



Brechin Bulletin

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Advent Preparations for Christmas

Advent is a season of expectation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ in his incarnation, and also reflects upon God's judgement and the Last Things. Amidst all the commercial pressures our services point us weekly towards Christmas. In our part of the world the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work in our readings and liturgies. The northern European custom of lighting of candles on an advent wreath has taken root here in our churches and homes.

There is an Advent prayer which says: 'Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost.' Having returned from recent visits to our Companion Dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland I am struck by our contrasts as we approach Christmas. Archbishop Thabo described newly consecrated Bishop Ellinah as 'little Swaziland's great gift to the Southern African Province.' In a beautiful country with huge problems many impoverished and sick children and adults do not know where their next meal is coming from let alone the Christmas presents which we can sometimes take for granted in the USA and Scotland. With Pat Millar, Anne and I visited a number of projects where our support is really valued and we need to redouble our efforts in 2013 when I am hopeful that Bishop Ellinah (pronounced as in 'redeemer') will visit us.

Jean Kelty

Jean retires as Bishop's Secretary at the end of December. She has served the diocese for 5.5 years having started with Bishop John Mantle in June 2007. She is looking forward to her 70th Birthday visiting family in the Bahamas in January. Jean has been a great support during my first year as Bishop, rising to new challenges quickly. In particular Jean has a gift in promoting our cause with organisations beyond the Church. The clergy will be saying thank you to Jean at their Christmas Party at Bishop's House and the Administration Board are hosting a lunch for her in the New Year.

Following recent interviews Jacqueline Milton has been appointed as Bishop's Personal Assistant & Secretary and starts on 7 January. She joins us from the Scottish Social Services Council in Dundee.

FROM THE BISHOP'S DECEMBER DIARY

- 2 Joint Service at St. Martin's. Advent Carols, Cathedral.
- 3 Montrose Vestry meeting.
- 4 Advent Clergy Day at Abertay University.
- 6 Tayside NHS Christmas Concert, Caird Hall, Dundee.
- 9 St. Luke's Church, Dundee. University of Dundee Carols, St. Paul's Cathedral
- 10 Lancaster University.
- 12 St. Mary and St. Peter, Montrose.
- 14 Lathallan School Carol Service, Montrose.
- 15 Clergy Christmas Party.
- 16 St. David, Inverbervie and St. Mary and St. Peter, Montrose.
- 17 I & C Board meeting, Edinburgh.
- 21 Christingle, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.
- 23 Cathedral Carol Service, Dundee.
- 24 Midnight Mass, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee.
- 25 Christmas Day Service, Cathedral, Dundee.

**BISHOP NIGEL WILL BE ON
LEAVE UNTIL 6TH JANUARY
2013**



+ Nigel

BULLETIN DEADLINE

16th of each month.

Please send news to:

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DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS

There are no meetings in December

10th January: Mission and Ministry Board

15th January: Administration Board

NEWS IN BRIEF

St. Ninian, Dundee

6th Carol and Christingle Service led by the **Girls' Brigade** performing the musical "**HOSANNA ROCK**". Light your Christingle and we will finish by lighting our community Christmas Tree. 6pm.

St. Margaret, Dundee

7th Evening Bingo-Doors open 7pm-Eyes down 7.30.

St. Martin, Dundee

24th Christmas Eve Service. 7.15pm. Carols and Eucharist for Christmas. Refreshments in hall following the service.

25th **No service.**

St. John the Baptist, Dundee

6th January, 2013: Epiphany Carol Service. 5pm.



St Andrew's Junior Choir

St. Andrew's, Brechin, launched its Junior Choir in August. Over 20 young people came along weekly on Mondays, after school, for rehearsals. Bernard Liddiard, St. Andrew's organist and an experienced choir master, led the sessions and was assisted by other members of the congregation.

The Junior Choir put on a successful concert to a full church on 19th October. Both the members (and their parents) want the choir to continue.

The next proposed project is a musical contribution to the Christingle service in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 23rd December. However, St. Andrew's does not have the musical resources to continue to support the choir effectively and so we are seeking the assistance of a musical director. Ideally this would be someone who enjoys working with children, who can help them develop their musical potential and who can organise a suitable repertoire.

There is also the opportunity to develop the instrumental skills of some of the young members. Since the age range of the members is 7 to 12 years, the range of repertoire would be fairly modest. The ability to play piano accompaniments would be helpful. Anyone who feels able to offer their services in this respect is asked to contact Father David Mumford (01356-622708) or Bernard Liddiard (01356-622966)

The Linked Charges of St John the Baptist, St Margaret & St Martin ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



**ST MARGARET'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL
CHURCH,**

17 ANCRUM ROAD, DUNDEE

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2012

AT 5PM

ALL WELCOME

www.stjohnthebaptistdundee.org

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Annalu's Inaugural Lecture

"Who's Voice Is It Anyway?"

Is the theme for Annalu's Inaugural lecture, as Professor of Human Communication Technologies, taking place on 11th January at 10am at the University of Dundee. There is no charge. Come along and let Annalu see some friendly faces in the audience. You can register on line at:

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

The University does its inaugurals differently to other universities—it has a Discovery Day when all the new professors deliver talks open to the public.

