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***Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November.
All the rest have 31,
Excepting February alone,
Which hath but 28 days clear,
And 29 in each leap year.***

This rhyme, attributed to Mother Goose, has always fascinated me. As an infant I used to love reciting it and because of the way the words run I have always loved February as a month. At least I did until I was asked to write for the Bulletin!

As Lent doesn't begin until March the overriding theme in the shops during February will be Valentines Day. Candlemas won't get a mention commercially but let's stick with Valentine. Commonly his name is associated with courtly love and affection and with sending cards and red roses. Cue for another poem - by Robert Burns this time - "My Love is like a Red, Red Rose". Most of us will have been to at least one Burns' supper and heard the famous lines. But is this all that love is?

Not for Valentine. He was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. Ultimately he paid with his life. That is true love in action and not how the word 'love' is often used these days. Love necessarily demands sacrifice and we have the greatest example of that in Jesus Christ.

The Good News for us and for everyone is that, Love is in the air for more than "28 days clear" because in the words of Burns, 'And I will love thee still, my dear, while the sands o' life shall run.' That is God's promise to all for we are precious in His sight and worth dying for.

Maggie Jackson

Rector of Stonehaven and Catterline, Priest in Charge, Muchalls

Christians and the Referendum

Saturday, 22 February 2014

**10am—3.30pm at St Ninian's Church,
Kingsway East, Dundee**

**A day event is to be held to help Christians
reflect on the issues that should be
considered before deciding YES or NO**

Speakers:

Alex Johnstone (MSP)
Simon Barrow (Ekklesia)
Tim Duffy
(RC Justice and Peace Commission)
Robin McAlpine (Commonweal)

Can a Scientist Trust the New Testament?

**James Gregory public lectures on
Science and Christianity**

**Bishop Tom Wright
17 February 2014 at 5.15pm
in the Physics Main Lecture Theatre,
St Andrews University**

Full detailed information can be obtained
from www.dioceseofbrechin.org

From the Bishop's February Diary

2	Candlemas Confirmation at St Salvador's, Dundee	13	Mansion House, London
3	Provincial Conference Planning, Edinburgh	16	Holy Rood, Carnoustie
6	Mother's Union meeting	18	Pre-Synod Meeting Admin Board
9	St Margaret's, Lochee	19-20	College of Bishops, Edinburgh
	Evensong, Cathedral	22	Christians and the Scottish Referendum, St Ninian's, Dundee
11	Clergy Study Day at Dundee University Archives	23	Inverbervie and Montrose
	Mission and Ministry Board	25	St Margaret's Home Trustees meeting
12	Holy Rood, Carnoustie	27	Communications Board Edinburgh

Eco-Congregations

The Rev Trevor Jamison, chaplain to eco-congregations Scotland, spoke at a meeting in Brechin on Sunday 17 November to a mixed group of Presbyterians and Episcopalians.

Climate change is a reality and present steps are insufficient to keep global warming below the 2 degrees C that could be safely managed. Warmer seas are leading to more extreme weather conditions – the recent typhoon in the Philippines is an example of what can be expected much more frequently. As Christians we are charged with being stewards of creation under God – and we should see the created order as something that we hold in trust under God for future generations rather than as something to be mercilessly exploited. We must become less dependent on fossil fuels as these are the main source of greenhouse gases and global warming.

Trevor hoped that more churches would sign up as eco-congregations and do their bit for the environment. The recent heating system at Muchalls was mentioned appreciatively.

In our own Diocese, St. Andrew's Brechin is an eco-congregation and it would be good if the Diocese could double the number of eco-congregations in 2014.

If any congregation wishes to approach Trevor directly, perhaps with a view to inviting him to preach, his email address is: trevor@ecocongregationscotland.org

Cursillo Meeting

Saturday, 15 February 2014 at 11am
Holy Trinity, Monifieth
Church Hall

LINKS Lunch

Wednesday, 19 February 2014
at 12 noon for 12.30pm at
St Ninian's Church, East Kingsway, Dundee

Speaker: Reverend Kerry Dixon
on Signpost International's
involvement in the Phillipines.

Bring and buy stall and donations will be accepted for the lunch.

All welcome.

Further details from Rosemary Eddy (01382 667119) or Judy Robinson (01382 645305)

Brechin Churches Together Christingle

St. Andrew's, Brechin hosted the annual Brechin Churches Together Christingle service before Christmas. Nearly 100 people attended including Brownies from Brechin who helped lead the service. The Rev. Jane Nelson explained the meaning of the Christingles and the Rector conducted the service. Thanks are due to the St. Andrew's Women's Guild for making the Christingles. A collection was held for

Tayside Organist's Society

Tuesday, 11 February at 7.30pm
Meadowside St Paul's Church
118 Nethergate, Dundee

Peace of Tayside by Kerr Jamieson

A talk on the composer Albert Peace, famous for hymn tunes including 'Oh love that wilt not let me go' and other pieces for organ and orchestra.

Sunday School Resources

Resources are available on loan from the Diocesan Office.

Materials cover all ages.

Please contact Jackie on 01382 562264 or email office@brechin.anglican.org



Further information can be found by visiting
stickwithfoncho.org.uk or
[Campaign Action Guide](#)
to download your campaign guide

Candlemas at St Salvador's

Sunday, 2 February at 11am

Traditional ceremonies.
"Cantiones Sacra" will sing the Mass.

Friends and visitors most welcome.
Reception follows in the lower hall.

