



# Brechin Bulletin

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## A thank you from Bishop Andrew, Mary and family

It has been a wonderful few weeks since so many people were able to fill St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee for the consecration service. I would like to thank everyone for their welcome, for so many gifts and for the warmth of Brechin Diocese greetings. As a Scot I knew that the folk here were warm and welcoming, but the experience of coming here has exceeded expectations!

I am now learning, every day, so much about the people of the charges here in the diocese, and their passions, hopes and fears. I will be with you for worship in all the charges in the next few months (dates are being rolled out as we go along) and I plan to meet vestries and get a feel for how the diocese can be of service to our churches. There are already excellent conversations taking place on the mission and witness of our charges and plans in place to explore how these can be enhanced and grown.

Many people are asking me, even in these early days, what the future will be for the Diocese of Brechin. Plans that have been developed already, for charge finance, sharing resources and new ways of working, will be continued and developed. We face challenges in this diocese, as do all churches today, as we see numbers declining and resources stretched, but we can approach these challenges with trust in God and confidence that being disciples today is a rich and worthwhile way of living. I am looking forward to lively and frank discussions in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Once again, I would like to thank you all, on behalf of Mary, Elly, Peter and Frances, for the welcome you have given us as we arrive to live in Dundee and to minister in the diocese. Please look me up on Facebook as I share my encounters in the diocese. I have also started an occasional blog to record some of my reflections on ministry called "Glimpsing Heaven Through the Haar":

[www.heavenlyhaar.blogspot.com](http://www.heavenlyhaar.blogspot.com). And I can be contacted on the email address [bishop@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:bishop@brechin.anglican.org). Please do get in touch and find out more about what your diocese can do for you!

+ Andrew



# St James Church, Stonehaven Smartphone App Opens Doors to History of Stonehaven Church

St James The Great, Stonehaven launched an augmented reality (AR) smartphone app to coincide with the [Doors Open Days](#) event took place across Aberdeenshire on 15 & 16 September 2018.

The smartphone app is available for both Android and iOS and uses augmented reality technology to guide visitors, providing a virtual tour. With this 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, they will be able to see for themselves details of the most notable and historically interesting parts of the Grade A listed Church building.

St James the Great is listed on the [Doors Open Days 2018](#) website as one of the historical buildings to visit in Stonehaven. Professor Peter Sharp, Chairman of the Vestry, said "As a Grade A listed building, St James the Great is a truly historic part of Stonehaven and the surrounding area. The events planned for autumn are the first time that the history of the Church has been celebrated in such a way using 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies. Special thanks go to the Vestry Committee and other volunteers for their work on these forthcoming activities."

## **Note about the Smartphone App**

The new smartphone app can be downloaded from App Store (on iOS phones/tablets) or Google Play (for Android) – search on "James Shell".

Once installed, point your phone camera at one of 12 the Trigger Panels (in the church, but an example shown below), and the app will describe 12 major features in the church. Enjoy!

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## Place for Hope Training Programmes

Our churches and faith communities face change, encounter difference and can struggle to manage conflict. We know conflict can be both creative and destructive. Place for Hope offers one-day workshops to support church and faith community leaders in responding to conflict.

Courses in our 2018/19 season include:

<b>Growing through Change and Conflict - Foundation</b>	<b>Growing through Change and Conflict - Further Skills</b>
27/09/18 Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow	11/10/18 Woodside Hall, Glasgow
08/12/18 Greyfriars Charteris Centre, Edinburgh	19/01/19 Augustine United Church, Edinburgh
27/04/19 Corran Halls, Oban	18/05/19 Corran Halls, Oban
<b>Scripture, Spirituality and Conflict</b>	<b>Bullying and Harassment</b>
22/11/18 Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow	02/11/18 The Steeple, Dundee
05/12/18 The Steeple, Dundee	10/11/18 Spectrum Centre, Inverness
21/09/19 Corran Halls, Oban	15/06/19 Corran Halls, Oban

Cost: £45/£35 concession  
Cumbria training dates: please check our website

For more information and bookings  
w: [www.placeforhope.org.uk](http://www.placeforhope.org.uk)  
e: [info@placeforhope.org.uk](mailto:info@placeforhope.org.uk)  
t: 07884 580 359  
Charity No: SC045224



## Touched by Tarfside – Again!

In last November's Bulletin we had an article "Touched by Tarfside" which described how visits to St Drostan's Lodge have changed the lives of some of the visitors, and how we would love to see more churches in the Diocese using this unique facility.

