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A Happy New Year to all in the Diocese of Brechin!

New Year is a time when we often resolve to improve ourselves and maybe the world around us! We all hope, as the Hogmanay celebrations fade behind us, that we will be able to stick to those resolutions. But what New Year's Resolutions should the Scottish Episcopalians of Brechin be making as 2019 starts?

In the church's year, we are moving from Christmas into the season of Epiphany, a time when, in scripture, events reveal Jesus as the saviour of the world.

The Epiphany visit of the Magi to the infant in Bethlehem with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh shows us who Jesus really is: the Son of God, King and Sacrifice! As a church we can resolve to be part of this revelation. Does our worship draw us and others into a deep relationship with God? Are we moved to take the message of God's love and grace out of our church buildings and church community and into the world around us? Can we grow in our confidence when sharing our faith, why we are Christians, why we choose to be part of the church?

As I continue to meet and get to know you, I am finding a depth of faith, a lively engagement with local communities and an appetite to grow throughout the diocese. What are my own resolutions, as your bishop, in 2019? They are: to help you to share your faith, to help you grow in confidence as church communities and to help you find more ways to reach out into the world around you with God's saving message of hope and love!

Once again, have a peaceful and happy New Year.

Every Blessing

+Andrew

St Lukes, Dundee Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 16th January
&**

**Wednesday 20th February
Doors open 12.45pm with a 1pm start**

50p admission which includes tea/coffee and cake

Join us for a fun afternoon of
Bingo and fellowship

Contact Mandy: 07768394746

All welcome

St James' Church, Stonghaven Book Browse

**Saturday 2nd February
10am—3pm**

Over 2,000 books on sale, all arranged making it easy to find what you may be looking for
Fiction, crime, cooking, biographies, history etc
Books cost £1.00 each or 5 books for £4.00
Entry is free and with refreshments

All welcome



St Martin's, Church , Dundee Tea and B'lether

**Saturday 19th January 2019
&
Saturday 16th February 2019
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with
Donations Welcome



What's happening at St Drostan's Lodge in 2025? Who knows! It's up to you!

Would you like to help determine what happens at the Lodge in the 5 years following Jane & Peter's retirement from their "administrative duties" in November 2020?

We have a great opportunity to do something different and special to improve our spiritual contribution and outreach, both within the Diocese and the wider community.

We are holding a "brainstorming afternoon" on Saturday 9th February, 2pm to 4.00pm, at the Lodge where we hope collect lots of ideas for the way forward, which can be passed onto a "Transition Workgroup".

All ideas are welcome; don't be restricted in your thoughts!

If you would like to attend, please contact Jane or Peter on 01569 730967 or e-mail

stdrostansbook@btinternet.com.

(This is so we can manage numbers and organise Tea & Cakes)

St Martin's, Church , Dundee Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 30th January
2019
&
Wednesday 27th February
2019**

Eyes down 1.30pm

All Welcome

