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Seasons' Greetings to the Diocese of Brechin!

This latest edition of the Brechin Bulletin will take us through the seasons of Advent, Christmas and on into Epiphany in the New Year of 2020. This is also the last edition that will be a regular update of events – we will issue Bulletins in the future as and when there is a particular event, season or other information to be shared.

This Bulletin covers the events and services in Advent and Christmas 2019, and on into the New Year in 2020. The wider world has so much to distract and confuse: the usual busyness of Christmas shopping and festivities that starts earlier each year: and a general election taking place in early December as the country tries to decide what to do about Brexit and our political future. Add in the now usual concerns over terrorist activity (an attack has just taken place on London Bridge as I write these words) and climate emergency demonstrations, wars and rumours of wars, and we can be sure that we live in a world that needs Good News!

As we move into 2020 the Diocese of Brechin will continue to explore ways that the Scottish Episcopal Church in our part of the world can proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in confident and sustainable ways. We will see some changes, for example a search for a new Provost at the cathedral in Dundee. We wish Jeremy, Christine and all the family all the best with their move to Oxfordshire. They will be missed very much in Brechin but they go with our prayers and blessings onto this new season in their lives and ministry. Clusters will continue to develop in the Diocese: the three areas of "Northern", "Coastal" and "Tay" have all now met to think about what their priorities will be. 2020 will be time of developing and supporting those priorities so that these mutual-support groupings of churches can become a normal part of our life in the Diocese. We will also see several more 'transitional' projects starting in the Diocese. These are deliberate projects to help churches decide what shape their future mission and ministry will take. The appointment of a suitably experienced and trained priest for a fixed period of time is the visible sign of a transitional project: the outcome will be a spiritual and practical process to get to a confident and rich future for all of our church communities. And finally, we will work to support all those who minister and worship in our church communities. We will help to provide training, spiritual development and ongoing help for all the disciples in our church. 2020 will be a busy and, I pray, rich year for the Diocese and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The troubled and anxious world needs to see the light of Christ in all countries and communities. Our mission to be gathered communities of disciples, living out our faith and drawing others to that light, is a wonderful calling for the church in the 21st century. May I wish you every blessing as we share this journey together!

+Andrew



All Saint's, Glencarse Festive Calendar

Sunday 15th December 10.30am

Christmas Tree Giving Service

Sunday 15th December 5pm

Joint Carol Service with St Madoes Church
and Erroll Parish Church at All Saints, Glencarse

Christmas Eve 24th December 11.15pm

Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day 25th December 10.30am

Family Service with Communion

Sunday 5th January 2020 10.30am

Service of Readings, Poems, Carols and Hynms
with Communions,

for the Feast of the Epiphany

Please note - due to damage to the flyover
access to the village of Glencarse should be via
the Kinfauns flyover and come back to
Glencarse.

If access re opens an update will be posted.
Please use the Glencarse side of the flyover to
access the village.

St Ninian's Church, Dundee

Thursday 5th December

7.00 - 9.00pm

Hustings for General Election
Come along and hassle the candidates
for Dundee East. Refreshments
available form 6.30pm.

Sunday 1st December

6.00pm

Quiet Space with some Taize
chants and reflection

Sunday 15th December

6.00pm

Christingle and Lighting of Community
Christmas tree with refreshments

Tuesday 24th December

8.00pm

Christmas Eve Service

All Welcome

St Mary & St Peter's Church, Montrose

Christmas Tree Festival

**Friday 6th December &
Saturday 7th December 2019**

Entry by donation, in aid of
Alzheimer's Scotland

Tea/coffee, home baking & raffle
Application forms available in church

All Welcome

St James Church, Stonehaven Coffee Morning & Tree of Life

**Saturday 14th December 2019
10am-11.30am**

Stalls include raffle, books,
where has the reindeer visited, cakes,
to Nola and hand knits

Tree of life

Write your message on a bauble and hang on
our special tree,

will be in the hall as well as the church .

Baubles will be available in church up until
Christmas.

All Welcome



Holy Trinity Monifieth Christmas Services

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm
Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December 9pm
First Eucharist of Christmas

Wednesday 25th December 10.30am
Sung Eucharist for Christmas Day

Sunday 5th January 6.30pm
Epiphany Service and Party to follow in hall

All welcome

St Peter's Auchmithie

Christmas Eve
24th December
6-30pm

Christmas Eve By Candlelight
Lessons, Carols, Music, Poetry

Community Nativity

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Everyone Welcome

All Souls' Church, Invergowrie

Saturday 7th December, 10am - Noon

In conjunction with Invergowrie Parish Church are organising a Write for Rights (Amnesty International) event as part of the Parish Church's Christmas Coffee Morning in their Church Hall, corner of Main Street and Errol Road, Invergowrie

All Souls' Church, Invergowrie
Sunday 8th December 4:30 - 5:30pm

Music for solo cello and solo violin by Bach Matthias Feile (Cello) and Maya Iwabuchi (Violin) Mulled wine and mince pies after the concert Donations for church funds at the door

No booking required

Saturday 14th December 10am - Noon

Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair

Trees produced by pupils of Invergowrie School Raffle, Cake & Candy and Craft stalls and activities for children Donations for church funds at the door

All Welcome

St James Church, Stonehaven Book Browse

Saturday 7th December 2019 10am—3pm
&
Sunday 8th December 10am—2pm

Free entry and free tea & coffee
Books £1.00 each or 5 for £4.00
Over 2,500 books to choose from!



All Welcome



Brechin Diocese Support New After School Group

The Diocese of Brechin is supporting a new after-school group which now meets in the Crickety in Brechin each Thursday. 'Explore More' is run by a team of volunteers from the Brechin churches as a follow-up to the Holiday Club which ran in the summer and aims to teach the Gospel in a relevant and exciting way as well as providing life skills for upper primary children. Initial funding from the Diocese of Brechin has enabled the group to purchase some cooking utensils and baking equipment for the new project. So far the children have made healthy wraps and fruit scones. The children have made a list of suggestions for future sessions. Ball skills and trust games have also featured on the programme.

Elizabeth Howson
St Andrews, Brechin



St Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry Coastal Cluster Launch Service

Sunday 1st December at 3.30pm

All Welcome



St Marys Church, Broughty Ferry Tea Dance

Saturday 7th December between 2.00-4.00pm

Pop along for refreshments whilst reminiscing to some great music. Feel free to dust off those dancing shoes and shimmy the afternoon away or simply just enjoy the music and chat with friends.

**For catering purposes,
please call Steph on 07941 421425 if you would like to come.**



Brechin Support for the Diocese of Swaziland delegates in Iowa Youth Pilgrimage, August 2020

The Diocese already supports vital projects in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) with many charges fundraising and contributing items for this southern African country. In August 2020, young adults from Swaziland, Brechin and Iowa will gather for the third leg of a youth pilgrimage, in Iowa. (Eswatini and Brechin have already happened over the past few years). The Swazi delegates will need help and support to finance and manage their travel to the USA. There will be various activities held in Brechin to help the African delegates with their travel costs: watch out for notices and appeals.

Diocesan Christmas Card 2020 Competition: appeal for photos from charges

Please could you take photographs of Advent and Christmas in your churches this year, for potential use for next year's Christmas card. This could be special services, decorations, a crib scene, an outside view with snow (that may happen this winter!).

There may well be a prize for the church that submits the photograph chosen for next year's card

2021 Scottish Episcopal Church Year of Pilgrimage

2021 is going to be a 'Year of Pilgrimage' for the SEC. Pilgrimage as a spiritual discipline is becoming more and more popular and significant in Christian discipleship. There are two national SEC trips being planned to the Holy Land and many local ideas for pilgrimage in and around our dioceses. In Brechin we will be planning a programme in 2020. One possibility is for three local pilgrimages around each of the 'Clusters' of charges in the diocese, with the Bishop and local church members travel some or all of the way between the churches of the diocese. Watch out for more information in early 2020.

