister' at St Peter's Church Auchmithie

Special 'story' attractions that weekend include meet the "Minister" in the church, encounters with the schoolmistress and children in the playground and visiting the village hall for the tea room and musical entertainment. Purchase tasty hot food from 'Eagles Wings' food van and freshly baked pasties from a cottage in the beautiful cliff-top village.

Come and visit our bonnie wee atmospheric church open all weekend for a geology talk and screening at 11am each day and browse our extensive village archive on display there.

The event is free, ample parking in the field behind the hall and you will be made most welcome!

## **Friends of St Paul's Cathedral present: The Dundee Tapestry, 10th Sep, 3pm**

You are warmly invited to attend the first of the new season's events, on 10th September at 3.00, when Dr Frances Stevenson will introduce us to the development of the Dundee Tapestry, and let us know how to become involved.

Do please register, for catering purposes, through the Eventbrite link:

<https://dundeetapestry.eventbrite.co.uk/>

or via the 'Friends' email address:  
[friends@saintpaulscathedral.net](mailto:friends@saintpaulscathedral.net).

## **RSCM Scotland Young Voices Festival 2022 Water of Life - Saturday 17 Sep- tember 2022 1.30 p.m. with Service at 4.00 p.m. at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth.**

An opportunity for young people from schools and churches in Perthshire (and wider afield) to join together in song. It offers musical and spiritual experience and a chance to develop vocal skills. The theme 'Water of Life' celebrates God's gift of water, using a range of enjoyable and approachable songs.

With this summer's drought in many parts of the world the theme is particularly relevant. Children aged **8-18** are welcome and don't necessarily need to have any choral experience. The music is all very approachable and singable: mostly unison with some occasional 2 and 3 part writing. Music books will all be provided on the day. If you are near Perth, please come and support them at the 4.00 service and if you know of children who would enjoy the occasion and gain from the experience then do spread the word.

To book go to RSCM Scotland website or contact [matthewbeetschen@aol.com](mailto:matthewbeetschen@aol.com) for more information.

## **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 infor-

mation on how to be a host family can be found by following the link below.

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

## **Invitation to 'Open Day' for St. John's Inventory—4th September from 2pm to 6pm at St Ninian's Dundee**

Since the closure of the Diocesan Centre for re-use by the Dundee and Angus Foodbank, the diocese has changed ways of working: and has also been working on finding new homes for the items previously located in St. John's for its many years as a Scottish Episcopal Church.

While the larger items have been successfully distributed some of the smaller items still remain. An open day has been planned for 4th September at St Ninian's for everyone to see what is still available.



There are limited items remaining as we have successfully re-homed many items from St John's. The few items remaining include some choir robes, collection plates, some candlesticks and brassware, some communion plate. The items were all used for the life of the community of St John's and will be of use for years to come.

Please come by to take a look and hopefully re-use within your own church and congregation. It will be 'first come first served' so please come early to see what is available!

## **Any news to share in the Bulletin?**



If you have stories and photos of events around the diocese, we would love to share these in the bulletin.

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