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OUR NEW BISHOP ELECT The Ven. Dr. Nigel Peyton



WE'VE DONE IT!

We as a Diocese have, after what has seemed like a long process, elected the person who will become the 50th Bishop of Brechin. The Venerable Dr Nigel Peyton is currently the Archdeacon of Newark in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and therefore brings a wealth of experience of working very closely over the years with many bishops and of overseeing an archdeaconry of 180 churches. But Scotland and the Diocese of Brechin are already part of Nigel's life – he studied at Coates Hall in Edinburgh and was then ordained in St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee in 1976. During his nine years in this diocese, he served in a number of chaplaincy posts as well as at the Cathedral and All Souls', Invergowrie where he met his wife, Anne.

I asked Nigel today for his reaction to the result.

"I am honoured", he said, "to have been chosen and look forward to returning to serve in the diocese where my ministry began. We have many mission and ministry opportunities and challenges to look forward to. Under God I hope that we can be a creative, effective and happy diocese. Anne and I are looking forward to moving to Bishop's House and re-engaging with people and places that mean so much to our family life. My only regret is leaving Nottingham & Southwell Diocese not having seen Nottingham Forest promoted to the Premiership! Still you can't have everything, and the grandchildren are excited by the idea of flying to see us in Dundee. Please pray for me as I prepare for this new chapter in my ministry."

I am not sure at the time of writing exactly when the service of consecration will take place but imagine that it will be some time in the late summer. In the meantime, please do pray for Nigel and Anne as they set about the unenviable task of packing up and moving house; for Nigel as he continues the journey of discernment that has thus far brought him to this point and for the whole diocese that together we can move forward into a new and exciting chapter in our mission and ministry in this place.

But one of the things that I have been acutely aware of throughout this whole process is how draining the whole experience must be for the candidates and also how exposed and vulnerable they make themselves in submitting to the process. The Primus in his Electoral Synod homily said of the process "It was one of the most demanding experiences of my life - one from which I went away completely spent. It was an emptying, outpouring and kenotic experience." So do please keep Alison, Paul, Alwyn and David in your prayers too – we were extremely fortunate to have had 5 candidates of such high calibre prepared to offer themselves for ministry in this place and we should be very grateful for that.

I do believe that the Diocese of Brechin has been greatly blessed in this process and that we shall be greatly enriched by Nigel's ministry among us.

Jeremy Auld
Provost of St. Paul's Cathedral

PATHWAYS TO GROWTH

A day for CLERGY and LAITY across the Diocese to explore ways of walking the path together towards church growth.

Saturday 4th June, Chalmers Ardler Church, Turnberry Ave., Dundee. 10am-4pm

Coffee/Registration from 9.30am. Cost £7.50 includes buffet lunch and refreshments.

Forms available from Diocesan Secretary, Hilary Gibson:

hgibson45@btinternet.com

or

Telephone: 01382-641280

Please complete and return your form as soon as possible

ST. DROSTAN'S PILGRIMAGE

The Annual St. Drostan's Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 10th July, 2011.

- 1pm Picnic lunch at St. Drostan's, Tarfside. *(Bring your own food, hot drinks will be supplied.)*
 - 2pm Pilgrimage to cross stone and old church.
 - 3.30pm Eucharist.
 - 4.15pm Tea.
 - 5pm Evening Prayer.
- All Welcome*

JUNE MEETINGS

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

- 1 5.00pm. Cathedral Chapter at St. Ninian.
- 1 7.30pm. Pre-Synod at St. Ninian.
- 9-11 General Synod.
- 15 7.30pm. Post-Synod at St. Ninian.
- 28 9.30am. CMD Day at Edzell.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUNE

St. Martin, Dundee.

28th May 10am-4pm. Bookstall, Murraygate, Dundee. Good selection of second-hand books etc.

St. Salvador, Dundee

4th 7.30pm. Dundee Strathspey and Reel Society in Concert in the Church. Tickets £6 (concession £5) available at the door, from church members or Dundee City Box Office (01382-434940).

16th 7.00pm-8.45pm. Jumble Sale in the Church Hall.

St. Mary and St. Peter, Montrose

26th Summer Picnic and Barbecue - see notice to the right.

