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FROM SHEFFIELD TO DUNDEE!

Last month, Bishop Nigel, Bruce Gowans (Lay Reader at St Luke's, Downfield) and I travelled down to Sheffield to the HQ of the Church Army, a mission order based in the Church of England. There, we joined Kerry Dixon who, as well as currently being a deacon in the Diocese of Brechin attached for the moment to the Cathedral and St Luke's, is also, himself a 'Captain' in the Church Army. Together we represented the exciting new DUNDEE CENTRE OF MISSION at the 'Centres of Mission Conference'.

I think it's good for all of us to be taken from time to time out of our comfort zones and this certainly did it for me! Although the Church Army spans the churchmanship of Anglicanism, the prominent flavour was Evangelical with a capital 'E'! For those of us addicted to liturgical worship, this was a challenge. However, very quickly I got into the 'swing of it' (literally!) and I was blown away by the almost tangible passion for Christ and for spreading the Gospel, not to mention the sheer energy of the worship. Passion like that is definitely infectious and so by the time the conference closed with a celebration of the Eucharist on day 3 at which I was asked to preside (in the absence of Bishop Nigel who had had to leave early), I found myself celebrating with renewed passion and vigour. Knowing that I was to do this before I went, I had taken with me an Eastertide liturgy (a la St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee complete with sprinkling rite). I realised that it was a risk but at the end, so many people came over to say how much they had loved the liturgy. 'I don't normally do liturgy but that was awesome' said one Evangelist whilst a group of young Evangelists in training came over to say that they had just LOVED the sprinkling; it was so powerful. Catholic Anglicans and Evangelical Anglicans and every shade in between have traditionally been very suspicious of each other but this showed us all, I think, that there is richness in every tradition and sometimes mixing them together can produce something incredibly powerful and new.



Powerful and new is what I hope the new Dundee Centre of Mission will be. Upon our return, we interviewed for the post of pioneer Evangelist and appointed Craig Dowling to the post. Craig comes from his training in Sheffield via a tough housing estate in London where he has worked as an Evangelist to Dundee in September. He, his wife and baby son will live in St Luke's Rectory and Craig will work with Kerry (to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Luke's) primarily at St Luke's but they will work also with me in exploring and hopefully establishing a fresh expression of church at the Cathedral to reach out to those that our existing Cathedral worship will never reach - i.e. to complement rather than replace what we are already doing. Inspired and energised by our time together in Sheffield, I can't wait until September when Kerry and Craig will be licensed and a new exciting chapter in the life of the diocese will begin! Alleluia!

The Very Reverend Jeremy Auld

Women's Retreat 2014

ST DROSTAN'S LODGE TARFSIDE

Friday, 12 September to Sunday, 14 September

'THE PILGRIM WAY'

Exploring our spiritual journey through art, stories and walking
Led by

Rev. Paddy Allen

Cost £60 which should be paid by Monday, 8 September

Further details can be obtained from:-

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From the Bishop's July diary

- 1 Administration Board Meeting
- 6 St John and St Martin's, Dundee
- 7 Amnesty Panel meeting, London
- 8 Allchurches Trust Meeting, London
- 10 Abertay University Graduation
- 13 Confirmation at St Mary's,
St Drostan's Pilgrimage, Tarfside
- 14 Vestry meeting at Muchalls.
- 16 Vestry meeting at Stonehaven.
- 20 Inverbervie and Montrose.
- 21 University Library Archives Meeting
- 22 Design Group, Edinburgh
- 25 Consecration at St Paul's
Cathedral, London
- 27 Stonehaven Patronal Festival

Around the Diocese this Summer

St Mary the Virgin Arbroath

Tabgha

Saturday, 5 July 9-10am

Meeting Jesus in prayer and meeting each other over breakfast.

Summer Fayre

Saturday, 26 July 10am-12 noon
Tickets £1

Baking, Bric-a-brac, books, produce stalls.
Raffle and Tombola

160th Anniversary 29-31st August 2014

Ceilidh on Friday night

Exhibition of Church's history—
open all weekend.

Bishop Nigel preaching at
Sunday Eucharist

Evensong with St Paul's Cathedral Choir

**Please check Diocesan Website for
further details.**

St James, Stonehaven

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, 26 July 2014
10am-3pm

All hand made.

Textiles, jewellery, art, home-produce,
floral displays and all from local people
Tea and coffee available.

Music at St Paul's Cathedral

Les Petits Chanteurs de Saint-Andre de Colmar

Thursday, 10 July at 7.30pm

(A French Youth Choir)

Free Admission with retiring
collection in aid of Choir Funds.

Paul Chamberlain Accordian Sensations Friday, 11 July at 1.15pm

Tickets £6/£4

Choral Evensong with Deeside Choristers Sunday, 17 August at 6pm

Refreshments after the service

Dundee Twin Cities Celebration Service

Sunday, 31 August at 11am

Civic service with the Lord Provost,
guests from the city and Dundee's
twin cities in attendance.

Finger buffet after the service

Further details from
Diocesan Website

St Drostan's Day Picnic

Sunday 13th July 2014

Come along to St Drostan's
Church & Lodge Tarfside
and join with other Brechin
Churches. Together members
and friends come together for
a picnic, chat, and a walk if
you feel like it!

The Rev Alan Watt, formerly
Minister at Edzell and Glenesk
will be preaching at the
afternoon service.

The timetable of events is as
follows but feel free to drop in
at any time.

- ☺ Picnic lunch 1.00pm
Bring your own food, tea,
coffee, soft drinks
provided.
- ☺ Pilgrimage walk 2.00 -
3.00pm - suitable for all
ages.
- ☺ Eucharist 3.30pm
- ☺ Tea 4.30pm
- ☺ Evening Prayer 5.30pm



City of Brechin Pageant 2014



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It was a perfect day for the Brechin Pageant 2014 held in the Public Park in Brechin. The sun shone for most of the day and many families came out to join in the fun. St Andrew's Church Brechin have always tried to have a presence at this event and this year they decided to do two stalls. Gillian McKnight and Barbara Watson ran the "Soft Toy Tombola" and Liz Howson came up with the brilliant idea of having a "Vintage" Stall, from fancy table linen and picture frames to Victorian Dolls and garden pots. The soft toys were sold out by 3pm and both stalls drew plenty of interest from young and old.

Diocesan Buildings Committee's next meeting will be
Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at 6.30pm
Please direct any applications to the Diocesan Office