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The Waiting Time

As I write this my grandchildren tell me its thirty-one 'sleeps' until Father Christmas comes. That's a lot of shopping days. And rather too many Christmas adverts on TV urging us to consume this or that ideal gift, and preferably more of the same.

But of course the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus long ago in Bethlehem, and the good news that he was for humanity – means so much more. And worth waiting for and preparing for properly.

We have the whole season of Advent, four weeks full of expectation, to get ready. Against the darkest winter nights, advent calendars, wreaths and candles bring a growing light and warmth. Seasonal cards, decorations and food raise a sense of anticipation and fun in our homes and amongst friends.

During Advent, Bible readings in church weave patterns of promise and fulfilment. We are challenged to face difficult things, to change our ways but also to remain a people of hope. As the old covenant is realised - incarnated in Jesus who comes to seek and to save that which is lost, heralding life in all its fullness.

The greatest gift is surely our relationships - with God, in our families and amongst friends – and not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. So may God bless your Advent preparation and your Christmas celebration.

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*The Archbishop of Canterbury,
The Most Reverend Justin Welby
visits Downfield to see the
Centre of Mission Project based
at St Luke's and St Paul's
Cathedral, Dundee.*



*Please look at the Diocesan Website for services
throughout the Diocese during the Festive Season.*

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The young children of Holy Rood, Carnoustie made a picture from the gifts of God that they find around them. This was completed at the Harvest Lunch.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Brechin, said goodbye to the Rev Jane Nelson and her husband Peter at the end of October. Jane has served St. Andrew's for some 11 years, Jane will continue to work at St. Drostan's and Tarfside, to contribute on spirituality and spiritual direction and to take on some additional work nearer their home in Newtonhill.

Peter has served on the vestry and as lay representative and his work for St. Andrew's has covered everything from producing the church magazine to overseeing the installation of a new heating system and disabled toilet. They will both be greatly missed by St. Andrew's.



Christmas Around the Diocese

St Mary's and St Peter's Montrose
presents

**Montrose Choral Society
Christmas Concert**

Saturday, 6 December 2014 at 7.30pm



Tearfund Christmas Tour
Saturday, 6 December 2014 at 7pm
The Steeple Church, Dundee
Tickets £5

Steph Macleod—David Lyon
Yvonne Lyon - Allan McKinlay



St Paul's Cathedral

Monday, 1 December at 6pm

St Paul's Cathedral Choir
will be singing at the Waverly Care
World AIDS Day Community Gathering.

Mulled wine and nibbles will be
served afterwards.

Friday, 12 December 2014 at 7.30pm
Dundee University Band Concert



Cantiones Sacrae
presents

A Christmas Celebration by Candlelight
Sunday, 21 December at 7.30pm

St Salvador's Church
Tickets £7 available from
Cantiones Sacrae and
Dundee Rep Theatre

