



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Remember, Remember .....

Today we are a Diocese holding the tension between sadness at saying farewell to Bishop John and the hope of looking forward to a new Bishop. We all hold many tensions in our lives, among which the fear of extremism and terrorism, together with the desire for faiths to work in harmony with each other.

In 1605, 13 young men, who today would be known as extremists or terrorists, decided that violent action to blow up the Houses of Parliament was the answer to make life easier for the Catholics. The tension came when it became clear that innocent people would be hurt or killed in the attack, including some who fought for more rights for Catholics, and some of the plotters started having second thoughts. In the early hours of November 5th the authorities stormed the Parliament cellars where Guy Fawkes was caught with 36 barrels of gunpowder and subsequently tortured and executed.

On that night of the foiled Gunpowder Plot bonfires were lit to celebrate the safety of the King. We commemorate this event every year with bonfires, fireworks and burning effigies of Guy Fawkes. There is a tension as to whether we are celebrating Guy Fawkes' execution or honouring his attempt to do away with the government.

As we move into the season of remembrance we celebrate All Saints Day, remembering God's action in the lives of His saints, and All Souls Day, when we mourn our departed brothers and sisters and commend them to faith and trust in God. While we rejoice in the heroic example of the saints, we feel the loss of those we know and love and many people are helped by holding these two commemorations together.

On Remembrance Day we hold together our different ideas of war and peace, which can often create tension within our fellowship, or it can be used creatively to remind us of a God who brings love out of hatred, pardon out of injury, faith out of doubt, hope out of despair, joy out of sadness and light out of darkness, reminding us of the approaching season of Advent and the Kingship of Christ over a world so often in tension.

Rev. Canon Fay Lamont  
Cathedral Chapter

### YOUTH ACTION GROUP

Over the coming months the Youth Action Group hopes to organise:

- **A Youth Festival (possibly over a weekend at Tarfside).**
- **Music and Drama Days.**

Any young person who wishes to be kept up to date with Youth events in the Diocese should send an e-mail to Steven Cassells, the Diocesan Youth Convenor:

**stevencassells@blueyonder.co.uk**

Anyone interested in joining the Youth Action Group should also contact Steven Cassells at the above e-mail address.

### Children in the Church Community

Exploring the building of children's faith and their part in growing the church.

Conference workshops will be held on 6th and 27th November in Inverness and Edinburgh respectively  
From 10am until 4pm.

Cost: £10 - lunch provided, morning coffee at 10am.

Inverness: Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Church Street. IV1 1DX  
Edinburgh: The Point Hotel, 27 Lauriston Street. EH3 9DQ

To complete the booking form access the website below:  
**www.acts-scotland.org**

### NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

**office@brechin.anglican.org**

17th 2.00pm. Diocesan Buildings Committee.

18th 9.30am. CMD Day at Edzell.

18th 6.30 pm. Mission & Ministry Board.

24th 12.30pm. Cathedral Chapter.

23rd 9.30am. CMD Day at St. Mary the Virgin, Arbroath..

30th 6.00pm. Administration Board.

## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

### NOVEMBER

#### St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee:

13th 1pm. - Saturday Lunchtime Concert : Hilfoot Harmony: Barbershop Chorus.

#### Holy Rood, Carnoustie:

6th 10 am. Book Sale and Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, Holyrood Street.

#### St. John the Baptist, Dundee:

7th 6pm. Choral Evensong. All welcome.

21st 6pm. Choral Evensong. All welcome.

28th 6pm. Advent Carol Service. Hymns, Carols and Readings for Advent. All welcome.

#### St. Ninian, Mid-Craigie:

31st October: 6pm. Taize Service. All welcome.

7th 6pm. Time to remember - a service of remembrance for those we have loved and lost.

28th 6pm. Taize Service. All welcome.

#### St. Martin, Dundee:

13th 2-4pm. Christmas Fayre.

14th Following the 11.15am service the AGM will be held.

