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A STRATEGIC NEW YEAR 2013

The coming year is going to be challenging. Quite a lot has been achieved during my first full year as Bishop during which I have spent a lot of time understanding people and places and their stories. I believe that we are now at what the New Testament calls a *kairos* moment – we have a strategic window to move our diocese forward. Each priest and every congregation needs an intentional strategy for growing in faith, numbers and community reach. We have to move from maintenance to mission mode which will mean some changes and so I hope that you are with me for the journey.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Just before Christmas our new Diocese of Brechin website was launched. Do visit it on www.brechin.anglican.org We hope you like it! Our professional website designer is Justin Reynolds in Edinburgh assisted by hours of careful voluntary work by Karen Willey from St Mary's Arbroath to whom much gratitude. What you can see is Phase One and yes, corrections will be made as soon as you tell us what details are not quite right about your church etc.

Phase Two will follow later in the Spring, once we have road tested the initial offering – so please tell us what you think, there is an email facility on the comments heading on site to contact us. We would appreciate news, stories, photos, forthcoming events to feed into the various web pages – send to office@brechin.anglican.org

NEW BISHOPS PA & SECRETARY

Mrs Jacqueline Milton starts as my new PA on Monday 7 January and I know that members of the diocese will give her a warm welcome. She comes to us from a strong administrative background, most recently with the Scottish Social Services Council in Dundee. Jacqueline is married with family and wide range of interests; she is a volunteer therapist at Roxburgh House. Her core hours will be Mon-Fri 9.30am – 1.00pm.

NEW DEAN INSTALLATION

The Rev Dr Francis Bridger will be Installed as Dean of Brechin at 6.30pm on Sunday 13 January in St Paul's Cathedral Dundee. The whole diocesan family is invited for this important occasion in our common life. The guest preacher is the Very Rev Susan Macdonald, Dean of Edinburgh.

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Thank you to everyone who has made my life as Bishop's Secretary a happy and fulfilling one.

Jean

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month. Please send news to: office@brechin.anglican.org

JANUARY MEETINGS

10th Mission and Ministry Board at 6pm, Diocesan Office. 15th Administration Board at 6pm, Diocesan Office.

NEWS IN BRIEF

26th January, 2013

Godly play - Discovery Day - St. Ternan's Church, Muchalls

At the request of the Rev. Angela Hughes, **Godly Play Scotland** has been pleased to put in place several workshops over the past year or so, introducing Godly Play method, aimed mainly at children's workers, but open to anyone interested in finding out a bit about this very different way of exploring the Bible and our Christian traditions of worship.

The latest in this series of workshop days is to be held at St. Ternan's, starting with coffee at 10.30am, the workshop beginning at 10.45am. Lunch is included in the cost of £15 per person (pay on the day) and the event will finish at 3.30pm. More details may be had at: 07957-885930 or e-mail:

admin@godlyplayscotland.co.uk

Annalu's Inaugural Lecture

"Who's Voice Is It Anyway?"

Is the theme for Annalu Waller's Inaugural Lecture, as Professor of Human Communication Technologies, taking place on **11th January at 10am** at the **University of Dundee**.

You can register on line at:

<http://www.dundee-reunited.com/sslpage.aspx?pid=2364>

Please come and support Annalu's inauguration.



The 'Write for Rights' Session

Invergowrie Inn, Saturday 8th December 2012. Nine of us wrote 52 Christmas cards to a variety of prisoners of conscience, death row prisoners, and human rights workers in different parts of the world.

We also sent a number of appeal letters to ambassadors and governments on their behalf, drank coffee and ate mince pies, and even had £15 or so left over after postage for the Invergowrie Churches Christmas Appeal!

Thanks to the members of both Invergowrie Churches who took part, and to our hosts at the Invergowrie Inn.

St. Drostan's Lodge on Facebook

In an effort to move with the times and engage those who are used to using 'social media' we have set up a "St. Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside"

Facebook page which has latest available dates for 2013, photographs and other useful information. I would invite any Facebook users to visit and, if possible, "like" the page.

If you are not on Facebook, type the following URL into your web browser:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Drostan-Lodge-Tarfside/344467962319234>

You will see our page, which will also have an invitation to sign up. If you do not wish to sign up, this panel can be closed and you will see the full page. For those not on Facebook, we share a website with St. Andrew's, Brechin - open this and click on the St. Drostan's sidebar to see the St. Drostan's information: www.episcopalbrechin.org.

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