

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

31st August 2023

Two Deans and a Chancellor are Safely Installed in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee

The Installation of the new Dean of Brechin, the Chancellor of Brechin Diocese and a Dean Emeritus of Brechin took place at a Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee on Sunday 27th August.



From L-R: Dean Graham Taylor (St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane); Dean Kenneth Gibson; Bishop Andrew; Dean Emeritus Fay Lamont; Provost Elizabeth Thomson; Chancellor George Way of Plean, Dean Reuben Preston (Glasgow and Galloway)

The service was a wonderful celebration of ministry as Kenneth Gibson, priest at St Mary Magdalene and Synod Clerk was installed as Dean. The retiring Dean, Fay Lamont, was installed as Dean Emeritus and Sheriff George Way of Plean was officially installed as Chancellor, the legal advisor to the bishop. George started his role in lockdown in 2020, so an official installation was well overdue.



Chancellor, Dean, Bishop and Dean Emeritus: the Tay Copes in use for the Chapter members.

As well as being installed by Provost Elizabeth, each of the new ministers was given a 'Communion Forest' presentation of a certificate and map of a tree planted on their behalf by the Woodland Trust and some 'pollinator bombs' to plant for themselves. The service was a great occasion well organised by Provost Elizabeth and Pastoral Musician at the cathedral Stuart Muir. The new 'Tay Copes' were also worn by the members of Chapter present and the new Dean Emeritus. The Deans of Glasgow and Galloway and St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane also attended as special guests. It was a wonderful musical occasion giving thanks for service and new beginnings.

Anglican Communion Forest

Details of the 'Communion Forest' initiative celebrated at the evensong can be found at <https://www.communionforest.org/>. All church communities are encouraged to find opportunities to plant trees to mark important occasions in their lives as part of a global project for sustainability and environmental renewal.



The Woodland Trust, whose trees are being used for the installation of people in roles in the Diocese, has more details at: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>. A plantation to the north-west of Dundee is an ideal location for occasions at the cathedral.

The Companionship link between Brechin, Iowa and Eswatini is also being marked with the planting of trees as part of the Communion Forest. A Yew tree was planted in August 2022 by Bishops Betsey (Iowa), Dalcy (Eswatini) and Andrew (Brechin) during the post-Lambeth visit to Brechin. A Burr Oak, the native tree of Iowa, was planted by the Bishops and pilgrims earlier this month in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Watch this space for a tree planting in Eswatini in the future!

Season of Creation

The SEC, as part of our move towards Net Zero and responsible stewardship of the environment, en-

courages churches to keep the 'Season of Creation' from the beginning of September. This may be using the special experimental liturgies in worship (The liturgy for the season is [here](#)) or by any spiritual or practical activity that draws us closer to God's message of creation care and our plans for a sustainable and Net Zero future for the church.

Upcoming Events of Interest to All in the Diocese:

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (SECMA) Open Day: 2nd Sep

The Brechin Diocese is holding an Open Day to showcase SECMA's achievements over the decades and how it will continue to impact lives across the world in the future. There will be talks, displays, a prayer corner and musical entertainment. Home-bakes, light lunches and other refreshments will be available.

This event will be held in St Luke's Episcopal Church, Downfield, Dundee, DD3 0LD on Saturday 2nd September, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Please come any time that suits. The talks will be as follows:

11.30am eSwatini, 12.30pm Mary's Meals, 1.30pm Grahamstown, South Africa, 2.30pm Tearfund projects. Talks interspersed with live music!

All are welcome!

Charity Teddy Bear Parachute Jump—10th September

Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale writes: St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry are hosting a fun day for the family. Starting at 3pm on 10th September, come watch your teddy parachute jump from the Fire Station Drill Tower at the Balmossie/Monifieth Fire Station and receive a certificate of bravery.

Donations for the teddy bear drop will go 50/50 towards the Firefighters Charity and Abelour Children's Charity.

Explorations in Prayer - St. Mary Magdalene's Church: Sep 2023

Beginning in September there will be a series of 2-hour workshops exploring some of the riches of our spiritual heritage. These monthly workshops, over six months, will offer a place in which we can learn, discuss and experiment with various aspects of prayer.

If you wish to be involved or want more information, then contact Dean Kenneth by email - at Kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com or message through St. Mary Magdalene's Church Facebook Page. The sessions are free. They are designed for beginners, "for that is what we always are!" The first session is on Saturday, 23 September 10.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Celebrate and Hear about the Companionship 'Young Adult Pilgrimage' in Iowa: 15th October 3pm

The young adult pilgrims who returned from Iowa last week will be presenting some memories and reflections on their time with the Companion Diocese at a celebration worship in the Cathedral in Dundee on Sunday 15th October at 3pm. Please do come to celebrate and hear more about their experiences of Iowa, the Companionship and the newly formed relationships that have been made.

Diocesan Autumn Synod—28th October at St Ninian's Dundee

Official notice will follow, but please note in your diaries the date and venue for the Brechin Autumn Synod, on Diocesan Strategy and Budgets for next year.

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](#).

If you are aware of any special projects that are running for the school holidays with food or activities for young people, please pass details on to the office who can share them in future bulletins.



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

If you have details of upcoming events, stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.