



Brechin Bulletin

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How Did You Get Your Bulletin?

Several years ago now I regularly got complaints, and they went something like this: 'Bishop we're told such and such is happening - but we've heard nothing more about it' or 'when will we hear about...?' Or again, 'Bishop - the trouble in this Diocese is there's just no communication'.

I'm glad to say that most of these complaints have long since disappeared and that important information and news comes through the monthly editions of the *Brechin Bulletin*, while more substantial and reflective material comes through *Grapevine*.

In many cases the Bulletin is put in with Church magazines. I thank you for this - it then goes to every home. For some, the Bulletin is personally handed out to each and every member as they arrive in Church - they can then read it in the pews.

In a very few cases - but they do exist - the Bulletin is GIVEN to no-one, but gathers dust on the table at the back of the church. Please - **this is one of the most vital tools in our Diocese.** Make sure that if it does not go out with the congregational magazine - it is at least given into the hands of every member of the congregation.

Forthcoming Events

St. Margaret, Lochee

8th Sept. Prize Bingo in the Parish Room. 2pm.

27th Sept. Harvest Thanksgiving. 11am.

St. Andrew, Brechin

20th Sept. Service for the International Day of Prayer for Peace at the peace pole in the grounds of Brechin Cathedral - Brechin Churches Together. 2pm.

26th Sept. St. Andrew's Autumn Sale and Fair in the City Hall. 10am until 1pm.

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

27th September at 6.00pm

Bishop Forbes' Annual Evensong

All Clergy and Lay Officers are invited to attend this special evening of renewal of vows and service to the Diocese. The Rev. Sidney Fox, formerly Rector of St. Andrew, Brechin and St. Drostan, Tarfside, and Synod Clerk of the Diocese of Brechin will be installed as an **Honorary Canon.**

September Meeting

24th Mission and Ministry Board. 6pm.

Welcome To Provost

The Reverend Jeremy Auld, currently Rector of Dollar, has just been appointed Rector by the Cathedral Vacancy Team and has been confirmed as Provost by the Bishop. We all look forward to welcoming Jeremy, his wife, Christine and their two young children: Benedict (7) and Nicholas (4). It is expected that the Provost will be instituted, once all the usual checks have been completed, in January, 2010.

And Welcome to

The Reverend Steve Collis, Dean of Cyprus and the Gulf has been appointed Rector of St. Mary and St. Peter, Montrose and St. David of Scotland, Inverbervie. We welcome him and his wife, Kathryn. His induction will take place on Saturday, 31st October, 2009 at 2pm.

Bulletin deadline is the 16th of each month.

Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

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From the Bishop's Desk

September, 2009

9th to 12th

Organised course work.

13th St. Ninian's Church. 11am
Kinneff Old Church Preservation Trust Annual Service. 7pm.

14th to 26th
On holiday.

27th Bishop Forbes' Evensong at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. 6pm.

29th Edinburgh. CME Day. Art appreciation. Details to follow.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

14th October, 2009

6.00pm

ST. JAMES,

STONEHAVEN

MISSION CONFERENCE - 3RD OCTOBER, 2009

GROWING TOWARDS A THRIVING CHURCH

Growing together - Growing to God - Growing to others

Come and join us at Chalmers Ardlar Church for a day of Mission, Friendship and Growth with the inspiration of our guest speaker, The Venerable Bob Jackson. Our Diocesan Mission Conference commences at 9.30am and will end around 4pm. Morning coffee/tea and buffet lunch are included in the cost of £10 (£5 for students and non-waged persons).

Please return applications, by 9th September, (with cheque made out to The Diocese of Brechin) to the Diocesan Office, Unit 14, Prospect III, Gemini Crescent, Technology Park, Dundee. DD2 1SW

MICROSOFT OFFICE 2007

A supplier of the above computer software has kindly offered to give each charge (being a charitable organisation) the opportunity to up-date their Microsoft System at a remarkably reduced rate. This package includes Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, Powerpoint and Office. Further information is available from the Bishop's secretary at 01382-562244.

DR. GUTHRIE'S ASSOCIATION

Dr. Guthrie's Association gives grants to support organisations devoted to the care and welfare of children and young people, with a preference for supporting smaller charities where small grants can make a difference, and who might find it difficult to obtain grants elsewhere. In the year ended 31st March, 2009, the Association gave

59 grants totalling £59,132. Should you wish further details or application forms - these are available on the Scott-Moncrieff website: www.scott-moncrieff.com

The Trust administrator is Mrs. Fiona Watson, Melville Street, Edinburgh. EH3 7PH. Phone: 01314-733500

REMINDERS

27th September: Back to Church Sunday.

A unique day to invite someone special to attend church with you on Sunday, the 27th. So far, 8 churches in our Diocese have 'signed up'. Further information available from **Canon Fay Lamont, Diocesan Mission Officer at 01382-453818**

6th October: 2nd Annual Child Protection Conference

The new **Multi-Agency Resource Service (MARS)** to be based in Stirling, will be launched by the Scottish Government this summer. It will be the first hub of child protection expertise in the United Kingdom. The conference is being held on Tuesday, 6th October at the Stirling Management Centre. Booking forms may be obtained from Adele on 01315-561557. The cost for registered charities is £115 + VAT = £132.25.

St. Mary and St. Peter's Church, Montrose

Restoration Fund

We are holding a **40's Theme Night Buffet/Dance** to be held in the Occasions Suite, Bridge St, Montrose on **September 26th**.

Tickets cost £10 and will be available from Committee members, Hogg's Newsagents and Van Wernincks from July 26th.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Date: Friday, 11th, 6pm until Sunday, 13th September, after lunch. **Venue:** St. Drostan, Tarfside. **Cost:** £40
Theme: "Letting God Heal". **Contact:** Vanessa Stark, 01382-542342 **Transport can be arranged.**