



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Covered with flowers

Holy Week and Easter are upon us and I am looking forward to sharing this special season in Arbroath and Auchmithie and at the Cathedral in Dundee. Times of services in our churches around the diocese can be found on their noticeboards and websites – so please, do come along, and bring family and friends with you.

Jesus's death and resurrection offer us a roadmap for life's ups and downs, through doubt and delight. Paradoxically, only when we peer into the abyss to find it empty do we realise that the story has already gone ahead of us - on the Road to Emmaus and the recognition of Jesus in the breaking of bread at Emmaus.

Things are not always as they seem, and the ordinary is transformed into the remarkable. The poet R S Thomas pictured the resurrection as an old wreck of a car, abandoned during the icy winter months in a countryside ditch, now miraculously clothed in blackthorn blossom and spring flowers:

**Easter. The grave clothes of winter  
are still here, but the sepulchre  
is empty. A messenger  
from the tomb tell us  
how a stone has been rolled  
from the mind, and a tree lightens  
the darkness with its blossom.  
There are travellers upon the roads  
who have heard music blown  
from a bare bough, and a child  
tells us how the accident  
of last year, a machine stranded  
beside the way for lack  
of petrol is covered with flowers.**

I wish you all a most blessed Easter.

## Mission Spot

In what way do you see the dawn of hope rising in your life?

In what way can you help someone else to see the dawn of hope in their life?

Solar Eclipse on Friday, 20 March 2015  
Photo by Raymund McQuillan



## Diocesan Council News

At its first meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2015 at St John the Baptist, Dundee the Council discussed the format of future meetings and its overall aims. Specific items discussed included the Bishop's paper 2020 Vision and how the Council and Vestries might take this forward. This item will be further discussed at the Council's next meeting on Tuesday, 19 May 2015.

Other issues on the Agenda covered finance, property and mission.

Reverend Kirrilee Reid outlined her role as Diocesan Ministry Officer.

Regular updates of Council business will be posted in the Bulletin and on the Diocesan website.

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# **Festival & Diocesan BBQ St Drostan's, Tarfside Sunday Afternoon 12 July 2015**

Why not come along on 12 July from 1.00 pm onwards.  
Tea, coffee and soft drinks available throughout the afternoon.

- 2.00 pm Spiritual Walk
- 3.30 pm Mini Highland games for young and young at heart—which church has the best team? (includes mini caber, shot put (haggis hurling), spoon & egg, welly tossing and other favourites)
- 4.30 pm Barbeque BYO and use our BBQ facilities, or just come along and enjoy our fare!
- 6.00 pm Songs of Praise in Church

Why not bring a group from your church and enjoy an uplifting day in the countryside

More details to follow or contact

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## **Holy Trinity Church Monifieth**

### **Explorations in Prayer**

**A series of 2 hour workshops exploring our understanding and experience of Prayer**

**10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Saturday 25 April; 23 May; 13 June**

More dates to be confirmed for August & September

Places are limited. To reserve your place contact  
Rev Kenneth Gibson 01382 535920 or 07825554419  
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### **Confirmation Holy Rood, Carnoustie**

**Sophia and Cerys  
(left) share a selfie  
with the Bishop.**

**Sophia (right) takes  
the Bishop's advice  
"to make a stab at  
things"**



## **Coffee Morning & Book Stall Holy Rood Church, Carnoustie 10am—11.30am, 4 April 2015**

Entrance £1.50

includes refreshments

Stalls to include:-

Cake Stall, Tombola, Jigsaws,  
an occasional Craft Stall  
and White Elephant

### **St Martin's, Dundee Prize Bingo**

Wednesday, 29 April at 1.30pm  
Admission 50p

Includes refreshments and free raffle

## **Diocesan Buildings Committee Members Wanted**

**If you think you can assist the Diocese and be a member of  
the Diocesan Buildings Committee please contact  
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