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Greetings to you all!

As I write this note we are just about to enter the church's season of Lent. This has always been a time of self-reflection and penitence, symbolised by ash crosses on our foreheads as we start the season and by a sparse austerity in our church

decorations as well as a time of simplicity, prayer and fasting throughout the six to seven weeks that lie before us. Lent is a time to draw ourselves back towards God's loving plans and purposes for us.

I have now been with the Episcopal church communities of Brechin for just over six months: where do I see God's plans and purposes as I continue to get to know the people of this area of Scotland. I have met so many faithful, positive, engaged disciples that I am convinced that God has rich and exciting times ahead for us. We are all struggling with the issues of being church in Scotland in the 21st century: fabric problems, limited resources, few people to call upon for the life of the community. But I believe that the disciples that I am getting to know are confident enough in their faith and their Christian witness that we can make the changes we need to flourish in our modern discipleship!

This Lent I would also encourage us all to find ways, large and small, to be light in our wider communities. This year I am supporting a 2019 Bishop's Lent Appeal for the Diocese. All funds raised in this appeal will to support Macmillan Cancer care, a charity that I know has made a massive difference in the lives of many people that we know and love. More details will be emailed out in the next few days.

Have a blessed and Holy Lent.

St Ninian's Church , Dundee

Annual Family Fun Quiz

Friday 1st March 2019

7.30pm

A great night of family fun, Teams of 4. If you haven't got a family and just want to come along we will find you a team

Adults £4.00, young people Under 18 £2.00

Tickets include stovies and refreshments

All Welcome



St Martin's Church, Dundee Tea and Bletcher

**Saturday 16th March 2019
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with Donations Welcome



St Luke's Church, Dundee

Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 20th March 2019
Doors open 12.45pm
1pm start**

50p admission, includes
tea/coffee and cake
Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo
and fellowship

St Martin's Church, Dundee Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 27th March 2019
Eyes down 1.30pm**

All Welcome



St Mary Magdalene's Church, Dundee

Saturday 30th March 2019

10am—12pm

Usual stalls,
Admission £1.00, children free
Includes tea/coffee with scones & jam
and cream

All Welcome

St James Church, Stonhaven Book Browse

Saturday 6th April 2019

10am—3pm

Free entry and free tea & coffee
Books £1.00 each or 5 for £4.00
Over 2,500 books to choose from!

What's happening at St Drostan's Lodge in 2025?

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Brains have been Stormed!

A lot of new ideas for the future of St Drostan's Lodge were identified on
Saturday 9th February.

Two work groups have been set up, one to look at community involvement
and the other at a "re-booting St Drostan's" and "Blue Sky" ideas, both reporting
back to the Trustees later this year.

If you have any ideas, please let us know and we will pass them on to
the appropriate group.

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Brzechin, Iowa Swaziland Visits in 2019

Part 3 of the Young Adults' Exchange Visits - Our Companions in Iowa are planning to host Part Three of these exchange visits in Iowa in August 2019. Proposed dates are 6th August to 18th August 2019. This would be 10 day visit and it is suggested that each group be made up of two age groups - three young adults aged around 18 - 23 and three aged around 24 - 32.

Six young adults from each of the three dioceses would meet in Iowa and spend time living together, studying, worshipping, travelling and enjoying social events.

Diocese of Swaziland. Triennial Diocesan Synod and Working group Visit -

The Diocese of Swaziland Synod is due to be held in the second half of September. It is intended that we combine this visit with a working party visit from Iowa, to continue work on projects begun during the working visit in September 2017. This is planned as a 10 day visit and as usual groups would stay at Thokosa - the Diocesan Church Centre. The visit in 2017 was considered by everyone to be very worthwhile and enjoyable. Proposed dates are 30th September to 11th October 2019.

If you are interested, or have questions, please get in touch.

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Talk - St Luke's Church, Dundee

'Once an Addict'

**Author Barry Woodward will be speaking at St Luke's Church on
Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30pm**

After being dependant on heroin for fifteen years and spending a number of terms in prison, Barry had what he describes as a 'religious experience', which resulted in his life being totally transformed. This led to him becoming an evangelist.

Do not miss this opportunity to meet Barry.

We look forward to seeing you on the night. For more information please contact

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