



# Brechin Bulletin

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## EASTER RENEWAL

With the clocks having changed, the days getting longer and a little bit more warmth in the sunshine, life itself seems to have brightened up. Spring brings a renewed energy, a renewed sense of liveliness; but it can also bring a renewed sense of temptation. If I am sitting at my computer, and outside the sun is shining, then I can feel the call of the golf course. But temptation is a strange thing. If I am sitting at my computer and outside it is raining, then the golf course has no allure whatsoever.

Lent has been the time when we have been encouraged to consider what the temptations are in our lives, and where we must turn to gain the strength to overcome them. It has been a time to practise our practice of prayer. And as we approach Holy Week and Easter and on to Pentecost, we are encouraged not to be tempted to slip back into our pre-Lenten pattern, but to go deeper into the prayerful presence of God and let God enter deeper into our lives

‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation’. These are the words in Luke’s Gospel that Jesus spoke to the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane as he went apart from them to pray alone before the moment of his arrest. They are also words from the Lord’s Prayer which Jesus taught them to pray, early in his ministry. For Luke, the term temptation refers to apostasy - a falling away from faith and from dependence on God. And for the disciples this will be a real temptation as they witness the arrest and death of Jesus – the apparent death of all their hopes and aspirations for the mission of the Messiah.

We have an advantage over the disciples, in that we know – not how the story ended, for it is still a long way from the end – but how it continued. However, Jesus’ warning words to carry on praying and keeping the faith are still as important in our lives as they were in Gethsemane. There seems to be an endless list of things in society around us which call on our time and energy; which cause us to put our faith and our attendance at church at a lower priority.

As part of our Easter liturgies, we have the opportunity to renew our baptismal vows – to renounce evil, to repent of our sin, to turn to Christ – and to be strengthened in the new life of the Resurrection.

As a Diocese about to elect a new Bishop, let us pray this Easter for a renewed liveliness of faith for ourselves and our congregations; that through our witness others will be drawn to the One who was raised on the Cross and raised from the grave, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev. Canon Dr. John Cuthbert, Cathedral Chapter.

## Episcopal Election – Brechin Diocese

Five candidates have been short-listed for the office of Bishop of Brechin. They have been selected by a Preparatory Committee (chaired by the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church) consisting of clergy and lay church members who represent the Diocese of Brechin and the wider Church. The next stage in the selection process is a meeting of each of the candidates with members of an Electoral Synod (representatives of clergy and lay church members from the Diocese of Brechin only). That meeting will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am in St. Ninian’s Church, Dundee, with the election of the new Bishop taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm in the same venue.

The candidates are:

**The Rev Canon David Bayne** (born 1952), Rector of St Ninian’s Church, Castle Douglas; Rural Dean of Galloway and Canon of St Mary’s Cathedral, Glasgow

**The Venerable Paul Ferguson** (born 1955), Archdeacon of Cleveland, Diocese of York

**The Rev Canon Dr Alison Peden**, (born 1952), Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Stirling; Canon of St Ninian’s Cathedral, Perth and Provincial Director of Ordinands

**The Rev Canon Dr Alwyn Pettersen** (born 1951), Canon Theologian of Worcester Cathedral

**The Venerable Dr Nigel Peyton** (born 1951), Archdeacon of Newark, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

Commenting on the short-list of candidates the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Rev David Chillingworth, says “I thank members of the Preparatory Committee for the work they have done and am delighted that five candidates of high quality are nominated to the Electoral Synod . We hope that our discernment in the Electoral Synod will enable us to elect a new bishop who will lead the Diocese of Brechin in its future ministry and mission.”

## MAY MEETINGS

- 7th 9.30am - Electoral Synod - meeting with Candidates.
- 12th 6.30pm - Mission and Ministry Board.
- 17th 9.30am - Clergy Retreat **CANCELLED**
- 17th 6.00pm - Administration Board.
- 18th 6.00pm - Electoral Synod - meeting for voting.
- 19th 2.00pm - DBC meeting.
- 24th 9.30am - Clergy CMD Day at Glenesk Hotel, Edzell.

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

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## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

### St. Salvador, Dundee

- 28th April Quiz Night. 7.30pm in the church. Fancy the competition? Even if not, enter a team of up to 5 people and join our fun. £2.00 per person.
- 28th May Coffee Morning. 10.30am - 1.00pm in the church. Tombola, Bric-a-brac, plant and craft sales. Entry £1.50.
- 4th June **Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society in Concert** 7.30pm in the church. Tickets £6 (£5 concession) are available from Dundee City Box Office, 6 City Sq. Dundee. (01382-434940). Also available from church members or at the door.

### St. Martin, Dundee

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

### St. Ninian, Kingsway East

28th April 7pm-8.30pm. **Hustings.** Dundee East - Most candidates have agreed to be there. Refreshments to follow.

