



Brechin Bulletin

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NEW LIFE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

In this 50 day season of Easter when we celebrate the new life proclaimed by the Empty Tomb, as preachers, we often speak of the signs of resurrection in the world around us today and I am no exception to that.

St Paul's Cathedral in the heart of the city of Dundee is your Cathedral, the seat of Bishop Nigel, the location for most major diocesan events, most recently the glorious occasion of Nigel's consecration. That was of course a new beginning, a sign of new life, a sign of resurrection as people who for one reason or another had stayed away from this place for years, came back.

It is also a place that we try to keep open day by day because as one of the very few churches in the area that is open, it is a magnet for all sorts of people who come in to light a candle, say a prayer, simply sit in the quiet, or come for help. And just once in a while, there is a situation that shouts RESURRECTION from the roof tops. One such is Bob (not his real name) running away from a gang. He'd been mixed up in crime, was locked into 'working' for this gang and felt he could not escape. He grabbed what he could and ran away in the middle of the night, got on a train and went as far as his money would take him. And so he arrived in Dundee and at an Evening Prayer service in the Cathedral. He had nowhere to stay and because he had no familial links with Dundee, was not entitled to assistance from the homeless unit. We helped him and managed to get him into the Salvation Army hostel. A few months later, he was still there and coming along regularly to the Cathedral to help out. A situation arose where someone else in a similar predicament arrived on our doorstep and Bob this time went out of his way to help the person. As I dropped him back at the hostel, he proclaimed 'I love my new life.' Bob is now living in a transition flat well on his way to getting his own place. It was a moment of resurrection that would not have happened had we not been present and open. But we are acutely aware that representing the whole diocese in the heart of the City, we are not open and accessible to all. We have 28 steps (as you all know) to the front door and I know that prevents people from across the diocese as well as others from coming to the Cathedral.

But there is new life on that score too – new people at the Cathedral have come along giving us all fresh enthusiasm for addressing this issue. Annalu's presentation at the last October Synod stressed the need to take seriously the practical challenges of being a church for all. And many in the diocese are conscious that making YOUR Cathedral accessible to all will in itself be a sign of resurrection and new life. And so this is really to let you all know that things are happening. Architects and Mechanical and Electrical Consultants are currently drawing up feasibility reports to enable us to take the matter to the next stage. As the 'mother church' of the diocese, the new colourful signs outside are, I hope, a first sign to all that things are happening, that the rumble of the stone from the tomb can begin to be heard afresh. For there is new life and hope all around us if we only look and see.

The Very Rev. Jeremy Auld, Provost

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13– 19 MAY

LET'S GIVE THE TOOLS

to help people in poverty out of poverty

Your gift will help people living in poverty out of poverty. For good. Your donation this Christian Aid Week could be doubled thanks to the UK Government

FROM THE BISHOP'S

MAY DIARY

- 1 Lancaster University
- 2 Church Army meeting
- 3 St. Drostan, Tarfside
- 10 Mission and Ministry Board
- 11 Edinburgh
- 12 Edinburgh Consecration of John Armes
- 13 Confirmation at St. Margaret Dundee.
Cathedral Evensong
- 15 Seaview Primary School,
Monifieth
Administration Board
- 16/17 Ecclesiastical Insurance
Group in London
- 23 Cathedral Chapter meeting
St. Ternan Vestry, Muchalls
- 24 Holyrood House Reception
- 27 Pentecost Confirmation at
St. Paul's Cathedral
- 31 Lincoln Diocese Conference,
Swanwick

18-21 Bishop on leave

MAY MEETINGS

- 10 Mission and Ministry Board in
office at 6pm
- 15 Administration Board in office
at 6pm
- 17 DBC meeting in office at 2pm
- 23 Cathedral Chapter in St.
Paul's Cathedral at 1pm

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

NEWS IN BRIEF

St. Martin, Dundee

30th 2pm. Prize Bingo in the Church Hall. All Welcome.

St. Mary, Arbroath

27th 3pm. **Diocesan Youth Action Group Event.** Cliff Walk and Barbecue. Arbroath to Auchmithie. Contact details to Mairi Cuthbert 01241 430303

BRECHIN to EMMAUS BOOKLET

Thank you to all those who completed and returned the questionnaire.

BUT

**There are a few who have not.
It's still not too late to fill them in.**

SO

Please increase my statistical data by sending them back with your valuable comments.

Tricia Paton.



A FAIRTRADE PRAYER

Tilt the scales,

○ God of the mustard seed:
That the poor shall see Justice.

Share the feast,

○ God of Eden's abundant garden:
That each crop may fetch a fair price.

Upset the tables,

○ God of the upside-down Kingdom:
That the least can benefit from their trade.

Open our eyes,

○ God of life in all its fullness:
That we may learn to walk the way of Your Son.
Tilting, sharing, upsetting the world.

Not satisfied

Until the products we bring to our table
Give a better deal, to all who hunger for one.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association (LINKS)

DIOCESE OF BRECHIN

QUIET DAY

Led by Revd. Kirrilee Reid at All Saints, Glencarse

On Wednesday, 16th May, 2012

10.30am - 2.30pm

Coffee available from 10.30am.

Bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee provided.

Bus 16 leaves Dundee at Whitehall Street 3 at 9.28am
arriving St. Madoes at 10.14am

15 minute walk to All Saints

Bus returns, leaving Glencarse at 2.47pm or 3.17pm arriving
in Dundee at Crichton Street or M & S, at 3.45pm or 4.05pm.

OAPs can use bus pass

All welcome

For further details contact Rosemary Eddy at: **01382-667119**

Sunday School/Young Church

Resources Evening at St. Martin's at 7.30pm

On Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012

This is an opportunity to see and borrow a number of good resources for children's work. Come along and enjoy an informal evening viewing the resources the Diocese has for use within your churches.

ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIERERS

Working as Human Rights Observers

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (AEPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.

Based in the West Bank and Israel in 2013:

18 vacancies for 3 months' service and 2 vacancies for 4.5 months' service. Living allowance and benefits provided.

Deadline for applications is 21st June, 2012.

For more information and to download an application pack please contact the website: www.quaker.org.uk/applyappi

Please note that we will not be sending hard copies of the application pack and we can only receive electronic forms.

Celebrating 70 Years

*The journey of St. Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church,
Dundee*

1938 - 2008

*This booklet and CD of life at St. Ninian's, may be purchased from
Mrs. Cate Weir at a cost of £5. Please contact Cate at:*

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