

Diocese of Brechin: Lockdown News Bulletin

6th October 2020

11th October, 6pm: Diocesan Festival Zoom Evensong for Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul Dundee will be 'hosting' the annual Forbes evensong this Sunday 11th October at 6pm by Zoom. Rt. Rev Alan Scarfe Bishop of Iowa will be the guest speaker. All are very welcome to join the Zoom service. Please use the link below to access the event or contact the office for more details.

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96880019285>

Or dial in by finding your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/96880019285>

Meeting ID: 968 8001 9285

Password: 777710

Spotlight on the Coastal Cluster: Holy Trinity Celebrations

On Sunday 27th September Holy Trinity Monifieth reopened its doors for worship.

Bishop Andrew welcomed everyone back and led our first Eucharistic Service since March. We have been holding weekly services on Zoom.

At the end of the service Bishop Andrew congratulated Rev Canon Bill McAusland on the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood and presented



him with a gift of malt whisky and vouchers from the congregation.

Canon Bill was Curate at St Mary Magdalene in Dundee from 1959-64, the Rector at Holy

Cross Glasgow until 1971, then back as Rector of St Mary Magdalene until 1979, finishing his fulltime ministry at St Margaret's Lochee until his retirement in 2001. Since then he has been a much loved and respected member of the congregation at Holy Trinity. Throughout his ministry Canon Bill was lovingly supported by his wife Olive, who sadly died in 2015.

From Lay Reader Linda Walls

Diocese of Swaziland: Progress on Forest Beekeeping Project

This project has been supported by the Diocese of Brechin through your generous donations to the Bishop's Lent Appeal earlier this year. The Diocese of Swaziland has reported back progress as follows:

In July, consultations and site selection for the Apiary was done, fenced and made ready for colony establishment. Even hive tools and equipment have been procured and safely stored for use. In Eswatini the months of May to August are a generally dry and cold month which doesn't allow establishment of new colonies as it has minimal forage. After fencing the apiary in Mpolonjeni, the timber harvesting process, which is a noisy and tree disturbing process, was started which also didn't favour progressing to put the hives in the apiary to start colonies.



We have started receiving good rainfall in Eswatini and trees are flowering which will attract bees in the site. Our forest harvesting process is winding up and we shall resume setting up the hives in the Apiary within the first two weeks of the month of October 2020. In the previous progress report it was noted that deposit for the bee hives was processed with the supplier; it is worth reporting that all 20 hive boxes were delivered to the Diocesan Social Development Offices and are ready.

The Apiculture project is one of the Sustainability projects that are expected to generate income for the Diocese. It was proposed in the previous report that bee hives will be added, that proposal still stands but its implementation shall be based on funds availability once the hives are installed at the apiary.



The break or delay in setting up the hives was as advised by the Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Unit and the Usutu Forest Company Limited wattle extension Unit. Both advising partners in the project have been consulted and advised that with the rainfall received and winding up of the harvesting process, the apiary can be fully implemented. Our next report shall be on the fully functional Apiary and any

other progress made.

Written by Masuku Mncedisi C.

Social Development Officer and Project Manager

Dundee Nativity—The Movie

Producer of the Dundee Nativity, Allan Webster, has asked that we circulate the following information about this year's Dundee Nativity preparations. With no live performances possible this year, because of Covid restrictions, we're making a filmed version, to be put online. There's still time to join the cast, as a singer, instrumentalist or in a small acting role. All rehearsals take place on Zoom. Individual items will be recorded with appropriate social-distancing, then edited together in a recording studio, in time for Christmas. For more information: musicians, contact Jason at jmcauley@kilgraston.com Aspiring actors, contact Jerry at averillcreatives@gmail.com

Abelour Children's Charity Provides Urgent Assistance Fund

Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund can provide cash grants to help families with children (aged 21 and under) who are suffering extreme hardship, including the impact of the Coronavirus.

Applications must be endorsed and submitted by a sponsor, acting in their professional capacity. This support is usually via cash grants to assist with a range of needs, such as food, prepay power cards, clothing, bedding, or other essentials. Due to limited funds and high levels of applications, the average grant we give is usually around £50 per child. For more information please visit the following: <https://www.aberlour.org.uk/service-category/urgent-assistance-fund/>

Scottish Government Social Renewal Advisory Board Seeks Community Input

In June, Scottish Government announced the formation of a Social Renewal Advisory Board <https://www.gov.scot/groups/social-renewal-advisory-board/>. The board wants to bank the policy and practice shifts seen during COVID-19 and use current practice and knowledge to focus on reducing poverty and inequality.

They are currently calling for ideas on how to change society for the better post-Covid. They have just launched an online space where community groups and organisations can share their ideas for positive change in society (based on the lived experience of organisations who have been working with those who experience poverty and inequality during the pandemic).

The Ideas Form and more information can be found here <https://www.gov.scot/publications/supporting-people-and-communities-call-for-ideas/> and the news release is here <https://www.gov.scot/news/rebuilding-a-fairer-scotland-after-covid-19/>

The deadline is 23rd October.

The SEC is looking at a coordinated response, but the following notice is worth examining to explore local records/proposals.

Church Life in Lockdown: Online worship

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online even as some live worship starts to become possible: this will continue indefinitely even as we start to plan for physical gatherings. The two services, which are led by SEC clergy and lay readers from around the Province, are:

- Thursday—Evening Prayer at 6.30pm
- Sunday—Eucharist at 11am

There are more details and downloads of previous weeks' services at: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

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