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New Year Predictions

Each New Year brings fresh hopes and 2014 has significant events. The Homecoming, the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup will doubtless showcase Scotland well. Then there is the historic Scottish Referendum to be held on 18 September, asking the simple question – should Scotland become a separate country? The *Christians and the Referendum* day planned at St Ninian's next month (see overleaf) should be worthwhile.

My predictions for the year? Well, here are five suggestions: The city centre redevelopment road works in Dundee will continue to frustrate unsuspecting drivers. Pope Francis will visit the Holy Land, bringing fresh energy to the Israeli-Palestinian quest for a lasting reconciliation. The Stock Market FTSE 100 will reach 7000 points during the year. Dundee United will be SPL runners up and reach European competition. The voting turnout for the Referendum will be close to 65%, higher than at the last UK General Election.

New Year is also a time for resolutions, even though I suspect that many personal ones are broken within twenty-four hours! For starters I probably ought to take up more physical exercise. We have plenty to be getting on with in the Scottish Episcopal Church and this diocese. I am looking forward to the arrival in Dundee of Dr Stephen Robson, the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunkeld and to collaborating with all those working for the good of our communities in the region.

Whatever your personal New Year resolutions may be I hope that 2014 will unfold in ways that enrich your life and those whom you care about.

From the Bishop's January Diary

- 1-6 Annual Leave
- 9 Vacancy Meeting, Monifieth
- 12 St Ninian's, Dundee
- 13 Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral
- 13 General Synod Office, Edinburgh
- 14 Abertay University Committee
- 14 Admin Board Meeting
- 15 Diocesan Buildings Committee
- 15 St Margaret's Vestry
- 16 Holy Trinity, Monifieth
- 19 Inverbervie and Montrose
- 21 Muchall's Vestry Meeting
- 22 General Synod Office, Edinburgh
- 25 TISEC, Kinnoull
- 26 Holy Trinity, Monifieth



Further information can be found by visiting

stickwithfoncho.org.uk or
[Campaign Action Guide](#)

to download your campaign guide

Sunday, 12 January 2014 at 5pm

The Linked Charges of St John the Baptist, St Margaret and St Martin will hold their **Epiphany Carol Service** at St Martin's Church, Derby Street, Dundee.

Sunday, 26 January 2014 at 6pm

Taize Service at St Ninian's
Kingsway East, Dundee

Monday, 6 January 2014 at 7pm

Solemn Mass at St Salvador's to celebrate the **Epiphany of our Lord**

Sunday, 2 February 2014 at 11am

Solemn Mass at St Salvador's with Traditional Ceremonies and Procession for Candlemass

Mass sung by Cantiones Sacrae

Tayside's premier Renaissance music group

A BIG THANK YOU

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those congregations and individuals around the Diocese who have supported the work at St Salvador's among the poor, vulnerable and marginalised during 2013. Thanks to you, at Christmas we were able to add an extra bag of treats and luxuries to our usual food parcels. Every blessing to all of you in 2014.

Father Clive

An interview with a Typhoon Yolanda survivor

Rev Kerry Dixon has been busy supporting the people of the Philippines a country he has visited very many times in his work with Signpost International. Kerry asks that we remember the people of the Philippines who are trying to rebuild their homes and their lives.

This account is a transcript of an interview and is Maila's own words:

"My name is Maila Delgad I have 8 children, and I am a widow.

When the typhoon struck I could not be at my home because the wind was moving around everything around. The coconut tree was swaying back and forth like this. So, I ran and found shelter near our bananas trees. We were soaking wet. When it was 12:00 noon, the wind became stronger. We went to another house, but that was also destroyed. The roof was blown by the wind. We went to another house, and the same thing happened. We again went to another house. The same thing happened. The roof fell off. Oh, Jesus! In the end, I, my child and his children were all soaking wet. How can we get inside the house? The trees fell on it! We evacuated here (points at the concrete house). We were all wet. They just gave use clothes to wear. Even my tiny 4-month old grandchild was soaking wet. Thank heavens he didn't get sick. His older sister was shaking. This one, was crying because it was so cold. My knees were shaking like this. Every time there's a gust of strong wind, I'd sit like this and hug one of my grandchildren, who is a boy, and endlessly thank God [that our lives were spared] and pray non-stop that the wind would stop. I looked at my house and and one of the people said "Oh my! Coconut trees feel on Nang Daday's house." Then, my knees started shaking again. In the end, we went at this area, careful that the branches and roofs that were flying all around don't hit us. Then we went inside my friend's house. The whole island went there for shelter! During the night, we were like sardines in a can. Imagine the whole sitio crowded there. The big house was soaking wet as well. Leaves were coming inside the house. The strong wind even broke the door that strong.

We were there until morning. Thankfully it came in the morning. Because if it happened at night, where would we have gone? All the roofs and branches of coconuts were flying around. Some coconuts fell, some had their tops blown off. If that had happened, a lot of children might have died if it happened at night. Good thing it happened in the morning.

After the typhoon we went home and made a make make-shift shelter. A part of our kitchen was still standing a bit because it wasn't hit by the coconuts. But, everything was damaged. We sleep at our makeshift shelter, but I still slept at that big house the night after. The whole community doesn't have money. Our houses are destroyed. So, what will happen now?"

For more information please contact Kerry@signpost-international.org



An aid truck getting through to the village



Christians and the Referendum

Saturday, 22 February 2014—10am-3.30pm
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)

Further details and to book: David Mumford

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BINGO

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL
Derby Street, Dundee

Wednesday, 29 January 2014
at 1.30pm

Admission 50p

includes refreshments and free raffle

The position of **Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Officer** is vacant.

Interested parties should contact the Diocesan Office on

01382 562244 or email office@brechin.anglican.org