



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Strictly Come Christmas TV Adverts

**As I write Christmas Light Night here in Dundee has passed although it's still November and we haven't reached Advent Sunday yet. Such is the commercial anticipation of the holiday season just 32 'sleeps' away as children like to count down the days till Santa comes.**

Many Christmas advertisements are hitting our TV screens. What is your favourite? 'In no particular order' as they say on BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, I quite like Buster the dog on the John Lewis Partnership Christmas Eve trampoline and the much travelled Waitrose robin. In the dance-off for the poorest performances are the brash House of Fraser and the off-message Tesco adverts.

Independent high street traders highlight the added value of hand crafted and personalised gifts, underlined by Sainsbury's message that Christmas is for 'sharing the greatest gift which we can give which is ourselves'. Morrison's ad has a nice family values take, but upstaged by a classy M&S brother and sister Christmas present story-line with a Mrs Klaus to the rescue ending.

Some thought provoking messages too this year: Boots gives a feel good makeover to women who work on Christmas Day. Shame though that shops then open on Boxing Day. Amazon shows the Priest and the Imam ordering presents for each other on line a faithful harmony touch for challenging times. The 'Santa Forgets' Alzheimer's Research fundraising cartoon is very moving, continuing the ageing society theme from the John Lewis Lonely Old Man on the Moon from last year.

**But my top two are real surprises this year: The TK Max Christmas sing-along is just wonderfully mad – an Ed Balls sort of mayhem! And although all good Christmas adverts can make you fuzzy inside, the best heart-tugging advert has to be the homecoming teddy bear grandparents at Heathrow – just google it and see. I hope your Advent preparations are faithful and bring you to a Happy Christmas with family and friends.**

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Thank you

Holy Trinity

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all of the Diocese who collected and sent St Ninian's tokens to enter the Courier Minibus Competition. We were able to submit 46 entries (2,300 Tokens). Congratulations to the winners  
Fay Lamont

Holy Trinity, Monifieth Christmas Fayre, Saturday 3rd December  
10am-12noon  
Admission adults £2.00, children 50p, includes tea./coffee & mince pies. All welcome





## Seasonal Events at St Paul's Cathedral

Dundee University Carol Service

Sunday 11th December at 5pm  
(followed by mince pies and mulled wine)

Dundee High School Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December at 7pm

Cathedral Carol Service

Sunday 18th December at 5pm  
(followed by mince pies and mulled wine)

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Bishop of Brechin

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day at 10.30am Bishop of Brechin

## Confirmations at St Mary Magdalene's Dundee

Salam, Saif and Fadi Alnoman together with Alisdair Gibson were presented for Confirmation at St Mary Magdalene's Church by their Rector, Reverend David Shepherd. The Alnoman family have been members since 2009 and are Iraqi Christian refugees who have lost everything to the Islamic state insurgency.



## Comings and Goings

Captain Stuart Budden, Church Army, is moving from Hastings to be Pioneer Evangelist in the Dundee Centre of Mission, based at St Luke's Downfield from 4th December. We look forward to Stuart and Mandy's arrival to join the ministry team in the Diocese.

The Reverend Tracy Dowling, Chaplain of St Paul's Cathedral Dundee has been appointed Priest in Charge of Auchterarder and Muthill from 16th December. We wish Tracy and Fiona well in their move.



## Cantiones Sacrae Presents A Christmas Celebration by Candlelight

Cantiones Sacrae presents an evening of Advent & Christmas music sung *a cappella* at St Salvador's Church, Dundee Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm By the light of over 200 candles, the group will perform a selection of seasonal music.

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