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## DEACON TOO—REVEREND KERRY DIXON

Maybe new ordinands are like buses? There isn't one for ages then two come along at once...

It is a great privilege for me to have been recently ordained deacon in the Diocese of Brechin. I have really valued the wise spiritual advice of Bishop Nigel, and other clergy within the diocese, and have felt encouraged at every step of the way.

My journey towards ordination has certainly been circuitous and somewhat protracted:

I was commissioned as a Church Army Evangelist twenty-six years ago and, since then, have worked in various roles within the Church and the wider community. For the last twenty of these years I have led a small Christian community that seeks to eliminate violence, poverty and injustice, instead establishing shalom, the wholeness of God.

I have been privileged to work with some of the world's poorest people, and have come to realise that they have a significant and sacramental role in God's kingdom. My experience is that, when we go to the places of the poor and marginalised, Jesus is already there – and it is through His presence revealed in them that we are changed.

I have also been privileged to spend a lot of my time with people who would not see themselves as part of the Church. Rather than finding this a world full of hostile people, I have enjoyed finding our commonality and being part of a wider society in which I can still recognize that we are all brothers and sisters, with the same heavenly father.

Back in 2003, soon after arriving in Dundee with my family, Bishop Neville suggested that God might be calling me to St Luke's, Downfield. The reality of his words is only being seen now - a decade later – so you can see that the journey has not been quick, nor has it been easy!

But it is this journey that is an essential part of our living the gospel life. It is our willingness to struggle, to spend time with the poor and marginalised, and to embrace the people that we meet as brothers and sisters that God uses in our lives to move us forward.

This is discipleship, and this is what God uses to change us from what we are into what He wants us to be. I can say, together with John Newton,

'I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am!'



### **An Evening with Archdeacon Bheki Diocese of Swaziland**

Thursday, 31 October 2013  
6.30pm for 7pm at  
Lathallan School, Johnshaven

6.30pm Musical Prelude: Lathallan Music Students  
7.00pm Talk about the Diocese of Swaziland  
7.35pm Music and Refreshments

*Retiring collection for  
Home Based Care, Diocese of Swaziland  
which featured in the October Brechin Bulletin.*

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY PRAYERS

Members of churches from Brechin and Edzell gathered for a service at the Peace Pole in the grounds of Brechin Cathedral on Sunday, 22nd September to celebrate the International Day of Prayer for World Peace. The service was run by Father David Mumford. Prayers were offered that conflicts could be resolved without resorting to violence, particularly Syria. Innocent victims of war and those forced to become refugees were especially mentioned in the intercessions

### MUSIC WITHIN THE DIOCESE

#### Tayside Organists Meetings

**Monday, 28th Oct at 7.30pm**

St John the Baptist, Albert St, Dundee

Talk by Claire Garabedian

Admission free. All invited.

**Tuesday, 19 November at 7.30pm**

Dundee West Church, Perth Rd, Dundee

Choir of St Salvator's Chapel with Tom Wilkinson in celebration of Benjamin Britten

### RUSSIAN CHOIR "VOSKRESENIJE"

Arbirlot Church

Tuesday, 5 November at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 incl refreshments can be purchased on night or contact:

Stewart Lamont [lamontsj@gmail.com](mailto:lamontsj@gmail.com)

### THE BIG KNIT

10 people from St Mary's, Arbroath attended Tannadice Park in Dundee to take part in the Big Knit. Aim to raise money for Alzheimer's Scotland and to beat the world record for the largest number of people knitting at the same time. The world record was not broken but it was hailed a great success as more than 1,250 knitters of all ages took to the stands and knitted simultaneously together for 1 hour. More than £3000 was raised for this great cause and it was hailed a Scottish record.

**KNITTING TOGETHER GROUP** meets monthly at St Mary's, Arbroath over a cup of tea where you can either do your own knitting or knit for charity.

For further information please contact Mairi Cuthbert on 01241 430303 or email [mairicutbert@gmail.com](mailto:mairicutbert@gmail.com)

### For Sale

3 clergy (mens) Hammond and Harper

All 15" collar size

Grey (new and unworn) £10.00—Light Blue (£5.00) - Black £5.00)

Please contact Rev. Canon Fay Lamont

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### From the Bishop's November Diary

1-3	TISEC, Cumbrae	17	Seafarers Service, Leith
4	All Souls Evensong, Invergowrie Edinburgh	18	Dundee Humanist Society
6	St Mary and St Peter, Montrose	19	Clergy Study Day, Edzell
7	Mission to Seafarers Trustees Meeting, Edinburgh	20	St Margaret's Home Trustees Meeting
9	Edinburgh Angus Club	21	Holy Rood, Carnoustie
10	Holy Rood, Carnoustie	22	Tarfside AGM
	Remembrance Sunday Service Unicorn Cathedral Evensong	23	Wedding at Cathedral
11	Remembrance Service, City Square General Synod Edinburgh	24	Lord Provost's Charity Ball
12	Abertay University Committee St Margaret's Home Trustees Meeting	25	Civic Mass, RC Cathedral
		26	Grangemouth visit
13-14	College of Bishops, Edinburgh	28	Mackays Jam Factory
15	Christmas Lights Switch On	29	Holy Trinity, Monifieth
			Abertay University Prize Giving
			Abertay Graduation



### St Andrew's Church Hall, Brechin

**Tuesday, 5 November at 2pm**

Women's Guild Meeting

Speaker: Dr Charles Allison

**Saturday, 9 November 10am-12noon**

Women's Guild Coffee Morning

Baking, gift, raffle stalls.

Admission: £1.50 includes fruit loaf  
(plain or buttered)

**Sunday, 17 November 2.30-4.30pm**

Rev Trevor Jamison

Chaplain Eco-Congregations Scotland

Gives a talk on what churches can do to safeguard the environment and how your church can become an eco-congregation.

All congregations invited

### St Ninian's Kingsway East, Dundee

#### Celebration Service

**Sunday, 3rd November at 11am**

Thanksgiving for 75 years of worship, work and service in St Ninian's followed by a congregational bring and share lunch.

#### Taize Service

**Sunday, 24 November at 6pm**

All are welcome to come and spent a quiet hour in chant and reflection.