



Brechin Bulletin

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Growing Together

- Bishop John

As many of you will be aware, we are in the middle of the Conference season and that includes our own Diocesan Conference 'Growing Towards a Thriving Church'.

As I travel around the Diocese I am profoundly aware of the way many of our churches are meeting local people through worship, community outreach, welcome and prayerful recognition of what is going on in our communities.

I am also made aware of any number of charges where a struggle is going on. A struggle to make ends meet, pay bills, maintain buildings and, of course, pay the incumbent.

We should not forget therefore to acknowledge the great generosity of our members who give freely and willingly for the upkeep of church and ministry. But as numbers die off, and people sometimes move away, so numbers become depleted.

It's at this point I think we need to remind ourselves that we *cannot* maintain a mission and ministry throughout the Diocese, unless we all recognise that a core membership - a critical mass of willing and generous members - is fundamental to that mission.

Jesus called twelve disciples and others to share his mission and ministry throughout Galilee - and guess what? They even had a treasurer!

So let us not be afraid to look at our membership and seek ways to make this grow and flourish as we maintain our mission in the places where we are set.

Without generous giving we cannot move forward - and we cannot do any of that unless we grow - in every sense of the word, numerically and spiritually.

Christmas Cards

St. Salvador's, Dundee has Christmas cards for sale depicting the Annunciation scene which forms part of the reredos behind the high altar. All proceeds go towards the current Restoration Fund which aims to make the church building watertight and, hopefully, prevent further damage to this Burlison and Gryllis art work.

Cards are £1 per pack of 5. To order, contact Dr. Alan Geddes on 01382-641991.

October Meetings

- 3 Mission Conference at Chalmers Ardler Church.
- 6 Administration Board
- 14 Diocesan Synod - St. James, Stonehaven.

Bulletin deadline

is the 16th of each month
Please send news to:
office@brechin.anglican.org

From the Bishop's Desk

October

- 3 Diocesan Mission Conference. 9.30am.
- 6-8 Celtic Bishops' meeting on Isle of Man.
- 11 Preside and preach at St. Margaret's Church. 11am.
- 13-14 Bishops' Residential Meeting.
- 14 Diocesan Synod at St. James, Stonehaven. 6pm.
- 18 Preside and preach at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. 11am.
- 20 Edinburgh meeting.
- 27 Edinburgh - Faith and Order Board.
- 31 Festival of Remembrance. Caird Hall at 7.30pm.

"ALADDIN"

St. Martin's, Dundee are organising a trip to the pantomime "Aladdin" at the King's Theatre, Glasgow on Saturday, 16th January, 2010. The cost, including bus and theatre ticket is £21.50 for adults and £19.50 for senior citizens and children.

If you are interested in joining this enjoyable outing, please contact Irene Dailly, Vestry Secretary, on 01382-825692.

THE MISSING CLUE!!

Apologies that one clue in the Autumn edition of *Grapevine* was left out. However, as far as I know only one word would fit. The clue reads: "29 across: You need to start removing a hard law."
Michael Turner

TRANSFORMING MINISTRY—MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS WOMEN

A Day with Christine Rees

We invite women within the Scottish Episcopal Church to participate in this interactive day where we will be exploring and sharing our thoughts and experiences on **Saturday, 7th November, 2009** at **General Synod Office** from **10.30am to 4.30pm**. There is no charge for the day, but **booking is essential** as numbers are limited and lunch will be provided. Please contact **Marion Chatterley** at 07771-982163 or e-mail: marion.chatterley@blueyonder.co.uk or **Elaine Cameron** at 01821-650482 or e-mail: elaine.ging@gmail.com to reserve a place.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St. Mary, Broughty Ferry

18 Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Harvest Lunch. 11am.
Donations of the usual goods to church please.

29 Nov. Christingle Service - Advent Sunday. 6pm.

St. Martin, Dundee

11 Oct. Harvest Thanksgiving. 11am.

14 Nov. Xmas Fayre. 2pm until 4pm.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee

Saturday lunchtime concerts - Adults £3, Children £2 - 1pm.
Tea/Coffee are served after the concerts.

3 Oct. Sheena Wellington & Wilma Kennedy present a fine programme of Scots and Gaelic Songs. Cost £3.50 & £2.50 - available at the door. More information on this special concert can be found at: www.festnfurious.co.uk

10 Oct. Joseph Fleetwood: Piano

24 Oct. Lindsay Martindale: Cello, Colin Dundas: Piano.

7 Nov. Jeanne You: Piano

21 Nov. Dundee High School Music Department - various pupil ensembles - final concert of this season.

St. Margaret, Lochee, Dundee

6 Oct. Prize Bingo in the Parish Room at 2pm.

18 Oct. Bring and Buy Sale after 11am service.

3 Nov. Prize Bingo in the Parish Room at 2pm.

21 Nov. Christmas Coffee Morning. 10am until noon.

St. Mary the Virgin, Arbroath

7 Oct. Mothers' Union meeting. The Revd. Janette Allan will lead a session on the topic of prayer. 7.30pm.

St. Ternan, Muchalls

3 Oct. Annual Harvest Supper. 7.30pm. Tickets £7 - on sale at church or from Irene Butler. Phone: 01224-784080.

St. Ninian, Mid-Craigie, Dundee

25 Oct. Taize. Come and worship and reflect in a quiet space - enjoy the candlelight and the quiet music. 6pm.

1 Nov. Time to Remember - a service to remember those we have loved and lost. 6pm.

REMINDERS

DIOCESAN MISSION CONFERENCE

at

Chalmers-Ardler Church

on

3rd October, 2009 at 9.30am.

2nd Annual Child Protection Conference

at

The Stirling Management Centre

on

6th October, 2009

Booking forms may be obtained from Adele
on 01315-561557

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2007

This package includes Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint and Office.

Please telephone the office to order a copy - so far, the office has received one definite order. An order will be placed on 2nd October so please contact the office (01382-562244) prior to that date if you wish to purchase the disc and licence at a total cost of £71 (plus VAT/postage).

THE BIELD

A 'Male Spirituality' weekend 9-11 October
"Fathers & Sons - How Men Inspire One Another"
If you are interested please book with Muriel on 01738-583238 or at: info@bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

ALSO

POTS & BASKETS

A joint exhibition in the Bield Barn with Scottish Potters Association & Scottish Basketmakers Circle - Exhibition & Workshops, from 9th to 25th October. If you are interested or want to 'try your hand' please pop in and bring the kids too as this will be during the school break.

THE CLAREMONT TRUST

The Claremont Trust exists to help small-scale innovative schemes that help to transform communities, which mean so much to those who benefit from them, but which otherwise get little publicity. The Trust is a small ecumenical body which gives small grants to innovative and radical projects in Scotland and abroad, both within and without the Church.

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