

# Brechin Bulletin

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## NAILS OF HOPE

As Bishop I am very conscious that our diocesan coat of arms features in purple the Three Nails of the Cross against a gold background. In many ways the simple, bold design sums up the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Three nails that pierce Christ's body but which also signify how as Christians we nail our place, our incarnation, into the very soil and the communities that make up Brechin Diocese. A golden shield, signifying resurrection sunrise on the eastern seaboard of Scotland proclaiming that death is not the last word, for Christ is risen from the dead alleluia! We are a people of nails that build hope.

One of my favourite prayers in Holy Week and Easter comes at the very end, in the evening of Easter Day. The long journey we began back on Ash Wednesday - weaving our disciples' way through Lent, pausing to enjoy Mothering Sunday before entering Passiontide and the Palm Sunday procession into the drama of Jerusalem, the poignancy of Maundy Thursday, the dark terror of Good Friday and the waiting of Holy Saturday – the long journey finally stops. We rest, exhausted but joyful.

***O Lord, who by triumphing over the power of darkness prepared our way in the new Jerusalem: grant that we, who have this day given thanks for your resurrection, may praise you in the city where you are the light; for there with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.***

Following our Diocesan Synod in Dundee during March a number of improvements have been logged for next time – mostly aimed at more varied and better facilitated participation. It was a good morning and we finished early but I recognise that it could have been an even better occasion.

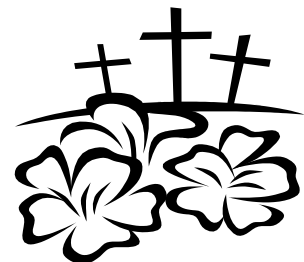
Our new Youth Co-ordinator, Mairi Cuthbert and colleagues are hoping to organise some occasions for young people in the diocese later this year. I am very keen to network our youngsters with each other across the churches and for them to have a relationship with their Bishop. So watch this space!

With Easter Blessings

## FROM THE BISHOP'S APRIL DIARY

- 1 Palm Sunday. St. Mary, Broughty Ferry
- 3 Compline and address, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee
- 5 Chrism Mass, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee
- 6 Good Friday, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee
- 6 Mid-lin Day Care Centre
- 8 Easter Sunday, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee
- 16 Holy Rood Rectory
- 16 St. Luke Rectory
- 17 St. Margaret's Home Trustees
- 17 St. Paul's Cathedral Vestry
- 18 St. Ternan Vestry Muchalls.
- 22 St. Ninian, Kingsway East
- 24 Clergy Study Day, Edzell
- 24 All Souls Vestry Meeting, Invergowrie
- 25 All Souls Mid-week service, Invergowrie
- 26 Amity Ethical Investment Panel, London
- 29 All Souls, Invergowrie
- 30 Lancaster University

**9-14 Bishop on leave**



### APRIL MEETINGS

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

[office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)

24 Clergy Study Day at Glenesk Hotel, Edzell. 10am– 2pm.

'Missional Leadership' with the Venerable Peter Hill, Archdeacon of Nottingham **Clergy please notify the office of attendance.**

## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

### St. Salvador, Dundee

1st Palm Sunday: Masses at 9 and 11am. Evensong and Benediction at 5pm.

2nd Monday in Holy Week: Mass at 7pm.

3rd Tuesday in Holy Week: Mass at 7pm.

4th Wednesday in Holy Week: Mass at 10am, Tenebrae at 7pm.

5th Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm.

6th Good Friday: Mattins at 9am, Liturgy at 3pm, Stations at 7pm.

7th Holy Saturday: Mattins at 9am, Easter Vigil at 9pm.

8th Sunday: Easter Day: Masses at 9am and 11am.

### St. Martin, Dundee

25th 2pm. Prize Bingo in the Church Hall. All welcome.

## DUNDEE PASSION PLAY

A Passion Play in the gardens of the University Botanic Garden, Riverside Drive, Dundee

On Palm Sunday at 3pm

Adults £3, children free

## IOWA AND BRECHIN BISHOPS



## RESURRECTION DAY

8 APRIL, 2012 AT 6.30PM

IN THE CAIRD HALL, DUNDEE

ADMISSION FREE

Join with two thousand from across Dundee on Easter Sunday in this free event proclaiming the risen Christ. Resurrection Day is a dynamic event that will both inspire and challenge you. The programme will include congregational singing and worship, audio visual presentations, Bible readings and Guest Speaker, Allan McWilliam who is also the Chairman of 'Clan Gathering', the largest Christian Conference in Scotland.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Captain **Kerry Dixon** was licensed as a Church Army Evangelist in the Diocese on 11 March. Kerry and Fiona Dixon lead 'Signpost International', a long-established Christian project based in Dundee.

Following the recent Synod, our new Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator is **Mrs. Mairi Cuthbert** in Arbroath. We thank Steven Cassells for his efforts in the role these past four years. Mairi can be contacted at Arbroath Rectory 01241 873392 mairicuthbert@gmail.com

The role of Bishop's Personnel Officer has lapsed and we thank **Ms Sheila Galbraith** for her HR advice during Bishop John's time. The Scottish Episcopal Church Personnel Committee is developing fresh resources to guide us with best employment practice.

## SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH YOUTH WEEKS

### GLEN '12

### At Glenalmond College, Perthshire

Week 1: Sunday, 29 July—Saturday 4 August

Week 2: Sunday 5 August—Saturday 11 August

Do something different this summer! Come and join the fun!

The Youth Weeks are open to anyone in secondary education (you must have completed at least 1st year) up to 18 years old.

For more information about **Glen '12**, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer or The Revd. Tembu Rongong, Provincial Youth Committee, General Synod Office, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 5EE or e-mail: [rector@stphilipsandstjames.org.uk](mailto:rector@stphilipsandstjames.org.uk)

Download the application form from:

[http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/youth\\_committee](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/youth_committee)

Cost is subsidised by SEC. Contributions £120/£95.

Completed applications and payments to be returned by 4 June

## KONEVETS QUARTET

Performing at St. Salvador's Church, Carnegie St., Dundee

On Thursday, 19th April at 7pm

£6 donation at the door

Funds raised go towards the group, the Konevets Monastery in Russia, and a portion to St. Salvador's expenses in hosting the concert

The Konevets Monastery is 160 kilometres northeast of St. Petersburg, on Lake Ladoga

The Quartet was founded in 1992 by four young musicians from the St. Petersburg Conservatory. They will be performing Russian Sacred and Folk Music.

All welcome