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LIFE & FAITH IN LENT

Lent is a time to stop and consider what is really important in life. So I hope that you are keeping a good Lent. People can be quite imaginative - I have heard of someone who is giving up Facebook for Lent and a family who are taking on 40 Good Deeds between them.

In addition to supporting Arbroath & Auchmithie, Stonehaven and Muchalls during their vacancies, this year I am trying to be out and about meeting some new people in fresh ways. The questioning year 6 children of Clepington Primary School Dundee certainly kept me on my toes recently! Next up are two *Saints & Sinners - Meet the Bishop* evenings in pubs: The Old Brewhouse Arbroath on Thursday 5 March (I'm practising pulling pints - see photo) and the Downfield Hotel Dundee on 12 March, both 7pm. I will be interviewed by Craig Dowling and Kerry Dixon, about life and faith, there will be questions, discussion, live music and food.



On Mothering Sunday I am preaching at St Andrew' Roman Catholic Cathedral Dundee, with Bishop Stephen Robson presiding. I am delighted that the Steeple Church and our Cathedral are also enjoying reciprocal ecumenical visits in the city during Lent. On Saturday 21 March I am looking forward to a Late Night Out at Pubs & Clubs with the Dundee Street Pastors, with a Confirmation at Holy Rood Carnoustie the following morning. On Tuesday 24 March I will join the volunteers serving customers at the Rainbow Charity Shop run by St Andrew's Brechin. People may be uncertain or even wary of traditional church services but as Christians in our everyday conversations we can engage with human dilemmas that affect everyone and will find that spiritual curiosity is alive and well.

Diocesan Synod takes place on Saturday 7 March 9.30am - 3.30pm in Chalmers Ardler Church Dundee. As well as those clergy and lay representatives required to attend, we would welcome all in the diocese. In addition to the annual reporting and financial business there will be key discussions about diocesan vision and governance, about our Companion Diocesan links, ministry formation and the care of the elderly. See you there!

Mission Spot

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As I offer myself to Christ in penitence and faith:-

What burden can I cast upon the Lord?

Coffee Morning & Book Stall
Holy Rood Church,
Carnoustie

10am-11.30am, 7 March

Entrance £1.50
includes refreshments

Stalls include: Cake Stall, Tombola, Jigsaws, an occasional Craft Stall and White Elephant.

Spring Coffee Morning
St James, Stonehaven

10am-11.30am, 14 March

Entrance £2

includes refreshments

Stalls include: Cake & Candy, Book, Raffle, Knitting and Spring Themed Tombola.

Coffee Morning & Spring Fair

St Mary's, Arbroath

10am-12noon, 28 March

Entrance £1

includes refreshments

Stalls include Baking, Raffle, Tombola, Books, Bric a Brac and more.

St Drostan's, Tarfside, Glenesk

The early birds book on the 1st April for 2016!

If you wish to book your Church group into St Drostan's Lodge in 2016, please remember that bookings open on **1st April**.

To assist Churches in our Diocese, the Administration Board has reviewed the definition of groups which may benefit from a Murray Scarlett Glenesk Fund Grant

"The purpose of this fund is to assist people from the Diocese to go to St Drostan's Lodge. It will pay for young people up to the age of eighteen, Students in Further and Higher Education and adults in special circumstances e.g. receiving pension credit, Personal Independence Payment, Employment Support or Job Seekers Allowances. Visitors from Companion links on official visits will be eligible for the Diocesan rate"

**St Drostan's Festival &
Diocesan BBQ
Sunday Afternoon 12 July 2015**

How to book:

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE -
www.stdrostans.org

Check the availability dates on the calendar.

Confirm your interest by using the enquiry form on the contacts page or telephone 01569 730967.

We will then confirm the availability, pencil in your requirements and you can then download and send in the booking form with your deposit as indicated on the website. A receipt and confirmation letter will be issued.

Weekend bookings: Commence at 4.00pm Friday and finish 5.00pm Sunday.

Midweek bookings: Commence at 2.00pm on day of arrival and finish at 10.30am on the day of departure.

Music at St Paul's Cathedral Saturday Lunchtime Concerts at 1pm

7 March Derek Buchan: Piano
21 March The Lydian Singers
25 April Aisling Agnew: Flute
Chris Baxter: Piano

Tickets available at the door

Adults: £4.50

Students: £3

Accompanied school children: Free
Coffee/tea served after each concert

Tayside Organist Society

Tuesday, 16 March 2015 at 7.30pm
Steeple Church, Dundee

"Ringing the Changes"

A talk on Bell Ringing including the art of "change ringing". After the talk the able bodied are invited to climb the 132 steps to the Bell Tower to see the ringers in action!

The event is followed by refreshments.

St Martin's, Dundee Prize Bingo

Wednesday, 25 March at 1.30pm
Admission 50p
Includes refreshments

Water Charge Exemption Scheme for Charities registered with OSCR
Please look at the Scottish Water Authority website for details

<http://www.business-stream.co.uk/water-rates-charges/water-charge-exemption-scheme>

*Please note that if you wish to apply for the current 2014 scheme, you must do so before
31 March 2015.*