Holy Trinity, Monifieth

2nd July 10am-12noon. Summer Fete. Usual stalls, tea and coffee. Adults £1.50, Children 50p.

ADULT PROTECTION IN SCOTLAND - EMERGING THEMES AND CHALLENGES

**A One-Day Conference, Friday, 17th June, 2011
at King James Thistle Hotel, Edinburgh**

Further details, including full agenda, delegate rates, booking forms and venue information can be found at website: www.mackayhannah.com or contact Gail Hannah at:

GSHannah@mackayhannah.com or telephone:01315-561500.

Speakers include:

Val de Souza, Association of Directors of Social Work
Sandra MacDonald, Office of the Public Guardian
Margaret Wells, Convenor of Angus Adult Protection Committee
Detective Sergeant Morag Bruce, Public Protection Unit (Lothian)
Euan Page, Parliamentary and Government Affairs Manager
Equalities and Human Rights Commission

'Journey into Healing Day' at the Bield Saturday 4th June, 2011

You are invited to attend to explore any issue you are concerned about, such as...

- a relationship that is confusing or difficult
- a decision that needs to be made
- struggles with work, church, or God
- a dream that wants more clarity
- or any disturbing or confusing niggles

Experienced facilitators will enable you to explore in small groups

Start: 10.30 a.m. with coffee

Finish around 4 pm £30.00 for the day

*To book in for this day please contact Muriel on
01738 583238 Tues - Fri 9am-4pm*

Or email: info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

"ARE WE ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE?"

James Gregory Lectures Series: Professor Katherine Blundell

Thursday, 2nd June at 5.15pm

Physics Lecture Theatre, North Haugh, St. Andrews

Followed by a Reception until 7pm

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES

THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2011

St. Clement Danes, The Strand, London.

"May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry"

Psalms 88:2

Please pray with us on the day

www.pray4ourforces.org.uk

dayofprayerscd@yahoo.co.uk

The kids of The Sunday School of The Church of St. Mary & St. Peter, Montrose

invite you all to a

Summer Picnic & Barbecue

to be held at Dunninald Castle
on Sunday 26th June at 2.00 pm

Come along and meet other members of the Diocese and join us in a fun day out. Bouncy Castle, Games, Competitions Etc.

Burgers provided & Bring your own Picnic.

Both Adults & Children most welcome

LAPTOPS WANTED

Do you have a laptop that is in good working condition? Can you help orphans in Tanzania to learn new skills to improve their lives?

Africa's Children—African's Future (AC-AF) is a non-governmental organisation which works with orphans and vulnerable children.

AC—FC is looking for donations of laptops which should be less than 5 years old, use a minimum of Windows XP and be in good (if not excellent) working condition. If you are interested in donating your laptop, or would like more information, please contact:

David Christie at: dave@ac-af.com

GARDEN COTTAGE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE KILGRASTON, BRIDGE OF EARN. PH2 9HN

This new series offers an opportunity to nurture your life for ministry, to affirm your experience, to share this with others and enrich your spiritual life in a safe, nurturing environment.

Thursdays: 2nd, 9th and 16th June. 2.30 - 5pm. £35 or £15 per session. Booking: adminorchard@btconnect.com.

Tel: 01738-813618. www.gardencottagespirituality.org.uk

THE BIELD AT BLACKRUTHVEN USING ART THERAPEUTICALLY

Exploring the use of art materials and the natural environment through themed experiences offered in a reflective atmosphere at The Bield.

10am Friday 7th - 4.30pm Sunday 9th October, 2011

Dabbling in paint and making marks on paper can be surprisingly liberating and even help us to find meaning and understanding. This course will be both fun and serious, gentle and demanding, even life changing. It will give a taste of what is planned for the full course 'Using Art Therapeutically' (UAT), which is due to start in late 2011 into 2012 and offering an in-depth UAT exploration of this approach which lends itself to many counselling/pastoral contexts as well as deepening personal experiences.

To secure a place a non-refundable Deposit of £25 is required. Total cost is £200 (residential) and £120 (non-residential). Make cheques payable to: The Bield Christian Co. Ltd. E-mail: info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk or Telephone: 01738-583238. The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibbermore, Perth. PH1 1PY