



# Brechin Bulletin

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## Joining the journey together

In the Consecration Service the Bishop-elect is asked to affirm their calling to the office and responsibilities of a Bishop in the Church of God. Faithfulness and diligence, a pastoral and missionary heart lie at the centre of the job description: 'Will you, as chief priest and pastor, encourage and support all the baptised in their gifts and ministries, nourish them out of the riches of God's grace, pray for them and celebrate the sacraments of our redemption?'

The task which lies ahead for us in Brechin Diocese is to be the kind of people of God necessary to make headway in a challenging and needy world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That is a continuing journey of discovery and conversations. The Bishop provides an oversight leadership as the possibilities and agendas evolve. In a sense I am getting on a moving bus which already has passengers with ideas about interesting destinations!

In the Anglican tradition we talk about our Church being 'Episcopally led and Synodically governed'. This requires a mutuality of love and trust under God. As well as an ordination the consecration marks both the new ministry of the Bishop and the continuing journey of the Diocese. It sets out the covenant promises between Bishop and people and the communities of the Diocese: May the Lord who has called us to this work and given us the will to undertake it, also give us the grace to perform it.



**Joyce Mumford** was ordained Priest at St. Mary the Virgin, Arbroath, by the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney on Saturday, 10th September. Members of St. Andrew's, Brechin, went to Arbroath on Sunday 11th September to join the congregation as Joyce presided at her first Eucharist, which celebrated the Nativity of Mary. Joyce's four children (and two of her nine grandchildren) were also present for the ordination. Her elder daughter, Clare, read the lesson and her son, Peter, played the organ at her first Communion Service. Photograph shows Joyce with her husband David, Dean of the Diocese and Canon Dr. John Cuthbert, Rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin..

## FROM THE BISHOP'S DIARY

- 8th Consecration of the Bishop.
- 9th Bishop Forbes' Evensong at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
- 12th Diocesan Synod, Church of the Holy Rood, Carnoustie.
- 16th St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry. 8.30am and 11am services.
- 17th St. Ternan's Vestry, Muchalls.
- 18th St. Luke's, Dundee Patronal Festival at 4pm.
- 20th London - Ethical Investment Panel.
- 23rd St. Ninian's, Dundee.
- 26th St. Salvador's Vestry.
- 27th Trustee Meetings, Dundee.
- 30th All Saints Patronal Festival, Glencarse.

## BISHOP'S CONTACT DETAILS

The Bishop's e-mail is now active and he can be contacted at:

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or

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And **07974-402449** (mobile)

## OCTOBER MEETINGS

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

[office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)

4th Administration Board - 6pm.

12th Diocesan Synod - 6pm - Holy Rood, Carnoustie.

## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

### St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

Saturday lunchtime concerts at 1pm. £4, £3 (concessions) and £2 (children). Coffee/tea served after each concert.

15th Sheena Wellington: Singer and Songwriter, with Karen Hannah: Fiddle.

29th Nicholas Nowicki: Piano.

### St. John the Baptist, Dundee

Every Sunday: Evensong at 6pm. All welcome across the three churches and others.

### St. Ternan, Muchalls

21st Musical Evening from 7.30-10.30pm. Tickets cost £8 (which includes refreshments) and are available from Peter Hall at 01569-731388.

### St. Margaret, Dundee

18th Bingo in the Church Hall at 2pm.

### St. Ninian, Dundee

30th Taize Service at 6pm. All Welcome.

### St. Mary and St. Peter, Montrose

Every **second** Sunday of the month a Service of Evensong and Benediction is held at 6pm. All welcome. Next Evensong will be 13th November as 9th October is Bishop Forbes' Evensong at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Dundee.

### St. Martin, Dundee

30th Annual General Meeting after the 11.15am service.

19th **November** - Christmas Fayre - 11am to 1pm.

## VOLUNTEERING IN FAITH: OBLIGATION OR JOY?

*A one-day conference being held on Saturday, 19th November, 2011 at St. Mary's Centre, Kinnoull, Perth from 9.30am to 4pm.*

*If you volunteer within or outwith the church and are interested in exploring this issue in relation to the 'Big Society', then this conference is for you.*

**Keynote Speaker:** *Ann Morisey is a freelance community theologian and lecturer, who has worked in the field of social responsibility for many years. She has written two best selling books: "Beyond the Good Samaritan" and "Journeying Out".*

**The conference is organised by the Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

Register by sending your name, address, and email contact details to: The Church Relations Officer, 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh. EH12 5EE by 14th October, 2011. Please enclose a cheque in the amount of £5 made out to The Scottish Episcopal Church.

## STAY AT HOME CHRISTMAS?

Are you staying at home for Christmas or New Year? Would you open your home and share your festivities with a student from China, India, or some other part of the world?

These adult students would otherwise be stuck at an almost deserted UK university, far from their own families. They are guests in our country, who would love to experience your way of life for a few days, and are prepared to travel some distance for this privilege.

HOST will match you with one or two guests to suit your household. More volunteer hosts are urgently needed for 3-4 days at Christmas or New Year, and weekends all year round. Please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call your HOST's voluntary local organiser for a chat: Kerry Bloom at 01376-561889.

This is a message from Margaret Stevens, Publicity officer of HOST, Unit 8 Water House, 9 Orsman Road, London. N1 5QJ. Website: [www.hostuk.org.uk](http://www.hostuk.org.uk) Phone: 01736-719090

### LAY EUCHARIST ASSISTANTS

**Bishop Forbes' Evensong, St. Paul's Cathedral  
Sunday, 9th October, 2011  
6.30pm**

You are reminded that your certificates should be signed by your rector to authorise your work during the coming year, and should be brought with you to the Bishop Forbes' Evensong Service. Those who have not already done so, please send your e-mail address to:

**[office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)**

so that further communications can be sent by e-mail instead of via the postal service.

### DIOCESAN VESTRY DAY

**Saturday, 12th November, 2011**

in

**St. Andrew's Church Hall, Brechin**

from

**10.30am to 3.30pm.**

Please send names of those planning to attend to Jean at the office: **[office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)**

The day will be led by Nick Bowry, Convenor of the Provincial Personnel Committee, to look at good practice in supporting clergy in the light of current secular and church guidelines.

Open to all vestry members, including clergy. Try to ensure that 1 or 2 vestry members attend.

### FEEDBACK

The Mission and Ministry Board wishes to obtain some feedback as to how useful (or not) the

**"Brechin to Emmaus"**

booklet has been. Therefore, a short questionnaire will be sent out in December to all churches for completion and return.

Tricia Paton, Convenor  
Church in Society Group