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From the Bishop's Desk

APRIL

- 1st Cathedral, Chrism Mass. 11am.
and Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper at 7.30pm.
- 2nd Cathedral, Good Friday. Stations of the Cross, 1pm. Liturgy for Good Friday, 2pm.
- 3rd The Great Vigil of Easter. 11pm.
- 4th Cathedral, Easter Sunday. 11am.
- 11th St. Mary the Virgin, Arbroath. 11am.
- 12th Bishops' Residential, Kinnoull
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- 18th Bishop's Day at Holy Rood, Carnoustie. 11am.
- 20th CMD Day, Edzell.
- 21st Edinburgh. Mission and Ministry Board meeting.
- 23rd Consecration of the Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, the Very Rev. Dr. Gregor Duncan. 6.30pm.
- 29th Business Meeting. 9.30am.

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PLEASE NOTE

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL'S EVENING SERVICES WILL NOW COMMENCE AT 6.30PM

(Change is due to parking restrictions)

Unholy Times

At the point you read this Holy Week may be upon us, and our thoughts turn to the events in Jerusalem on that first week that led to Good Friday and all its horrors.

The New Testament does not shrink from the events of Jesus' last days - or what happened on the rubbish tip outside the city. It is a story of hatred, betrayal, unholy conflict, terror, and grief all around.

Would that we could say today that all that is behind us and that Jerusalem is a city at peace. As I write this, I have just heard on the news that the Israeli government is planning to build yet more settlements on the eastern side of Jerusalem. This is, in fact, a mainly Muslim quarter, and already street skirmishes are taking place.

The continuing conflicts between the Palestinians and the Israelis seem to have no end in sight as the Israelis take violent action in throwing Palestinians out of their homes, in preparation for the bulldozer. Without a place of their own, and with the march of Israel's claims that it has deeper historical ties to the land, it does seem impossible for the Palestinians to have a voice.

Most of this is not news to us, and we can even get bored when the television reveals yet more destruction of the city and its surrounding Palestinian areas.

It may seem pointless to say 'pray' - especially at a time when so many Christian ceremonies will be going on in the streets as pilgrims make their way to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

But pray we must for the 'peace of Jerusalem', for this is a conflict at its heart cruel and ruthless, that could still lead to greater escalation, while the voices of peace and calm (which there are) are swamped by the unholy rattle of machine-gun fire, and the rumble of tanks and bulldozers.

- Bishop JOHN

MORE SATURDAY CONCERTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

1st May	1pm	Tayside Opera	Choral
15th May	3pm	Jeanne You	Piano
29th May	1pm	Matthew MacAllister	Guitar
12th June	1pm	Aine Balfe Daniel Dunne Derek Moylan	Flute Saxophone Piano
26th June	1pm	Hillfoot Singers	Barbershop vocal ensemble

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

April Meeting

29th Business Meeting. 9.30am

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee

Lunchtime Concerts - Saturdays at 1pm.

Adults £3, Children £2 (available at the door)

17th Joseph Sloan - Piano. Currently studying at the Guild Hall in London, we welcome Joseph back to play in his home city. ALSO:

21st (Wednesday) The Scottish Ensemble. 7.30pm.

St. Margaret, Dundee

6th Bingo in the Parish Room. 2pm.

Holy Trinity, Monifieth

20th Special Concert, given by the Carnoustie Choir, in aid of **Holy Trinity's Swaziland Project**.

The concert will take place at **St. Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry**, at 7.30pm.

Admission by donation.

Holy Rood, Carnoustie

3rd Book Sale and Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, from 10am. Adults £1, Children 50p.

St. Mary Magdalene, Dundee

10th Book Sales restart on the 10th and every Saturday throughout the summer from 10am to 1pm. A large selection of second-hand books, most of which are less than £1. Novels, non-fiction, crime, thrillers, biographies, children, travel and reference - you name it, we probably have it! Come and see.

St. John the Baptist, Dundee

28th March - The Cross of Christ - a service of Music and Readings. All Welcome. 4pm.

St. Mary, Broughty Ferry

2nd Good Friday. The Great Hot Cross Bun Giveaway! Buns for everyone. 10am.

12-3pm Three Hours' service (in half-hour sections). 6pm - Prayers at the Cross.

