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LAUNCH OF CENTRE OF MISSION

At St Luke's, Downfield at 3pm on Saturday, 6 September sees the launch of the Diocese's new Centre of Mission, an event that will also include the ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend Kerry Dixon as Priest Missioner and Priest-in-Charge of St Luke's and the licensing of Church Army evangelist Captain Craig Dowling to which all are invited. This exciting new programme is a partnership between St Luke's, Dundee, the Diocese of Brechin, Church Army, the Scottish Episcopal Church and international development agency Signpost International.

The seeds of this venture were sown through Bishop Nigel's recognition that the Church is living through an era of significant change as Scotland is increasingly seen as a 'post-Christian' society. With this comes a renewed need for the Church to be working beyond church buildings, church culture and church structures in order to minister to those who have little or no significant history or links with the Church and also for the Church to explore fresh ways of being an innovative, relevant and appropriate expression of Christian community. The new Centre will have three key objectives:

- To reshape mission and ministry at St Luke's, Dundee**
- To develop a fresh expression ministry at St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee**
- To grow new expressions of Christian community, inspiring mission and evangelism within the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

Pioneer evangelist Craig Dowling, his wife Georgie and their son Noah will be living in the St Luke's Rectory, having moved to Dundee from Plumstead in south London over the summer. "My job was to search out appropriate ways of doing church for people who do not like church," says Craig of his previous role, "I pioneered a project called 'The Hope Stop Project' and this included a Wednesday lunch session, a Friday drop-in and a Sunday service, with a lot of individual contact during the rest of the week." "The activities attracted mainly addicted homeless people," explains Craig, "but they found they were able to explore and even connect with God through Hope Stop." "We are really excited to be coming to Dundee, and seeing what happens here!"



The Celebration of a New Ministry



St Mary's and St Peter's, Montrose and St David's, Inverbervie are celebrating the Institution of The Reverend Samantha Ferguson as Rector of Montrose and Inverbervie by Bishop Nigel on Thursday, 4 September 2014 at 7pm. Refreshments will follow at the Links Hotel to which all are invited.

Born in Dartford but growing up in Guernsey, Samantha together with former RAF engineer husband Scott and daughter are looking forward to her new role. "I am excited at the prospect of being fully involved within the life of two communities, in Montrose and Inverbervie—it's a privilege to be called to serve here."

Since 2011 Samantha has been Priest-in-Charge of St Ninian's, Aberdeen and Honorary Chaplain at Aberdeen University. Ordained in 2008, she trained for the ministry with the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church and has a Master of Theology degree from St Andrews University. In her spare time Samantha enjoys crafting, swimming and walking her two dogs.

BOOKSWALKFOOD

On June 29th 2014 some staff from the Dundee Library Service and others walked a 19 mile route following a new literary map for Dundee. This map was created by Central Library staff to show locations across the city which have connections with authors (living and dead) or literary characters and the walkers stopped at each place marked to take photographs to document their progress.



The sponsorship money raised from this walk (about £1100) was designated for the St Salvador's Food Cupboard ministry and a collection of food items took place in each library throughout June which resulted in 56 boxes of goods being delivered to the church.

Over the coming weeks these items will be put into the bags that go out on a Sunday afternoon.

Our thanks go to all the library staff involved in the BooksWalkFood sponsored walk and all those who supported it with money and goods.

Katie Clapson

International Peace Sunday Vigil Service

Sunday, 21 September 2014 2-2.20pm

**Peace Pole in the grounds of Brechin Cathedral
All welcome**

Further details from David Mumford 01356 622708

Diocese of Swaziland Annual Youth Conference 2014

The Diocese of Swaziland's Annual Youth Conference will be held from 11th - 15th December 2014 and as a Companion Link Diocese we have been invited to participate along with the Diocese of Iowa. I appreciate that it is not an ideal time of year for us but it is timed to be held during the long summer holiday in Swaziland.

I would be pleased to hear from any young adults in our diocese (age range approx. 20 - 30 years) who might be interested in applying to attend. At least one 'responsible adult' would travel with the group. Because of the situation in Swaziland, it has been decided not to open this to younger participants.

During the visit, we would join with a larger group from our Companion Diocese of Iowa and stay, along with them, in the diocesan conference and residential centre at Thokosa. We would travel around with the Iowa group in a hired minibus with a driver.

The plan is that the group would arrive in Swaziland on 9th or 10th December 2014 attend the conference daily from 10th - 15th December 2014 and then spend a further 4 - 5 days visiting parishes around the diocese with the Iowans, leaving to return home on 20th December 2014

It is hoped to be able to find some funding support but there will be some cost implication for participants. I cannot provide detailed costs at present.

The group would fly from Scotland to Jo'burg, where they would join the Iowans and then be driven from Jo'burg across the border into Swaziland.

Anyone who is interested should contact me, in the first instance at the email address below. I appreciate that the timing is quite tight but detailed conference information is only now emerging.

I would hope to travel with the group and have been to Swaziland several times now: it isn't a particularly difficult journey and driving from Jo'burg would cut out one flight which, in turn, would save on travel costs.

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Bishop Nigel's Diary can be viewed on the website www.dioceseofbrechin.org

Tayside Organist Society
present an organ recital given by
David Hamilton
of the University of Strathclyde
Monday, 8 September at 7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene Church, Dundee.

*One of the pieces will be Vierne's
4th Symphony which was written at the
beginning of the First World War and is
reflected in the sombreness of the opening
bars.*

**Women's Retreat at St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside
Friday, 12 September—Sunday, 14 September 2014**

Two spaces available

For further details contact: Reverend Jane Nelson

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Telephone 01569 730967

**Holy Cross Service
St Salvador's Church
Sunday, 14 September at 11am**

**Solemn Mass and Procession
with Tayside's leading
Renaissance Choral Group**

**Cantiones Sacrae
who will sing the setting of the Mass
and lead our praises.
All welcome.**

**St Martin's Prize Bingo
Wednesday, 24th September 2014**

Admission 50p

**includes Tea/Coffee & Refreshments plus
Free Raffle**