

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

6th May 2021

Consecration of Bishop Keith, Argyll and The Isles: May 1st in Oban

The Scottish Episcopal Church has celebrated the consecration of The Rt Rev Dr Keith Riglin as the new Bishop of Argyll & The Isles at a special service in Oban. The College of Bishops gathered at The Cathedral Church of St John the Divine to ordain the Bishop elect, who was elected by Argyll Diocese earlier this year to fill the episcopal vacancy.

Covid restrictions limited the numbers able to attend the Cathedral to the College of Bishops, Diocesan clergy, and a small number of Bishop Keith's invited friends and family, but the event was streamed live to an online audience which included guests from France, Ghana, Australia and the United States. The ceremony is also available to watch in full via this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/5M4X8Fn2zZ4>

In January this year, a historic first online episcopal election saw Bishop Keith selected from a short-list of three candidates to fill the vacancy brought about by the translation of the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson to the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway last year. His consecration means that the College of Bishops now has a full complement of seven Bishops for the first time since 2016.



Bishop Keith and Canon Jen (Photo M Swift)

Bishop Keith was Vice Dean and Chaplain at King's College London, where he was also a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. He served as Assistant Priest at St Anne's Church, Soho and as an Authorised Presbyter at Wesley's Chapel, London. He has ministered regularly in Argyll & The Isles since 2012. In March 2020 he was installed as an honorary Canon of St John's

Cathedral in Oban. He has two daughters, both graduates of UCL, and lives with his wife Canon Jennifer Smith, a Methodist presbyter, superintendent minister of Wesley's Chapel, London and an ecumenical Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, London.

Companion Links Round Up

Prayer Request for Dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland

Following the tragic death of Bishop Ellinah and with the impending retirement of Bishop Alan from Iowa, please keep both our companion dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland in your prayers as they search for new Bishops. The pandemic is making this process especially complex for eSwatini. We will share news as soon as possible.

Food Arrives at NCPs in Swaziland following Brechin support

Funds were sent successfully to the Diocese of Swaziland in eSwatini to support the various vital projects in the country. The 'Neighbourhood Care Points' NCPs have received food supplies for children. The photograph just received shows some of the supplies arriving last week.



Angus Creative Minds

This local charity has curated an exhibition of work prepared as part of Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival 2021, on the themes of Reconnected and/or Normality? Website: www.anguscreativeminds.net.

News from Rev Dr Francis & Rev Helen Bridger, Broughty Ferry & St Martin's Dundee

Francis and Helen Bridger have announced that they will be leaving the Diocese of Brechin in September 2021. Francis will be retiring as Rector and Helen finishing her time as priest in St Mary's Broughty Ferry and St Martin's Dundee. The Bridgers will have served Broughty Ferry for the past ten years and St Martin's for circa seven years. Francis and Helen will be moving nearer to family in England.

Please keep the Bridgers and the churches that they serve in your prayers as they prepare for this next season in their ministry and journeys.

Online Lay Training Workshop: "Being a Server Today"

Sunday 9th May 2021: 3-4pm

Have you been missed as a server during lockdown? Have you missed serving?

Servers play a key role in SEC liturgy: but why is that? Our next Lay Training Workshop will help to answer this question. It will explore not only why we have servers but how they serve.

The workshop will be led by Mike Duncan, a server at the cathedral and our Diocesan Secretary.

Been a server for ages? Bring your experience!

Would like to learn? Bring your questions!

Email Dean Fay: flamont53@sky.com for the ZOOM link.

COP26, Divestment and Investment for Climate Justice Webinar Available

Operation Noah, together with the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, Christian Aid, Tearfund and Eco-congregation Scotland, hosted a webinar on divestment attended by over 220 people on Thursday 25 March.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION WEBINAR

COP26, DIVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
BISHOP STEVEN CROFT



The webinar explored how Churches in the Anglican Communion can act for climate justice ahead of COP26 through fossil fuel divestment and investment in clean alternatives.

Operation Noah has made this available to watch on their website [here](#).

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Final call for donations to the SAMH/DEC appeal please—we will report the total raised next week.

Worship in the Pandemic

In lockdown we can find ways to worship online. Many churches in the diocese are Zooming or gathering in similar ways—see link below.



The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online. A Sunday service, each led by one of the College of Bishops, will continue in the form of a Eucharist broadcast at 11am through the current lockdown and beyond, as restrictions ease.

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/>

[Link to online services within the diocese](#)

If you are offering online worship and are not included in this list, please contact Elliott who can add you to the database.

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. The Bulletin will come out each week for the foreseeable future with updates on Covid issues, news from charges and (hopefully) useful information for our communities.