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Happy New Year

First, a Happy New Year to everyone in the Diocese and our Bulletin readers far and wide. Who can say what 2017 will bring? Obviously Scotland and Brexit is on the agenda as is the economy and the need to pay for and improve education, health care and social support for the most vulnerable. As Christians we can press for a more just society and work away as we do in a myriad of community activities. Within the Diocese and our congregations our New Year resolve should be to become more purposeful in transforming church attendance and membership into a deeper commitment to Christian discipleship. Five hundred years ago in 1517 Martin Luther set in train a religious reawakening we now call the Reformation. It centred on communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ afresh, championing the local and challenging misuse of power in Church and State. Maybe Luther has something to say to the faithful remnant of today?

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Warm Welcome

"Well we have finally made it, all the way from Margate in Kent, together with our three cats and a tortoise".

We have received an enormous warm and lovely welcome, from everybody connected to the church and from our new neighbours. We would just like to say a big thank you, to all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help us move in so smoothly. St. Luke's Rectory is slowly becoming a home.

We are looking forward to getting to understand how the church connects with the community but, just as importantly what the community would like from St Luke's Church in the future. We would like to build on the relationships that have already been established and, prayerfully and literally, cast the net wider so that St Luke's is known as a church where people are valued for who they are and to allow them to discover their full potential, whilst learning what it may mean to be in a relationship with Jesus.

We have a heart to see the church and its wider congregation grow and develop in their faith as they seek to serve in the season they currently find themselves in.

Both Mandy and I are looking forward to serving the community.

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Stuart Budden



Companion Links - Online Group for Young Adults in our Three Dioceses.

Following our successful young adults' Brechin, Iowa & Swaziland (B.I.S) Spirit of Discovery pilgrimage in July, the Brechin young adults' group has agreed that we should find a way to sustain and develop the contacts and friendships established during the pilgrimage. Since the pilgrimage was planned and hosted by Brechin, we feel that we should initiate this new development, which has the support of Bishop Nigel, Bishop Alan and Bishop Ellinah. Rather than set up a completely new online group, we have decided to repurpose the existing closed facebook group, which we set up as part of our preparations for the pilgrimage.

We are delighted now to invite young adult church members from our three dioceses to join this revised online group, the purposes of which are:- to strengthen networks and friendships across the three Companion Dioceses and to seek ways of working together on joint initiatives and projects.

The lower age limit for membership is 18. We have decided against setting an upper age limit, but the group is intended for young adults.

Fiona McDade, from St Ninian's Church, will be leading this initiative and those who may be interested in joining should contact Fiona by email at

f_mcdade@hotmail.co.uk

The group will be listed as "**B.I.S. Spirit of Discovery Group**".

We look forward to welcoming new members.

Patricia Millar, Companion Links Officer, Diocese of Brechin.

Bishop at Parliament

Bishop Nigel was recently invited to give the Time for Reflection at the Scottish Parliament. He spoke about the need to care more imaginatively for the elderly in society, using St Margaret's Residential Home in Dundee as an example.

Bishop Nigel and Graeme Dey MSP Angus South



Same Sex Marriage

The proposed Marriage Canon revision comes to Diocesan Synod in March 2017 and two discussion evenings for clergy and laity have been arranged for 15th February at St Marys Broughty Ferry and 21st February at The Brechin Arms, Brechin both at 7.30pm.

Further details will be sent to Clergy and Lay Representatives.

St Martin's

Prize Bingo

Wednesday, 25th January 2017
at 1.30pm

Admission 50p

includes refreshments and free raffle.

All Welcome

