

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 3rd May 2022

### Posts in Brechin Diocese for Rev Roxanne Campbell: St Martin's & Cathedral

Bishop Andrew and the vestries of St Martin's Dundee and St Paul's Cathedral Dundee are delighted to announce that the Rev Roxanne Campbell, presently curate at St Mary Magdalene's Dundee, will begin a new shared role in the Diocese of Brechin as she finishes her curacy in the Diocese this June.



Roxanne (r) and her family

She will be licensed as Priest in Charge (Transitional Minister) for St Martin's Dundee on Saturday 25th June and licensed as 'Priest for Outreach', a colleague for the Provost, at an evening service in the cathedral on Sunday 26th June. The timings of the services will be confirmed and advertised in the next few weeks.

Bishop Andrew said, "We are all delighted that Roxanne will be remaining in the Diocese as this next phase of her ministry begins. She will lead and support St Martin's in Derby Street after Francis and Helen Bridger moved on last autumn. As we emerge from the pandemic, this church is looking to engage with opportunities such as extensive new housing in their neighbourhood. The newly created role in the Cathedral will help and support Provost Elizabeth and the cathedral congregation as they also recover from pandemic constraints and seek to engage with the wider community in Dundee city centre."

In St Martin's, Roxanne will be both the incumbent for the church and also a 'transitional minister', where churches are guided by a specially trained and supported cleric to work together and explore their history, present gifts and future possibilities. There is an increasing number of churches in Brechin and the wider SEC, all with very different contexts, that are taking this approach to helping churches recover and find sustainable patterns of ministry.

Roxanne knows Brechin Diocese very well indeed, having entered discernment for ordained ministry as an active member of St Paul's Cathedral. She did placements in Dundee during her training at the Scottish Episcopal Institute and served her curacy initially at St Ninian's Mid-Craigie, then at St Mary Magdalene's in the city centre. She graduated in theology from the University of St Andrew's in 2008 and before ordination worked in management roles in the Dundee area. Her husband, Neil, works for the Church of Scotland and their daughter is about to begin secondary school this year.

Roxanne said, "I am delighted and excited to accept these roles. I am very much looking forward to working with the congregations of St. Martin's and St. Paul's and their communities to explore and discern where God's call might be leading as both of these churches seek to live out the Good News in their own contexts."

Please keep Roxanne, Neil and family in your prayers as they prepare for this change of ministry.

### Discover Eden in Dundee—public meeting in Dundee Cathedral: 7th May



Image of the Eden site in Dundee (Picture © BBC)

Saturday 7th May, from 3.30pm to 5pm, in the Cathedral Lower Hall. The 'Friends of St Paul's Cathedral' with support from the Cathedral Eco-group are delighted to host this important event, which you are warmly invited to attend.

The event will have presentations and conversations on the Eden Project plans for Dundee, with speakers Caishlan Sweeney, the Project Engagement Manager for Eden Project International and Martin Quigley, the Community Network Developer for the Eden Project in Scotland. Refreshments will be provided.

Please do come to learn more about this exciting project for Dundee and the north east of Scotland.

Expressions of interest for numbers should be returned ASAP to [friends@saintpaulscathedral.net](mailto:friends@saintpaulscathedral.net).

For more details click [here](#).

## **Carbon Audit of SEC Churches—carry out by 25th May 2022 (revised note)**

The recent launch of the toolkit by the SEC includes a request that an initial analysis of the 'energy footprint' of our churches for 2021 be carried out by the 25th May, and submitted to the Province. <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/news-and-issues/towards-net-zero-2030-toolkit-and-checklist/>. We suggest this is an action for charge treasurers to gather the utility bills for **(corrected) 2018, 2019 and 2021** (please do not use 2020 bills) and, with the cleric or charge environmental group (if you have one), to enter this data into the '[Energy Footprint Analyser](#)' provided by the Province. Please contact the Diocesan Environmental Group (via [Elliott](#)) for details/guidance if needed.

## **Bishop's Lent Appeal**



Many thanks for those churches who have already submitted collections for the 2022 Bishop's Lent Appeal. The Appeal is being shared between the ongoing vital aid work in our partner Diocese of Swaziland and the charity 'Energy Action Scotland' who campaign against fuel poverty in Scotland.

Please can any final collections/savings be gathered in the charges and sent to (by cheque or transfer) to the Diocesan Treasurer as soon as possible. Once again, many thanks for your support for these vital initiatives.

## **Memorial Service for the late Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya, Diocese of Swaziland**

The Diocese of Swaziland held a Memorial Service for the late Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya on Saturday 30th April. Please click to watch the service on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

## **The War in Ukraine**

### **Church Responses**

The war in Ukraine continues to dominate the news and our thoughts and prayers. We also need to remain aware of many other areas of the world where war and injustice is ever-present.

In Ukraine, where the war shows no sign of ending soon, the ongoing refugee crisis continues to demand resources, especially in the countries around Ukraine. Below are some pointers on how we can respond.

### **Pray for Peace**

Most importantly: Please pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray that all combatants act in accordance with international law, and pray that politicians do all they can to work for peace. Pray for all victims of this horrific violence in Ukraine. Pray for other parts of world suffering war and violence.

### **Donate money for refugee support**

The bigger appeals include the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (an umbrella appeal for [major UK aid charities](#)). Donate personally or with any church collections at <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), also heavily involved in local aid activities for Ukraine can be supported via <https://www.unrefugees.org.uk/where-help-is-needed/ukraine-situation/>

### **Refugee support—opt-in and lobby**

The UK response to refugees has been mixed in effectiveness and response. Some Ukrainians are now safely in the UK, but some aspects of the UK government schemes have been found to be not ideal. Lobbying the Westminster government is an entirely reasonable action that church members can take to improve the UK response to this still fast developing situation.

### **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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