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SETTING OUT

On the week of my ordination, a cartoon from Dave Walker appeared in the Church Times. It featured a picture of a deacon setting out chairs in a church alongside the following message: 'the ordinands have toiled at their books for many years, they have prepared their recently purchased vestments, they have received a blessing from the Bishop and now, at last they are fully qualified to serve the church!' A wry cartoon about the often mundane daily tasks that make up being a deacon. And yet, as I knelt before Bishop Nigel at my service of ordination, he prayed that I might be holy, disciplined and sincere, that my words be truth and that my life might shine with the glory of Jesus. Quite a task to live up to! It is this tension between the holy and the mundane, the inspiration and the toil, the vision of what we are to become and the knowledge of what we are now, that makes up ordained life in the church. What an exciting journey to begin.....

Despite growing up in the Church of England,, my four years as a student of Divinity at New College in Edinburgh were spent as a Scottish Episcopalian. It was also during this time that Laura and I were married, and Laura was baptised at Old St. Paul's, Edinburgh. And so, when I was recommended for ordination training through my home Diocese of Salisbury, we felt a strong call to return to the Scottish Episcopal Church for curacy and beyond.

Two years ordination training at Ripon College Cuddesdon in Oxford followed, with a placement in the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles in between. When Bishop Nigel contacted me with the opportunity of a curacy in the Diocese of Brechin, we were very excited at the prospect of returning to Scotland and the SEC.

St. Paul's Cathedral will no doubt be a wonderful place to serve my curacy and begin my ordained ministry in the SEC, there are certainly many who have gone before me I can look to for inspiration. If I can but manage to emulate even a fraction of the holiness, discipline and sincerity of another young man who studied at Edinburgh and Oxford before making his way up to Dundee, Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes, then I cannot go far wrong in my role as deacon. Now, I must finish setting out those chairs.....

Rev Felix Smith, Chaplain
St Paul's Cathedral



From the Bishop's September Diary

1	Inverbervie and Montrose	14	St Salvador's Church, Dundee
2	GSO Edinburgh	15	St Paul's Cathedral Confirmation
3-4	College of Bishops, Edinburgh	16-18	Church of England and Celtic Bishops, Oxford
5	Cathedral Chapter	21	Ordination, St Paul's Cathedral
6	Carnoustie and Monifieth	22	St Ninian's, Dundee
9	Dundee University Chaplaincy Vacancy Meeting, Monifieth	23	Faith and Order, Edinburgh Mission and Ministry, Dundee
11	Courier Meeting, Dundee	24	Clergy Study Day
12	Vocations Meeting	25-27	Mission to Seafarers, London
14	Year of Faith Event, Aberdeen	29	St Mary's Broughty Ferry

Companion Dioceses Celebration Synod

**With the Bishops of
Brechin, Iowa and Swaziland
Saturday, 19 October 2013**

**Commences 10 am
Chaplaincy Centre, University of Dundee
Eucharist followed by coffee.
Morning session until 1 pm**

Please bring your own lunch.

**Afternoon session adjourns at 3.30pm
where we will make our way to
St Paul's Cathedral for Evensong
at 4pm.
Evening concludes with bubbly
and nibbles.**

Preacher: The Very Rev Dr Francis Bridger

***This service includes the installation of
two new Honorary Canons***

Peace Events

7 Sept— Faslane Service of Witness

12 noon. North Gate, Faslane Trident Base.
The Rt Rev Joseph Toal, Bishop of Argyll and
the Isles will lead the prayers and messages
from various churches. All welcome.

17 Sept at 7.30pm

St Andrew's Rectory, 9 Castle Street, Brechin
John Dear, American Jesuit and long
campaigner for peace. He will also be at
Dundee University Chaplaincy on **18 Sept at
7pm**

**22 Sept at 2pm—International Peace
Day**—Vigil Service at the peace pole in the
grounds of Brechin Cathedral

Tayside Organists' Society 2013/2014 Season

**Talk by Claire Garabedian
"Communication
Rhetoric-Strings-Organs"**

St John the Baptist, Albert St, Dundee
28th October at 7.30pm

QuizAid Event Friday, 20 September at 8pm Invergowrie Inn

**All Souls', Invergowrie
invite you to get a team together
and join them at the Invergowrie Inn to be
part of a national Christian Aid
fundraising event.
Teams of up to 4 members
£5 per individual or
£16 per team of 4.**

Youth Action Group Event (for young people S1-S6/18 years)

St Drostan's Tarfside

10am, 16 Oct— 4pm, 17 Oct

**An overnight stay to explore this
beautiful place, talk, eat, worship and have
fun together in a very relaxed way.**

Event is FREE but places are limited.

Transport is NOT provided.

**For further details and to book
(by 1st October) please contact:-**

Mrs Mairi Cuthbert

Diocesan Youth Group Convenor

Telephone: 01241 873392 or

Email: mairicuthbert@gmail.com

*Please note that adults organising the event have
CRB disclosure as per Church policy*

St Salvador's

**invite you to celebrate
Holy Cross Day**

Saturday, 14 September at 7pm

**Customary ceremonies and this year's focus
will be mainly on the work the congregation
is doing amongst the city's underprivileged.**

**Music will be provided by Tayside's leading
Renaissance music group**

CANTIONES SACRAE

A reception will follow after the service.

ALL WELCOME

St Andrew's Annual Coffee Morning and Sale Saturday, 5 October 2013

City Hall, Brechin

10am—12.30pm

Admission £1.50

Includes coffee and biscuits

Enough Food for 40 days—Cookbook Is Brechin Diocese up for the challenge?

The SEC together with Christian Aid will be
publishing a Cookbook in time for Lent 2014 and is
asking it's members for recipes.

Criteria for recipes:-

- Ingredients cost from £2-£5
- To feed 1-6 people or a whole congregation
- Locally sourced ingredients and where possible a fair trade source

Deadline 30 November 2013

Recipes should be sent to:-

churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org or
General Synod Office,

21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE