



Brechin Bulletin

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From the Bishop

First, a Happy New Year to everyone in the Diocese, I hope that 2015 brings us many blessings across our congregations and communities.

Much is happening – staff changes, vacancies, new appointments, fresh opportunities. We hope to be recruiting clergy for Arbroath and for Stonehaven and Muchalls at the start of February. Coming up at our Diocesan Synod on Saturday 7 March will be a proposal to merge our Administration Board and Ministry & Mission Board into a new Diocesan Council. This is partly in response to provincial changes but will also reduce meetings and duplication and provide greater strategic focus for us.

At Synod I hope to be setting out my thoughts as Bishop for the direction of the diocese in the next couple of years so that we might gather resources and plan accordingly. At times it seems that we happily progress in one area only for a couple of other challenges to appear, but I guess this is the nature of the challenges we face as a 21st century Church. To be sure it is how God keeps us all busy!

So at the turn of the year I want to thank our diocesan officers for the support they provide and all our Clergy, Readers and Vestries for their energy and commitment. As I go around our diocese it is a great encouragement to me, and also I know (because they tell me) to those in public life who are appreciative of our many and varied contributions.

St John the Baptist and St Martin, Dundee

invite you to an

Epiphany Carol Service

to be held at

St John the Baptist

116 Albert Street, Dundee

Sunday, 11 January 2015 at 5pm

All Welcome

Diocesan Buildings Committee

Monday, 16th February 2015

**Please submit Canon 35 Pre-Applications and Applications
to the Diocesan Office**



*Wishing you beautiful moments,
treasured memories and
all the blessings a heart can know.*



Tayside Organists Society
Society Recital and Cheese and Wine
 Invergowrie Parish Church
 Main Street, Invergowrie
 Tuesday, 20 January at 7.30pm
 All welcome



ST MARTIN'S PRIZE BINGO
 Derby Street, Dundee
 Wednesday 28 January
 at 1.30pm
 Admission 50p
 Includes refreshments and free raffle!

Diocesan Synod
Saturday, 7 March 2015
Chalmers Ardler Church
9.30am—3.30pm

Please put the date in your diary.

Content of the day will include:

Constitutional Changes

Diocesan Annual Report and Finances

Bishop's thoughts on diocesan priorities

Various topical presentations.

Information for elected members will be sent out early February together with notification of nominations required.

Clergy, Lay Readers, Lay and Alternative Lay Representatives together with members of the Diocese are all welcome.

Santa and Mrs Santa

Visit The Book Browse at St James, Stonehaven

The Book Browse which St James hold four times a year to help raise funds for their building and heating project had very special visitors—Santa Claus and Mrs Santa.

At this time, members of St James arrange the Tree of Life where people from the town can visit and hang baubles on the tree in memory of loved ones.



Santa with Sienna Grant



Santa in his grotto



Sienna with her Grandma, Heather placing her family bauble on the on the Tree of Life