



Brechin Bulletin

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SWAZILAND UPDATE

The Consecration of Rev Ellinah Wamukoya as Bishop of Swaziland takes place on Saturday 17 November at 9.00am in All Saints Cathedral in Mbabane. Bishop Nigel & Anne and I are invited and making travel arrangements.

The poorest people in Swaziland continue to struggle daily for survival and many of the most vulnerable - the children, the old and the sick - have no support. **So I have a request:**

For some time, we have supported a women's craft group in Ezulwini. These women are all affected by HIV and AIDS. Many have lost children, some are single mothers with families to support, others are grandmothers bringing up orphaned grandchildren. Some are sick themselves. They are amazingly resilient women, who have formed a strong support group and try to make some money by making and selling crafts and household cleaners.

With financial support from St.Ternan's Muchalls and Holy Trinity Monifieth the older women in the group have been able to establish a new venture, raising poultry. They have attended a government-run course, purchased shelters and food for the chickens and employed a night watchman. They hope to have their 'broilers' ready for sale in time for Christmas.

The younger women have just embarked on a government sewing course and I hope we can support them too. When Bishop Nigel visits Swaziland in November I would be grateful for donations of sewing resources to take with me. If you have any spare needles, tape measures, sharp scissors, chalk markers, threads etc. I'll be delighted to have them. Nothing bulky or heavy please because of baggage restrictions.

Finally, if charges have any funds ready to go to Swaziland, I would be pleased to take the money with me in November. It would mean that there would be no delay in getting funds, or food supplies, to the intended recipients. Cheques or funds could be given to me or to our Treasurer, Keith Florence. Thanks in anticipation.

Pat Millar, Diocesan Companion Links Officer

FROM THE BISHOP'S OCTOBER DIARY

- 2 Administration Board
- 3 Dundee City Centre Manager and Broughty Ferry meetings.
- 7 St. Luke's, Dundee
- 10 St. Salvador's Vestry.
- 14 St. Paul's Cathedral Evensong
- 18 Amity Ethical Investment Panel meeting - London.

IOWA VISIT

19-31 October

Bishop Nigel & Anne are attending the Annual Convention of our Companion Diocese in the USA. The Bishop will be teaching, preaching and travelling extensively across the diocese – including time with clergy, ministry development teams, students and visits to Native American and Mennonite communities and the State Prison. Please pray for Bishop Alan and Donna and for the rekindling of our diocesan companionship which is 30 years old this year.

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

OCTOBER MEETING

2nd Administration Board

YOU ARE REMINDED THERE IS NO AUTUMN DIOCESAN SYNOD

NEWS IN BRIEF

St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee

Lunchtime concerts on Saturdays at 1pm.

Tickets: Adults £4, Concessions £3, Children (16 & under) Free
Coffee/Tea served after each concert.

13 Graeme Stevenson: Organ

27 Fires of Love Renaissance and early Baroque ensemble.
Frances Cooper: Soprano, Gordon Ferries: Lute, Marcus
Claridge: Percussion, Jo Hugh-Jones: Baritone & Recorders

27 Dundee University Music Society's Winter Concert. 7pm.

THE CLAREMONT TRUST

The Claremont Trust supports groups giving practical expression to their faith in Scotland and overseas, eg innovative faith-based efforts to tackle social need and promote inclusion locally.

The Trust welcomes applications from any faith group. The resources are slender, around £6,000 a year, in grants of not more than £1,000.

Constructive and radical enterprises which work towards a fairer world are its priority.

Further information from: The Secretary, Mrs. Chris Fulcher, 23 Langholm Street, Newcastleton, TD9 0QX
Ph: 01387-375242. E-mail: chris@pcmanse.plus.com

THIS YEAR'S GRANTS

Grants were given to a range of groups:

- **Balornock Community Choir**: a local choir run by a volunteer conductor and accompanist in a deprived part of **Glasgow**
- **Project Ecuador**: A Scottish charity supporting a Scottish doctor working in **Ecuador**. The Trust contributed to the cost of equipment and repairs.
- **St. Ninian's Stay & Play Family Support Project**: gives holistic support to families with children 0-4 years in an urban priority area of **Dundee** where there are significant problems of domestic abuse, social isolation and drugs and alcohol.
- **Ebenezer Welfare Women's Programme** in Tamilnadu, **India**. This organization imparts human rights education to Dalit women who are subjected to violence, exploitation and discrimination against caste and gender.
- **Liddesdale Pilots**: This is part of a national Christian youth organisation, working in a financially constrained community with many broken and disrupted homes and seeks to involve young people in local and overseas projects.
- **St. Andrew's Church, Lisbon**: for its Community and Inter-faith work.
- **Cutting Edge Theatre Productions** in **Edinburgh**. A Christian charity organisation that uses theatre in working with communities and disadvantaged people with weekly workshops and drama tutors.

HARVEST CELEBRATION

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FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER AT 7PM

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MONIFIETH.

Come and dance along to the "Phenobarbitones" and be entertained with music and dance. Ticket prices include Stovies and Trifle. Adults: £7.50, Children: £3.50, Family (2 adults and 2 children): £20.

Phone: 01382-533107 for tickets. The number of places available are restricted so please order your tickets soon.

Please bring a packet of dried food or a tin of food to add to the Harvest Food Appeal.

Say Yes to Peace; Say No to Nuclear Weapons

A public meeting will be held on Thursday 4th October in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Brechin at 12.30pm. [You can listen to the Bruce Kent interview at 11.05am on Radio North Angus (87.7FM)] . There will be a Discussion Lunch on Faith and Nuclear Disarmament, followed by the public meeting. Speaker: Bruce Kent, Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Further details: The Rev. David Mumford: 01356-622708 or e-mail: dmumford@phonecoop.coop

APPEAL FOR AN ORGANIST/PIANIST AT HOLY TRINITY

We are looking for an enthusiastic organist or pianist to lead our worship at 11am on Sunday mornings. Experience in accompanying a congregation would be helpful, but, if you are learning to play the organ or piano, this could be an opportunity for you to practise your skills. (The Diocese has a bursary scheme for organists which could help with tuition fees.) In addition to our organ, we have a Yamaha Electronic Piano for use in services.

Please contact: The Rev. Angela Hughes on 01241-852202.

LINKS invites you to a MUSICAL AFTERNOON

**at St. John the Baptist Church, Albert Street, Dundee on
Wednesday 10 October, 2012 from 2 to 4pm.**

(enter from the car park at rear in Dura Street)

**Entertainment provided by the
FERRYPORT FIDDLERS**

**Bring and Buy stall for LINKS funds. Tea and biscuits
will be provided. Please contact Mrs. Judy Robinson at
01382-645305 if you intend to go.**