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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.

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

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 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 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

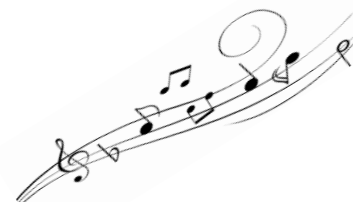
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