This prompted St Luke's men's group, "The Pirate Monks" to book a midweek session at the end of April. This allowed the "Pirates" to be away from their normal environment, and for some, it was a life changing experience, having the peace and quiet to let Jesus into their lives. St Luke's has also booked the Lodge for an ALPHA weekend later this year.

Another of our churches, who spent a weekend recently, used the relaxed atmosphere to discuss how their church might develop in future.

As we are now getting around to AGM time, perhaps it's time for your church to consider a short period of reflexion away from it all to think about your way ahead? Don't be afraid, you have only your everyday stresses to lose!

**Rev Jane & Peter Nelson.**

**For available dates see [www.stdrostans.org](http://www.stdrostans.org) or telephone 01569 730967**

### St James Church, Stonhaven Book Browse

**Saturday 6th October 2018  
10am–3pm**

Book Browse free entry  
Tea & Coffee  
Over 2,000 books for sale  
£1.00 each or 5 for £4.00

### St Martin's, Church, Dundee Tea and Bletcher

**Saturday 20th October 2018  
&  
Saturday 17th November 2018  
11.00am - 12.30pm**

Free entry with  
Donations Welcome

### St Margarets Church, Dundee Coffee Morning

**Saturday 17th November 2018  
10.00am–12.00noon**

Stalls, home baking, Christmas gifts,  
Craft stalls, Bric-a-brac, raffle  
and lots more  
Admission Adults £1.00, children free  
this includes tea/coffee, sausage roll  
and mince pie



### St Martin's, Church, Dundee Prize Bingo

**Wednesday 31st October 2018  
&  
Wednesday 28th November  
2018**

Eyes down 1.30pm

## Safeguarding

A comment quite often made when the subject of safeguarding is raised – “Oh, but we don’t have any children in church now”!

Safeguarding – Protection of Vulnerable Groups, the technical term – is far wider than that. It was about child protection and still is, and that is important especially in light of what we read in the media these days about historical and on-going abuse of children and adolescents.

Now we have broadened this and bearing in mind that all of us, at some stage in life from birth to death, might be vulnerable – we think of people with physical or learning disability, pregnant women or with small children, someone with a broken leg on crutches, others recovering from surgery, or cancer treatment, and more commonly in our churches today the elderly.

Not all elderly people would consider themselves vulnerable – but has the flooring been checked carefully that there are no trip-up spots – loose tiles, slippery areas, mats to catch a foot? Is the lighting good enough where there are steps and are they marked with a sign if there is a possibility of them being missed? All of this sounds like common sense but surprisingly often missed.

Vestry, as Trustees, is the body responsible for Safeguarding who appoints someone to be their official point of contact – the Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding should be on the Vestry agenda quarterly at least and a report written for the AGM every year and submitted with the annual return. However, all Vestry members should be keeping an eye open for any issues that might warrant attention – regarding both parishioners and the clergy (who are not exempt!) Safeguarding is a pastoral issue and all have a responsibility to be on the alert – but obviously it is not a “snoopers charter”.

If in doubt contact your Diocesan Safeguarding Officer or go direct to the Provincial Safeguarding Officer at the General Synod Office – however day to day queries should come through the Diocesan Officer. **Rev Denise Herbert**

## Rev Canon Fay Lamont celebrating 40 years in ministry

Congratulations to Rev Canon Fay Lamont celebrating 40 years in ministry. Fay was commissioned Deaconess on 28<sup>th</sup> September 1978 in Irvine C of S where she worked for 3 years. Moving then to Whitfield Parish Church and Mid Craigie Parish Church serving there for a number of years. Her ministry took a different direction when she was called to the priesthood being ordained in 2003. Fay continues to bless us with her ministry at St Ninians and in the Diocese.

**Congratulations to Rev Canon Lamont from Brechin Diocese.**



**Rev Canon Fay as a deaconess in  
Mid Craigie C of S**



**Rev Canon Fay with Bishop Neville**

## A new Bishop's House for Brechin

Bishop Andrew and family are living in the latest Brechin Bishop's House. Glamis Drive required significant refurbishment work, and previous incumbents felt some of the facilities and parking made that west end location less ideal for social functions and meetings. A new property was sought, in the north east of Dundee, allowing easier access to the charges in Angus and the Mearns – avoiding the Kingsway at rush hour! The new property was also hoped to solve some of the facility and access issues of Glamis Drive.