GENERAL ELECTION RESOURCES

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), have issued material to help churches and Christians in general, to prepare for the election. These materials do not support a 'Church' view or party line, but aim to help Christians engage with a range of important issues facing our country, however they may decide to vote.

SEC's Church in Society Committee and the Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Office, both request that this information be circulated as widely as possible and suggest that congregations be encouraged to engage with the issues, and hold hustings.

The resources can be accessed on the following websites:

www.ctbi.org/uk/generalelection
and www.churcheselection.org.uk

'Faith in Politics' and 'Planning a Hustings Meeting' are the two main downloads and are available now. The hustings registration system will be operational soon.

Mary Gandy, e-mail: Mary.Gandy@ctbi.org.uk asks you to send any links to add from your church/organisation or elsewhere, if relevant to what churches are saying on election issues.

THE SWAZI QUILT

The Diocese has a wonderful example of our link with Swaziland: **it is a quilt**.

On one of her trips to Swaziland, Pat Millar got the children of St. Augustine's to make drawings, on white cotton fabric, using special fabric crayons. Pat brought these back and made them into a colourful quilt which she intends will go back to St. Augustine's to be used as a wall hanging in the new school - when it is built. To accompany the quilt, Pat has also created some PowerPoint presentations. She is happy to give a presentation to congregations or other church groups on "local community projects in the Diocese of Swaziland". Pat can be contacted at: pamillar@tiscali.co.uk.

St. Mary, Broughty Ferry (continued)

3rd Easter Vigil and Service of Light, Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Followed by champagne! 7.30pm.

4th Dawn Eucharist of the Resurrection. Followed by breakfast in the hall! 8.30am. 11am - Easter Celebration of the Resurrection. Followed by Easter Egg Hunt!

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS

1) **The Domestic Abuse Strategy in Scotland:** 10 years on, What's been achieved? What's still to be done? A one-day conference on **28th April, 2010** at the King James Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh. Registration 9-10am. Contact 'Jane' at **01315-561500** for more information.

2) **Restoring and Repairing Relationships in Schools - tackling bullying and conflict.** One day Conference **29th April, 2010**. For more information contact Gail on **01315-561500** or visit website: www.mackayhanna.com

3) **SRT @ 40 - A conference marking 40 years of the Society, Religion and Technology Project.** Conference to be held on **1st May, 2010** from 10am to 4pm at City Chambers, Edinburgh. Registration £10/£5 concession (lunch and refreshments included). Topics include: *Ethical Issues at the Beginning and End of Life, A Renewed Role for Nuclear Power in the UK and Technology, e-Government and the Citizen*. For more information and to book contact: Murdo Macdonald at e-mail address: mmacdonald@coscotland.org

4) **Annual Conference of the Association of Pastoral Supervisors & Education (APSE).** To be held on **24th June, 2010** at Nottingham Gateway Hotel. Closing date for booking is 31st May, 2010. Robin Shohet, co-author of *Supervision in the Helping Professions*, will give the keynote address and Michael Paterson (SEC Priest and Chaplain, St. Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh) will launch *Pastoral Supervision: A Handbook*. Further details may be obtained from Michael Paterson at: m spaterson@stcolumbahospice.org.uk The website of the Association is: www.pastoralsupervision.org.uk

5) **Visions for the Future - International Theological Summer School.** To be held at Scottish Churches House, Dunblane, Scotland from **26th June** to the **9th July, 2010**. Applications to participate in the Summer School should be accompanied by a 250-word introductory letter which states your reasons for wishing to attend. Please also include a brief curriculum vitae. Cost is £995 which includes full board, bed and breakfast on Iona, excursions and museums. Accommodation: single rooms and there is full disability access. A booking fee of £50 is payable to reserve a place (non-refundable able 28th May). Balance due by 14th June. (Cheques to be made payable to Scottish Churches House.) Some scholarships will be available to cover all or part of the Summer School costs. Requests for scholarships should be accompanied by a letter explaining your circumstances. For more information contact any of the following:

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C) Elizabeth Templeton: 01796-482232, templeton.e@btinternet.com

B) Alastair Hulbert: 01313-320008, mail@alastairhulbert.com

D) Scottish Churches House, 1 Kirk Street, Dunblane. FK 15 0AJ or Website: www.scottishchurcheshouse.org