

Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

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The End of One Story and the Beginning of Another: Dean Fay Lamont Retires

A mixture of emotions was on display at St. Ninian's this past Sunday (2nd July) as Dean Fay Lamont celebrated her last service before a very well earned retirement.

As a testament of her 20 years of ministry at St. Ninians, Mid Craigie, over 100 people attended as the congregation was joined by those in the community whose lives she has touched. The service was full of a wonderful mixture of laughter and tears as the church community celebrated this bittersweet moment. The youth of the church, all of whom Fay had known from their very earliest days, came forward during this service to present Fay with her retirement gifts.



The congregation gathers after the service (Photo: A McRitchie)

After the service, a special reception was held with a buffet and speeches from members of the congregation. A special cake in the shape of the 'Wee White Church' was shared at the celebration. A PowerPoint slideshow was presented showing some of the many and varied activities that have been part of Fay's long and happy time at St Ninian's

During her ministry St. Ninian's, Fay cared for the congregation and led them in their worshipping life. She was a leading member of the Girls' Brigade unit that was based at St Ninian's until recently and she was very involved in the running of the 'Stay and Play' group at the church. She also had chaplaincy responsibilities to Rowantree Primary and Craigie High as well as involvement in the running of many local charities and initiatives.

The members of the church wished her all the best in retirement and told her to take some much needed rest

as she prepared to move onto new projects, activities and use of her time.

Fay (short for Euphemia) came from the west coast of Scotland and originally trained in youth work. She then trained in the Church of Scotland at St Colm's College and became a C of S deaconess in 1977. She came to Dundee and worked in the community in many roles from 1977 to 2000. In 2000 she was ordained into the Scottish Episcopal Church and served a curacy at Holy Trinity

Monifieth. She became a team priest at St Ninian's in 2003, then Priest in Charge in 2007. In her time in the Diocese of Brechin she was a Chapter Canon, Diocesan Mission and Ministry Officer, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and served on all of the committees and groups that support the life of the Diocese. In 2019 Bishop Andrew asked Fay if she would be willing to take on the role of the Dean of the Diocese. Much to the Bishop's delight, she accepted and has been a greatly valued and highly effective Dean for the past four years.

Fay will retire nearby in Dundee so we will continue to see her in the life of the churches and wider community of Dundee.

With Fay's retirement, Rev Canon Kenneth Gibson has accepted Bishop Andrew's offer to take over the role of Dean. Kenneth, as Rector of Carnoustie, was Fay's training incumbent while she was at Holy Trinity Monifieth from 2000 to 2003, so that partnership continues, in a sense! Kenneth will be installed as Dean at a special Evensong at the Cathedral on Sunday 27th August. During this service, the Bishop is pleased to state that Fay will be installed as 'Dean Emeritus' and she will continue with this status as effectively a very well deserved honorary canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.



Dean Fay resplendent in her 'Tay Cope' (Photo R Wallace)

Annalu's Summer of Madness Fund-raiser: please support!

Rev Prof Annalu Waller is going crazy this summer to celebrate her 60th birthday. She will be raising money by doing a sky dive and crewing a tall ship! Annalu says: 'The first challenge is scaring me witless while I am hoping that I am not seasick for the entire nine day voyage of the second challenge. Please help me boost my courage by sponsoring me at <https://www.justgiving.com/team/AnnaluSummerMadness>'

16 July: The Great St Drostan's Picnic and BBQ IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR!

A date for your diaries: SUNDAY 16th July 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Come to beautiful Tarfside in Glenesk for this annual celebration at this beautiful little Epis-



The St Drostan's BBQ with burgers in full swing

copal Church by the retreat house, St Drostan's Lodge.

There is free Tea/Coffee Soft Drinks and the FAMOUS ST DROSTANS FREE BURGERS will be on offer again. The whole event will be rounded off with a "Songs of Praise" in St Drostan's Church. This is always a fantastic afternoon in beautiful Tarfside by the retreat house and church.

For more information contact Rev Jane Nelson 01569 730967.

Iona Pilgrimage October 2023: Calling All Young SEC Pilgrims!

Applications are now open for the Provincial Youth Pilgrimage to Iona in October 2023. There are spaces available for young people from each Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time away with God in a very special place, in the company of other young people and Provincial youth leaders. Full information and booking details for **pilgrims aged 12-**

18 here <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1218> and pilgrims aged **18-25(ish)** here: <https://tinyurl.com/piskypilgrim1825>



Please share this with anyone you know who may be interested, and contact Claire if you have any questions: youth@brechin.anglican.org

Upcoming Musical Events in Brechin Diocese

8th July: Concert at St. Salvador's Dundee

A classical music concert by Soteria Trio at 2pm on Sat 8th July. Music by Joan Trimble, Astor Piazzolla and Ennio Morricone. Entrance by donations on entry.

Please share any other details of musical or other events that would be interest to all in the Diocese.

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