

Brechin Bulletin

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Jubilee

This month marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Whatever we may feel about the relevance of the British monarchy in the 21st century many people appreciate the Queen's diligent public duty over her 60 years on the throne. She undertakes countless engagements and remains a good advert for the nation and common values - as well as for active old age. Jubilee is certainly something to celebrate.

Here in Scotland the Royal Jubilee coincides with the crescendo of debate about Scottish independence. The Scottish Government is committed to a referendum in the near future which may herald an end to the Union of the Scottish and English Crowns in 1603 and Parliaments in 1707. Some politicians believe that it is inevitable though time will tell. The Union flag will certainly look rather different without the blue and white cross of St Andrew.

As the Queen, politicians and all of us who profess a faith understand, with privileges come responsibilities. And in Jewish-Christian circles 'Jubilee' has another meaning, that of an amnesty or moratorium, typically a time in which slaves would be freed and longstanding debts written off. In recent memory 'Jubilee 2000' was a progressive Christian movement which challenged the governments of the rich world to write off the un-payable debts of the global poor.

Interestingly in a recent Comres poll of over two thousand people, 79% supported the idea of a continuing religious role for the Queen and believed that she should remain Defender of the Faith. In an increasingly multicultural society this view is often supported by adherents of many different religions, looking to promote spiritual values as drivers for community cohesion. No matter what our personal circumstances or opinions, courtesy and kindness cost little and practical generosity towards each other is the glue which holds us together. Jubilee is a reminder of deeper relationships and sensitivities which endure down the years. Jubilee celebrates past achievements and provides hope into the future.

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FROM THE BISHOP'S JUNE DIARY

- 2 Stonehaven, 'Feein Market'
- 3 Holy Trinity, Monifieth
- 6-9 General Synod, Edinburgh
- 10 St. Ternan, Muchalls
10.30am
Cathedral Evensong 6pm
- 13-15 Diocesan Clergy Retreat,
St. Drostan's Lodge,
Tarfside
- 17 Holy Trinity, Monifieth 9am
Holy Rood, Carnoustie 11am
- 20-21 Gloucester. Ecclesiastical
Insurance AGM
- 22 Dalai Lama lecture. Caird
Hall, Dundee
- 24 St. John the Baptist, Dundee
- 26 Glasgow. Joint Meeting of
the Scottish Episcopal
and Roman Catholic Bishops
- 28-29 College of Bishops,
Edinburgh
- 29 Edinburgh. Information &
Communications Board

Diocesan Sunday School Picnic

In the grounds of St Mary & St
Peter, **Montrose**

At 2.00

Sunday, 24th June 2012

Lots of Fun and Games and a
Burger in a Bun

Contact Nancy Scott details

01674 673282 (Day)

01674 671208 (Evening)

Everyone Welcome

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

DIOCESAN MEETINGS

GENERAL SYNOD MEETS 7 - 9 JUNE IN EDINBURGH

Please pray for the Bishop and our Diocesan Members

NEWS IN BRIEF

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS RESUME AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AT 1PM

£4, £3 concession, £2 children

Coffee/tea served after each concert

9th June Hillfoot Harmony: Barbershop Chorus
23rd June Rachel Hynes: Soprano with Matthew Hynes, organ
St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

9th June 7.30pm - Dundee Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert with a programme of music by Mozart, Beethoven and Haydn.

St. Margaret, Lochee

8th June 7pm for 7.30pm. Big Prize Bingo - a great fundraising event and social evening - in the church hall.
26th June 2pm. Afternoon Bingo in the church hall.

St. Martin, Dundee

9th June 10.30am until 4pm. Murraygate Bookstall.

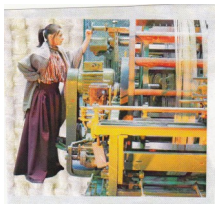
St. Ninian, Kingsway East

16th June 1-4pm. Summer Fete. Usual stalls. All welcome.

St. Andrew, Brechin

2nd June 10.30am - 3pm. Support the St. Andrew's stalls and bouncy castle at the **Brechin Pageant**, Park Place.
3rd June 12 noon onwards. **Big Jubilee Lunch** at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Brechin..
8th and 9th June Support the St. Andrew's stall at the **Angus Show**, Brechin.

The Bield at Blackruthven presents **Andy Lang** who has been leading pilgrimages to Ireland and Scotland for 6 years. Known as the 'Highlander', the 'Music Magician'. A song poet and ordained vicar, he has touched the hearts of his audiences. His instrument is the Celtic harp. The concert will take place on Saturday, 2nd June at 7.30pm in the Barn Gallery. Tickets £10 - are available at the door.



GRAND TEA PARTY Celebrating 500 years Dundee Weavers (1512 -2012)

In the Marryat Hall, Dundee

On Tuesday, 17th July

2-4pm (doors open 1pm)

This is an invitation to Afternoon Tea for...
'if it wisnae fae the weavers what would we be...'
Cost is £5.

Tickets from Mrs. Vivien Scott, 6 Abertay St.,
Broughty Ferry Dundee. DD5 2QG
Please make cheques payable to:
The Weaver Craft of Dundee

Woman's Retreat

"Living as God Wants Me to Live"

14-16th September at St. Drostan's Lodge
Tarfside

Leader: Carole Phelan

Cost £55. To book a place please contact Rev. Jane Nelson
4 St. Michaels Road, Newtonhill, Stonehaven. AB39 3RW
Phone: 01569-730967 or email: nelson.jane1@btinternet.com

"Variations"

**An exhibition of quilts and other textiles by Coastline
Quilters**

Friday and Saturday 8th and 9th June, 2012

at

Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, High Street,
Monifieth DD5 4AB

From 10am until 4pm

Entry £2, (includes refreshments). Proceeds to support the
local RNLI, Renal Unit of Ninewells Hospital and Holy Trinity
Church's Swaziland Projects

THE TAY, THE NILE & THE HYDRO NATION

"Water - our common resource: changing management and managing change"

This evening conference, will be held in the Dalhousie Building
of the University of Dundee on 6th June, 2012 from 6 to 8 pm.

For further details and to register please contact:

w.a.joss@hotmail.co.uk

www.oneworldcentredundee.org.uk www.dundee.ac.uk/water

Holy Trinity, Monifieth is looking for an enthusiastic organist to lead their worship on Sunday mornings. Experience in accompanying a congregation would be helpful, but if you are learning to play the organ this could be an opportunity for you to practise your skills. (The Diocese has a bursary scheme which could help with tuition fees.) If weekly services are too great a commitment, please tell us about the time that you do have available.

Please contact the Rev. Angela Hughes on 01241-852202

WANTED

BRECHIN SUCCESS STORIES

The Eco-Congregations materials are being re-written in
order to make them more user-friendly.

AND

The team of WRITERS would like to receive details of
successful "eco-congregations" projects undertaken by our
church communities.

Please send any success stories

To

Tricia Paton, either by email (triciapaton1@virginmedia.com)
or post (11 Whitefauld Road, Dundee. DD2 1RH), who will pass
them on to the Provincial Church in Society Committee.