

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

6th October 2022

Autumn Synod for Brechin Diocese: 1st October 2022 at St Ninian's Dundee

The Autumn Diocesan Synod was held at St Ninian's church in Dundee last Saturday (1st October 2022). This was the second Autumn synod of recent years: the spring Synod is canonically required, but other synods can be called for extra business.

This Synod received the annual report and accounts for the Diocese for 2020-2021, business that had been delayed by the need for a full audit of the accounts (rather than independent examination) as the capital assets of the diocese had passed the appropriate threshold.



Allan is thanked by the Bishop

The Synod then expressed its thanks to Allan Duffus, the retiring Diocesan Treasurer. Bishop Andrew gave him a presentation and announced, once the cathedral statutes had been amended as planned to allow it, that he would recommend Allan as a lay canon of the cathedral. Allan was warmly thanked by the collective Synod's applause.

The new Treasurer, Bob Main, then presented a revised scheme for the timing of quota and budget calculations, to give earlier information to diocese and charges. This was approved.



Bob Main presents

The Synod then focused on the SEC Net Zero environmental target, set for 2030 by General Synod. The Rev



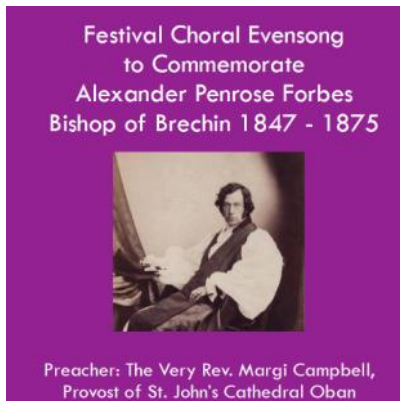
Rev Willie Shaw presents on the SEC Net Zero target

Willie Shaw, Rector of Grangemouth and Bo'ness and a member of the Provincial Environmental Group (PEG) spoke to the Synod. A video from PEG's presentation to General Synod in 2022 was shared, giving detail of what the Net Zero target actually meant. Willie then talked about the discipleship that underpins this target. The Synod buzzed in small groups, then Willie received questions and comments from the floor. He was warmly thanked by the Synod for his help and support.

The Bishop confirmed the Acts of Synod and the delegates broke for lunch as the Synod concluded.

Bishop Forbes' Evensong: 9th October

The annual Diocesan Evensong to Commemorate the life and work of Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes, foundational former Bishop of Brechin, will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday the 9th October. The guest preacher is the Very Rev Margi Campbell, Provost of Oban Cathedral and Dean of Argyll and The Isles.



All are very welcome to attend. Clergy and Lay Readers are invited to robe, in choir dress or the equivalent - if you would like to robe please let the office know (for seating purposes).

REFRESH! ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: New resources and ideas for children and families in church

Saturday 29 October 10am – 1pm at St Mary Magdalene's, Dundee

Do you want to try something new this Christmas? Wondering how to engage families since the pandemic? No time to research new resources? Looking for fresh inspiration?

Claire Benton-Evans, the new Children and Youth Officer, will lead an interactive half-day workshop for the Diocese, full of fresh ideas, recommended resources and new things to try for Advent and Christmas. All clergy, lay readers, lay leaders and volun-

teers are welcome.

Book your free place by emailing Claire at youth@brechin.anglican.org



Music in the Diocese this Autumn:

Lunchtime Concerts at St Paul's Cathedral on Fridays: 7th October onwards

St. Paul's Cathedral has announced the return of their lunchtime concerts. The autumn series gets underway on Friday 7th October at 1.00 pm with a welcome return from pianist David Mowle. David is no stranger to St Paul's, who are delighted to be able to welcome him to play the cathedral's fine Blüthner grand piano to launch the new concert series.

During the series, the cathedral will welcome guitarist Matthew McAllister, Scots fiddle player Alastair Savage accompanied on piano and accordion by Gregor Blamey, as well as Kim Duncan on oboe and recorder, accompanied on piano by Robert Duncan... hopefully, something for everyone this term!

Each concert will last 45 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day and coffee/tea and cake will be served after each concert giving the audience the chance to meet and chat with the performers as well as with each other.

“Members’ Night” Recital at St Mary Magdalene’s, Dundee

On Tuesday 18th October at 7.30pm, Tayside Organists’ Society and St. Mary Magdalene’s will be hosting a recital to celebrate the refurbishment of the organ. Come and enjoy a night of music by J S Bach, Parry, Stanford, Tambling and Buxtehude. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Revisions to the SEC Daily Prayer: Your help needed

The Liturgy Committee has been asked to revise the SEC Daily Prayer, and to help it with that process it would like to learn how Daily Prayer is part of our life today.

An online questionnaire is now available, and the committee asks that anyone interested can spare just five minutes to complete it, please. Submissions can be anonymous, unless the respondent wishes to be contacted.

In the introduction to the questionnaire, the committee says: “This is not intended to 'catch you out', or to find out who's not doing what! It is an attempt to be honest as we think about changes to Daily Prayer over the next few years, so that any change echoes the needs of the church.”

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#).

University of Dundee looking for volunteers to help Ukrainian refugees

The University of Dundee are engaging with a number of Ukrainian refugee families and students. They are currently looking for people who might be able to volunteer to help at events and who might be able to invite two or three Ukrainians for a meal at home as a way that they can build connections with local families.

If you might be able to help in one of these ways please contact Rev'd Roxanne Campbell (roxanne@saintpaulscathedral.net)



Any news to share in the Bulletin?

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

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