Old Bishop's House on Glamis Drive was sold, and a new property was bought after the episcopal election, with full consultation with the Bishop-elect and his family. The house purchase and some minor works were all completed in time for the Bishop-elect to move to Dundee, two weeks before the consecration. There are some planned modifications to improve the house's office space.

Bishop's House is now a detached, modern, four-bedroomed house in the Ballumbie housing development, between the Forfar and Kellas roads. The address is:

**Bishop's House  
5 Ballumbie Gardens  
Dundee  
DD4 0NQ**

Bishop Andrew and Mary hope that many of you will be able to enjoy hospitality at this latest bishop's residence for the Diocese of Brechin. And they pass on their thanks for the modern comfortable house that the diocese has been able to offer as a base for their ministry!



## Has Anyone Seen This Man?

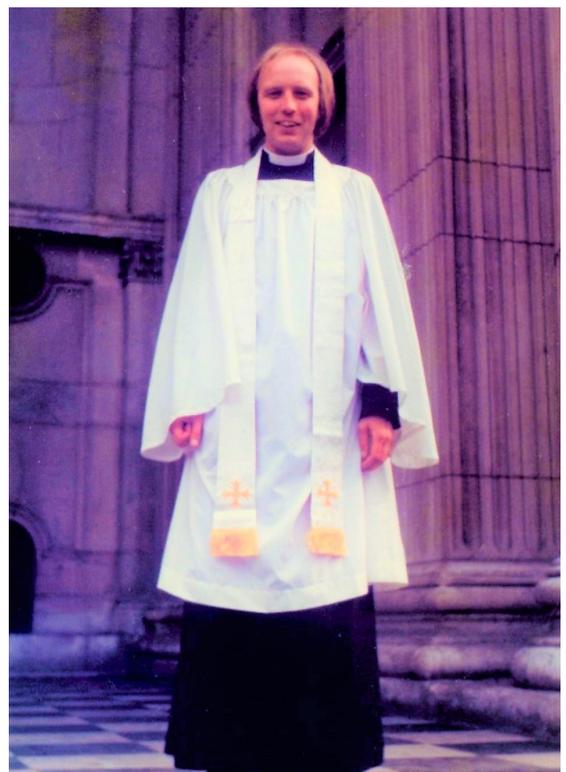
**Rev Helen Bridger writes**

First spotted on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral, London, 40 years ago at Michaelmas, sightings of this ordained gentleman have since been reported in Islington, Nottingham, Bristol, Los Angeles, Norfolk and most recently, Dundee.

His usual hangouts appear to be theological colleges, churches and meetings of church governing bodies. He has also been spotted in similar environments in Australia, Burundi and Tennessee.

If seen, approach with caution and cake!

**Congratulations from Brechin Diocese to  
Dean Francis on his 40th anniversary of  
ministry**



## Cancellation of CMD Day Tuesday 4th December 2018

Please note the Study Day due to be held on  
**Tuesday 4th December 2018** at the Glenesk Hotel, Edzell has now been cancelled

The original date for this event was the 20th of November 2018

**2019 dates will be issued in due course**

## Safeguarding Training with Provincial Safeguarding Officers

And the Bishop of Brechin

**Saturday 10th November 2018 10am to 1.30pm**

Church hall of All Souls' Church,  
Invergowrie

Especially arranged for Safeguarding/PVG Officers & Vestry Members  
But also interested members of  
Congregations of all Charges

**Contact Rev Denise Herbert  
Diocesan Protection Officer**

**01382 330411: dbh.herbert@btinternet.com**

## St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee Lunchtime Concerts

Refreshments after the Concert with a  
chance to meet the performers

**Saturday 6th October 1pm**

Stephen Armstrong—piano

**Saturday 20th October 1pm**

Jacopo Lazzaretti—guitar

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

St Andrews Ensemble - wind octet  
(*wind octets by Mozart and Beethoven*)

**Tickets available at the door**

Adults £5.00, Students £3.00  
Accompanied school children free

Refreshments served after the concert

