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“Touched by Tarfside”

St Drostan’s Lodge opened in 1983, providing basic accommodation next to St Drostan’s Church in Tarfside, Glenesk. In 2003, it was re-opened after extensive modifications and addition of extra bedrooms, with the assistance of a lottery grant. A condition of this grant was that the Lodge had to be open to all, not just members of Brechin Diocese. This has resulted in perhaps the greatest ongoing outreach programme in the Diocese.

Since 2003, 26 different churches from throughout the UK have visited, from the South Coast of England, through the borders, to the North of Scotland, every denomination has been involved and there have been 125 other groups, including retreats, youth groups, walking, cycling, yoga, social work and charities. There have also been 77 different family groups. These numbers do not spell out the full attendance as many groups and families return regularly, the Lodge averaging over 900 “bed nights” each year.

Why do people keep coming back? Not least for the absence of mobile phones, TV and radio, but mainly for the peace, tranquillity and spirituality of beautiful Glenesk, and even for “non-church” people, the possibility to just sit and spend quiet time in our ever open church.

We are now seeing people returning who came to the Lodge as children and remember it as a very special place, which they want their children to experience. There is one instance of a man who came as a child, bringing his prospective wife up from London, for a week in the Lodge, followed by being married in our church.

The troubled teenagers, who attend in social work groups, introduced to the concept of housekeeping as well as life in the countryside, who now return as youth leaders in similar groups. The little girl who acted as carer for her parents, on a respite visit with other such children, who was amazed to see so many books in our small library, and was absolutely overjoyed to be given one to take home. The young lady who asked her social worker to bring her back to the church again so that she could write her name in the visitors book as she thought that it was such a special place, these and all the other returnees have all been “Touched by Tarfside”, and it has been a joy for Jane and I to serve St Drostan’s by assisting others to enjoy this experience. Looking ahead, we would love to see more churches from the Diocese using the premises and enjoying the experience of being “touched by Tarfside”.

So please do get in touch if your church would like to join us.

Peter Nelson, Secretary, St Drostan’s Tarfside.



All Saints, Glencarse

An Evening of Sacred Song

Friday 3rd November 2017

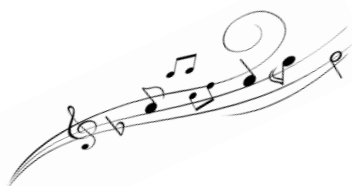
Doors open at 7.30pm, Concert starts at 8pm
Pay at the door, cash only £10.00

A celebration of the arts with a spiritual focus,
including an exhibition of arts & crafts and
post-concert drinks reception

Raising funds for All Saints Church and local
charity PKAVS

To reserve tickets email

helencomposer@hotmail.com



St Martin's, Church Hall, Dundee

Tea and B'lether Club

Saturday 25th November 2017

11.00am - 12.30pm

Free entry with Donations Welcome

Holy Trinity Monifieth St Andrews Ceilidh

Friday 1st December 2017

at 7.30 pm

Dance to the Phenobarbitones
Ceilidh Band.

Tickets £5.00 include refreshments
(bring own bottle if desired).

**In aid of education in Swaziland, tickets from
Rev Ken Gibson 07825 554419**

St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee Lunchtime Concerts

Refreshments after the Concert
with a chance to meet
the Performers

Saturday 25th November at 1pm

Moira Docherty—Soprano

Derek Buchanan—Piano

Adults £5.00, Students £3.00,
Accompanied school children free

www.saintpaulscathedral.net

St Martin's, Prize Bingo

Wednesday 29th November

at 1.30pm

Admission 50p

includes refreshments and free
raffle. All Welcome



Clergy Away From It Time St Drostan's Lodge

Monday 11st June to Wednesday 13th June 2018

St Drostan's would like to host a few days away at the lodge for our Diocesan Clergy.
The idea would be that Clergy would be free to follow their own activities during
this time away from the telephone and other distractions.

St Drostan's would offer bed, breakfast and evening meal with a snack
lunch for £45.00 per night

If you wish to book a place, please contact Rev Jane Nelson

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