

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 3rd November 2022

### “Refreshed” for the Festive Season!

Claire Benton-Evans, Children and Youth Officer for the Diocese of Brechin, writes:



Claire leads us on seasonal Children and Youth Work

The Refresh! workshop last Saturday was a lively and well attended event, full of ideas for churches to connect with local children and families during Advent and Christmas. There were plenty of interactive resources to explore and it was great to see folk from across the Diocese discussing this vital area of ministry together.



Delegates explore the wide range of excellent resources

Many thanks to Rev Canon Kenneth Gibson and the good people of St Mary Magalene’s Dundee for their warm welcome and hospitality.

If you missed the event and would like a copy of the handout (full of hyperlinks to the resources we explored) then please email Claire: [youth@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:youth@brechin.anglican.org)

Watch this space for further events, resources and news of the young persons’ activities in the Diocese.

### This coming weekend

#### **Sat 5th at 3pm: ‘Cathedral Thinking’ presents: Plant Power: 50 Years of the Dundee Botanic Garden: St Paul’s Cathedral, Dundee**

The Friends of St. Paul’s Cathedral series Cathedral Thinking will host Kevin Frediani, curator of the Dundee Botanic Gardens, this Saturday 5th November at 3:00 pm as he presents Plant Power: 50 years of the Dundee Botanic Gardens. Entry is free and will be followed by afternoon tea.



#### **Sat 5th at 7pm: Royal British Legion Scotland ‘Festival of Remembrance 2022’ at the Caird Hall Dundee**

On Saturday 5th November at 7pm, Caird Hall in Dundee will host the annual Royal British Legion ‘Festival of Remembrance’ for 2022. There will be performances by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, Colin Thackery (Britain’s Got Talent 2019 winner), Alison Ross (Soprano) and the High School of Dundee Pipe Band.

As usual, the local churches are well represented. The local chaplains from the Church of Scotland lead the worship service, and this year Bishop Andrew is leading prayers and Bishop Stephen Robson, our Roman Catholic colleague, is reading the lesson.

Tickets cost £12 and are available through the Dundee City Box Office 01382 434940 or online through [www.dundeebox.co.uk](http://www.dundeebox.co.uk)

#### **5th & 6th Nov: “Big Book Browse” 10th Birthday Bash in St James’ Stonehaven**

St. James, Stonehaven is celebrating the 10th year of its big book browse this weekend. This huge milestone will be celebrated in two ways. First, birthday cake will be had: hopefully enough to keep going from 10 till 4pm on the Saturday and 11 to 4pm on the Sunday. Secondly, the Communion Service on Sunday will be designated as Bible Sunday, celebrating the best book of all!

## **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence (25/11-10/12) & "Reclaim the Night" March**

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a yearly international campaign running from 25 November until 10th December calling for an end to violence against women and girls globally. There is a full programme of events around Dundee and Angus - information about these can be found [here](#).

The annual Reclaim the Night march is on **Monday 28th November**, gathering on Magdalene Green at 18:30, and ending at the V&A with guest speakers. If you'd like to march with others from around the Diocese a group, being organised by Rev'd Roxanne Campbell, will gather outside the V&A at 18:15 and walk together to Magdalene Green. All welcome.

Even if you can't make any of the events, the 16 Days are a good time to consider the ways in which our churches are safe spaces for women and girls. Some things to consider might be:

- Contact details for support services such as Women's Aid and WRASAC being displayed on notice boards.
- Raising awareness of how church members should respond effectively to disclosures of abuse.
- Including those affected by Gender Based Violence in prayers of intercession

## **Music in the Diocese this Autumn**

### **Lunchtime Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral on Fridays: 4th Nov next event**

St. Paul's Cathedral is hosting their 45 minute lunchtime concerts again, following a pause during the pandemic. The next concert will take place on Friday 4th November at 1pm with Scots fiddle player Alastair Savage accompanied on piano and accordion by Gregor Blamey. The last concert of the autumn/winter series taking place on the 18th November will include Kim Duncan on oboe and recorder, accompanied on piano by Robert Duncan. Details are at <https://www.saintpaulscathedral.net/concerts/>.

Tickets available at the door.

### **4th Nov: Annual All Saints'-tide Musical Recital in Glencarse**

On Friday 4th November at 6pm All Saints, Glencarse invites you to the annual All Saints'-tide musical recital. Please come and enjoy the singing of Amy Strachan (soprano) and accompaniment of Daniel Silcock

on piano. Admission is free. Any donations will go to the work of Siobhan's Trust in Ukraine.

### **9th Nov: Lunchtime Music at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee**

St Mary Magdalene's Dundee is hosting an informal lunchtime organ recital on Wednesday 9th November at 12:30pm. Geoff Bolton, director of music from St. Ninian's Cathedral in Perth will be playing music by J.S. Bach. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

## **Cost of Living Crisis: Info and Projects**

### **Resources to help with living costs**

There is lots of excellent guidance for anyone struggling with the current cost of living crisis. Local authorities are gathering information together on benefits, energy and food support and other ways that help can be found: churches can share this with members or anyone who approaches for help. Some good resource sites for the areas covered by the Diocese are:

**Aberdeenshire:** <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/communities-and-events/cost-of-living/>

**Angus:** <https://www.angus.gov.uk/benefits-and-money-advice/help-with-the-cost-of-living>

**Dundee:** <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/costofliving>

**Perth and Kinross:** <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/costofliving>

**Scotland:** <https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/>

### **Warm spaces/Cosy Spaces**

Many churches are offering warm spaces this winter as part of various Council-led initiatives. Look for info on social media and on Council resource pages.

### **"Big Coat" Project at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee**

Donations of warm winter jackets and coats are needed for St. Mary Magdalene's 'Big Coat' Project over the winter months. Women's and men's coats are accepted but they are especially short on men's. Please contact Rev Canon Kenneth for further details: Tel: 07825554419 or email: [kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com](mailto:kenneth.gibson1@btinternet.com)

If you are running any projects and need help, please let us know and we can raise that in future editions of the Bulletin.