#### St. Mary, Broughty Ferry:

20th 1pm. Saturday Lunchtime Concert: Marika North: Piano.

#### St. Margaret, Dundee:

20th 10am. Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.

23rd 2pm. Bingo in the Parish Room.

#### St. Andrew's, Brechin:

5th 7.15pm. 'World Poverty - the Christian Response'.  
Speaker, Kathy Galloway, Head of Christian Aid,  
Scotland. Venue: St. Andrew's Church Hall.  
Further details: 01356-622708.

### THE DUNDEE NATIVITY

As a part of the celebrations to mark the switching on of the Christmas Lights on 19th November, there will be a Nativity Play in the City Square at 7pm. This ecumenical event is being organised jointly by the churches of Dundee in association with other community groups. This is a wonderful opportunity to remind people in Dundee what Christmas is really about. We need all your prayers to help make sure that this event succeeds in bringing the message of Christmas to people in our city.

Anyone who wishes to help or take part in this production, in any way, will be very welcome. Please contact Allan Webster, the Dundee Workplace Chaplain, on:

[allan.webster@wpcscotland.co.uk](mailto:allan.webster@wpcscotland.co.uk)

### OUT OF THE SILENT CHURCH

Saturday, 20th November from 10.45am to 6.00pm.

Venue: 4 Peter Street, Dundee. DD1 4JJ. Cost: £10.

Solas (Gaelic for 'light') - Centre for Public Christianity is joining with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries to bring you an exciting day conference. Ravi Zacharias, John Lennox, Stuart McAllister and David Robertson will be sharing informative and challenging talks which will encourage you in sharing your Christian voice. You may purchase tickets from CLC Bookshop, now at 112 Nethergate or on line at:

<http://www.solas-cpc.do.uk/20-11-2010>

### MANDATE FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW BISHOP

Following Bishop John's retirement, the Primus will be issuing the Mandate which starts the process of election of a new Bishop of Brechin.

The Standing Committee has produced a draft Description of the Diocese, and this will shortly be sent to all members of the Electoral Synod.

The Electoral Synod consists of all those who were entitled to vote at the Diocesan Synod held on 13th October, 2010.

At its first meeting in November, the Electoral Synod will look at the Description and the needs of the Diocese. The process of nominating and advertising will be explained.

Regular updates on what is happening will be published in future editions of the Brechin Bulletin.

The Diocesan Standing Committee

## CONFERENCES AND INVITATIONS

### Waverley Care

#### Making a positive difference

Waverley Care, Scotland's leading charity providing care and support to children and adults living with HIV and/or Hepatitis C in Scotland, in collaboration with the Stigma Index, **invites** you for Afternoon Tea at The Pompadour Restaurant, Caledonian Hilton Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh on Wednesday, 3rd November at 3pm.

This is an opportunity for faith community leaders to learn something about HIV-related stigma, hear the results of the recent research, and gain resources in order to tackle this problem.

Please reply to: [chaplain@waverleycare.org](mailto:chaplain@waverleycare.org)  
Or telephone: 01313-129957.

## The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC)

The IEPC will gather some 1,000 participants from all over the world in **Kingston, Jamaica from 12th to 26th May, 2011. The closing date for application is 30th November, 2010. Applicants must be aged between 18 and 30 years.**

The occasion will be a "Harvest Festival" celebrating the achievements of the 'Decade to Overcome Violence' which began in 2001. The Stewards' programme will have 45 participants, with one-third coming from Jamaica and the Caribbean. Before the meetings, Stewards follow an ecumenical learning programme which exposes them to the key issues of the ecumenical movement worldwide. The last phase focuses on designing ecumenical projects which Stewards will implement back home. Being a Steward means hard work, but it is also a unique ecumenical experience of togetherness with young people from different churches, countries and cultures.

To download an application form visit:

<http://www.oikoumene.org/news/news-management/eng/a/article/1634/apply-now-stewards-progr-1.html>