



# Brechin Bulletin

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## “Choosing the Right Path”

There is a story of a painter who was using a lot of paint to paint the outside of the house of a little old lady. So he thinned it down a bit with water. Then he thought, if I keep on watering it down I will save money and the old woman won't know the difference. So he kept on watering it down. When he had finished it started to rain and all the paint started washing off the brickwork. Then a voice came from the thundery clouds. 'Repaint and thin no more.' This old joke is an introduction to the themes of repentance and sin which we encounter in the period we know as Lent. When Jesus was in the desert he heard the devil quote scripture: "If you are the Son of God...." He was throwing out the challenge to Jesus to prove his identity and to take advantage of his power. Shakespeare said in *The Merchant of Venice*, "The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose". Oppression of peoples has often been supported by quotations from scripture and as individuals, and the Church, we must learn to listen perceptively. Christians may find themselves in complete disagreement on many issues and the temptations which Jesus faced could all have been ambiguous.

- to feed hunger was a good thing
- to show everybody his power by throwing himself off a building would be a good thing
- to overthrow the might of Rome would have been a good thing.

Jesus faced real temptations and could have chosen the wrong path, so there was danger and risk involved. Jesus was properly tested and throughout his ministry continued to face very real temptations but did not sin. Jesus needed to think very carefully about his decisions. Throughout our lives the choices between right and wrong leave us with a deeply personal struggle trying to live as best we can in God's service.

Sometimes we get hung up about personal morality and miss our corporate responsibility. At Lent we remind ourselves, if we need reminding, that life is all about trying to make the right choices. It is possible to resist temptation and to make the right choices, to resist the pressures of our culture and society and to turn away from consumerism, materialism, violence, racism, and all kinds of social and personal sin. The fact that Jesus made the right decision is good for us and is a sign of hope for us all.

**Rev Canon Fay Lamont**

## St Ninian's Church

### Dundee

### Reverse Advent

The reverse advent calendar idea is that instead of taking something out you put something in and at our Girl's Brigade our older girls made this splendid advent box in which the congregation donated small gifts of toiletries and sweets to be distributed by the Foodbank.



# St Drostan's Lodge ; Advance Booking for Churches in Brechin Diocese

If Churches are possibly considering visiting the Lodge in 2018, currently most of September and October is available as well as other dates throughout the year, and as these are two of our most popular months, booking during January and February is recommended.

If Churches are considering booking the Lodge for 2019, please be aware that we will take bookings from Brechin Diocese Churches at any time before general bookings for 2019 open on 1st April 2018.

Also, be aware that The Murray Scarlett Fund grants are available for young people up to the age of eighteen, Students in Further and Higher Education, and adults in special circumstances e.g. receiving pension credit, Personal Independence Payment, Employment Support or Job Seekers Allowances.

Available dates and booking details are shown on our website

[www.stdrostans.org](http://www.stdrostans.org).

**Peter and Jane Nelson**



## St Salvador's Church Dundee The Ceremonies of Candlemass

**Friday 2nd February 7pm**

Marking the traditional connection  
between the  
City of Dundee and the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
All welcome

## St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee Lunchtime Concerts

Refreshments after the Concert

**Saturday 3rd February at 1pm**

Diego Barriga & Roberto Kuhn—Guitars

**Saturday 17th February at 1pm**

Faure Requiem

Dundee University Choir

Adults £5.00, Students £3.00,  
Accompanied school children free

**[www. saintpaulscathedral.net](http://www.saintpaulscathedral.net)**



## St James Church Stonhaven Book Browse

**Saturday 3rd February  
10am—3pm**

Free admission  
Tea and Coffee available

Over 2,000 books cost £1.00 each or  
5 for £4.00  
All welcome

St Martin's, Church ,  
Dundee  
Tea and Bletther

**Saturday 24th February 2018**

**11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with Donations



Scottish Episcopal Church  
Mission Association  
(SECMIA)  
Links Lunch

**Wednesday 7th March at 12.30pm**  
**St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee**

After lunch Dr Ian Barron of Dundee University will speak on 'Trauma & Recovery for Children in Palestine'

Bring & Buy Table  
Financial donations towards the lunch  
for Mission Funds  
Any Queries contact  
Rosemary Eddy 01382 667119  
Or  
Judy Robinson 01382 645305

Provincial Building Grants  
Deadline Dates

**A reminder of the following dates**

Provincial Building Grant applications should be submitted to the **Diocesan Office** for the August 2018 meeting by  
**26th June 2018**

Building Grant applications should be submitted to the **Diocesan Office** for the December 2018 meeting by  
**25th September 2018**

St Martin's, Church  
Dundee  
Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 28th February 2018**

**at 1.30pm**

Admission 50p  
includes refreshments and free raffle.  
All Welcome



St Ninian's Church  
Dundee

Annual Family Quiz

**Friday 2nd March 2018**

**at 7.30pm**

Teams of four £3.00 for adults & £1.50 for under 18's  
Includes stovies and a drink  
All Welcome

St Ninian's Church  
Dundee

Hour of Prayer

**Every Thursday through Lent**  
**between 7pm and 8pm**  
**beginning on Thursday 22nd**  
**February 2018**

There will be different forms of prayer used and all welcome

Specific prayer requests can be emailed to

**[flamont53@sky.com](mailto:flamont53@sky.com)**

## Can You Help?

The Dundee Centre of Mission and Church Army have acquired a 30-year-old double decker bus, that we would like to refurbish and equip for outreach in and around Dundee city centre. We have a small budget to buy materials, but would seek the expertise of plumbers ,electricians, gas engineers, carpenter's/joiner and graphic designers.

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer their time and skills to be part of this exciting project, please contact Captain Stuart Budden on (07796) 887024. Or email [sbudden983@gmail.com](mailto:sbudden983@gmail.com) Thank you

## Safeguarding Matters

With so much in the media at the moment about power attitudes (sexual or otherwise) towards both men and women it is important that our churches are seen to be above reproach. The Diocesan PVG officer, Revd Denise Herbert, has sent out an email to Protection Officers in charges and Vestry Secretaries. She is grateful to all those who have returned forms, but some are still outstanding at the time of going to press. Please check whether you have completed and returned your form (with the PVG Officer's AGM report), to Denise as soon as possible at [dbh.herbert@btinternet.com](mailto:dbh.herbert@btinternet.com) This will enable her to collate the information and produce an up to date report for Diocesan Synod.  
Many thanks

## St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

### Lunchtime Concerts

Refreshments after the Concert

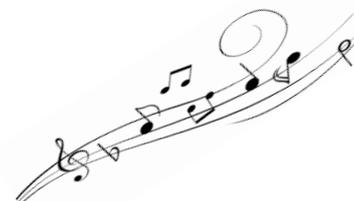
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