## CAIRS: CHURCHES AGENCY FOR INTERFAITH RELATIONS IN SCOTLAND.

The Committee of CAIRS invites anyone from Dundee or the surrounding area, who is interested in interfaith dialogue to attend the event to take place on Wednesday, 4th May at the Al-Maktoum Institute, 124 Blackness Rd., Dundee. DD1 5PE, commencing at 10.30am for 11am until 2.30pm. Lunch will be provided therefore, if you intend to accept the invitation, please let Tom Moyes, Network Officer, know by **28th April**. His contact details are: ACTS' Network Officer, 7 Forrester Lodge, Inglewood, Alloa. FK10 2HU or phone 01259-222363 or e-mail: [tommoyes@acts-scotland.org](mailto:tommoyes@acts-scotland.org) The programme for the day includes the following:

- Presentation by Donald Reid on 'The Edinburgh Festival of Peace and Spirituality.
- Setting the Dundee Scene - highlighting local initiatives.
- Presentation by Malory Nye, Principal of the Al Maktoum Institute Dundee on Christian/Muslim Relations in Scotland.

## CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY NEWS RELEASE

The Church Mission Society has officially launched its new Pioneer Mission Leadership Course with an open day for Prospective students and Diocesan Directors of Ordinands at their offices in Oxford. This event begins the recruitment process for the official start in the Autumn of 2011.

The course is modular and can be completed over a 3 or 4 year period. The course leads to a Foundation Degree in Ministry accredited by Oxford Brookes University, through a partnership with Oxford Diocese. To find out more about the course, visit the website: [pioneer.cms-uk.org](http://pioneer.cms-uk.org). The next open day is on 19th May. Contact: John Martin at 02088-105618 or 07867-695366

**Holy Trinity, Monifieth** are looking for an enthusiastic organist to lead their worship on a Sunday morning. 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.) Please contact: Rev. Angela Hughes on 01241-852202 for more information.

## ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Bring your treasures to the Roadshow experts in the grounds of St. Andrews University, St. Salvador's Quad on North Street on Thursday 26th May, 2011. Admission is free. 9.30am - 4.30pm. Service of evaluation is also free. Write **now** enclosing a photo if possible and your address and telephone number or e-mail to:

[antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk](mailto:antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk)

Closing date for letters is 17th May. Address: Antiques Roadshow, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol. BS8 2LR. If you have large pieces of furniture or bulky antiques help may be possible in their transportation to the event.

## "BRECHIN to EMMAUS" BOOKLET

Copies of the booklet were given to Rectors/Lay Reps at Synod on 5<sup>th</sup> March. So, please do ask your Rector or Vestry member for a copy to read. It is also available as a pdf file on the diocesan website:

<http://new.thedioceseofbrechin.org>

The **MISSION & MINISTRY BOARD**, under whose auspices this project was done, is committed to helping churches grow and develop so that they can be greater assets to their 'communities', i.e. to their congregations as well as the wider community in which they are situated. Just one example of how the Board wants to help the churches in the diocese is the "Brechin to Emmaus" booklet. The project has a number of stages:

**STAGE ONE:** publication and distribution

**STAGE TWO:** reading and discussion

**STAGE THREE:** drawing up of plans of action

**STAGE FOUR:** appraisal

Our hope is that after it has been read that Rectors, Vestries and Congregations will be inspired to use it as a tool with which to evaluate their own activities and perhaps try or adapt some of the methods used in other churches. In other words, to draw up plans for action. Do please contact the Convenor of the Mission and Ministry Board, Pat Millar ([pamillar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pamillar@tiscali.co.uk)) or Tricia Paton, Convenor of the Church in Society Action Group ([triciapaton1@virginmedia.com](mailto:triciapaton1@virginmedia.com)), if you want more information.

So that we can gauge how successful/useful the booklet is, and to assist us in developing future projects, we plan to send out a short appraisal questionnaire, probably in the autumn.

Finally, this project was undertaken with the sincere aim of trying to realise one part of Bishop John's vision for the diocese. We believe in that vision and we are confident that you do too and that together we can be Christ in our communities in ways that we may not have considered before. *Tricia Paton.*

## FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION IN SCOTLAND RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

Why non-violence must become part of the vocabulary of faiths and of the world. Conference to be held on 13th - 15th May, at St. Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside. Costs: Adults £65, Campers £45, Students 1/2 price, Accompanied Children free. To reserve a place send non-refundable deposit of £10 payable to: 'FOR in Scotland' to: FOR in Scotland Conference, 9 Castle Street, Brechin, Angus. DD9 6JW. Any questions - contact David Mumford at 01356-622708 or e-mail: [dmumford@phonecoop.coop](mailto:dmumford@phonecoop.coop)

## PATHWAYS TO GROWTH

**Saturday, 4th June, 2011**

**A DAY FOR CLERGY AND LAITY ACROSS THE DIOCESE TO EXPLORE WAYS OF WALKING THE PATH TOGETHER TOWARDS CHURCH GROWTH.**

To be held in Chalmers Ardler Church, Turnberry Avenue, Dundee  
10am - 4pm (Coffee and Registration from 9.30am.)

Cost £7.50, including Buffet Lunch and Refreshments

Forms available from the Diocesan Secretary, Hilary Gibson at

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