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DUNDEE EPISCOPALIANS, 1715-1815

Family history research is a popular pursuit both at home and abroad. People of Scottish origin are fortunate to have major research tools in the forms of the Census Returns from 1841, the Statutory Registers of birth, marriage and death as from 1855, and the Baptismal Registers of the Church of Scotland and those of the Roman Catholic Church, all of which are available on the website www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk. However, those people of Scottish Episcopalian origin are clearly at a disadvantage in that their records, where they exist, are, with exception, in manuscript form and are located in archives and churches scattered throughout Scotland.

In 1689 Presbyterianism became the established form of church government of the Church of Scotland. Prior to that date, the Church contained both Presbyterians and Episcopal elements. The parishes of the north east of Scotland and parts of the Highlands tended to retain ministers who favoured Episcopalianism, but these were gradually replaced by Presbyterian ministers, especially after the failure of the Jacobites in 1716 and 1746. As the Episcopalians were known to favour the Jacobite cause and reject the Hanoverian succession, restrictions or Penal Laws were imposed on them as well as on the Roman Catholics, beginning in 1712. Consequently, Episcopal church registers and records are far from comprehensive for the 18th century. The death of Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1788 brought to an end the commitment of Episcopalians to the Jacobite Cause and in 1792 these Penal Laws were withdrawn, which enabled the Episcopal congregations to operate openly and fully. During the period of the Penal Laws the Episcopal Church was divided into those known as Qualified Chapels, that operated on condition that they prayed for the Hanoverian kings, and those that still favoured the House of Stuart, known as 'non-jurors'.

The position in Dundee seems to be that there were at least 2 Episcopalian Chapels or meeting houses operating within the burgh. As far as can be established, the only surviving record of Episcopalian baptisms for the 18th century is what is known as Bishop Norie's Dundee Baptismal Register for the period 1722 to 1726 which was published several years ago in the Scottish Historical Review. However, there are other parish records which identify members of the congregation in Dundee, such as the Vestry Minutes and Baptismal Registers of the English Episcopal Chapel in Dundee and the Scottish Episcopal Church in Dundee which provides much useful information as to who the Episcopalians were in Dundee. The majority of the Episcopalian records of the 18th and 19th centuries pertaining to Dundee are either in St. Paul's Cathedral or in the City Archives, though there is the possibility that some may be in private hands or in the National Archives of Scotland.

The Dundee Qualified Chapel, alias the English Episcopal Chapel, functioned at different sites during the 18th century. Qualified chapels prayed for the reigning monarch, used the English Prayer Book and employed clergy who had been ordained in England or Ireland. The Scottish Episcopal Church was loyal to the House of Stuart until 1788 following the death of the Young Pretender, thereafter it prayed for the house of Hanover. This, and the repeal of the Penal Laws facilitated the re-union of the two Episcopalian churches in Scotland.

The surviving records of the Episcopal churches in Dundee have been researched and this data is now available in a genealogical source book compiled by Dr. David Dobson entitled, "Dundee Episcopalians, 1715-1815" which has just been published by St. Paul's Cathedral. Copies are available from St. Paul's Cathedral, Castlehill House, 1 High Street, Dundee, DD1 1TD at a cost of £6 plus £1 pp. Orders should be sent to Dr. Dobson at Castlehill House, while cheques be made payable to St. Paul's Cathedral.

MISSION AT ST. SALVADOR'S CHURCH

Drop-in Centre for the Needy and Vulnerable

Every Sunday afternoon the church is the gathering place for some of our local Hilltown people. They sit, chat, enjoy gallons of hot drinks and an assortment of cheese/oatcakes, fresh fruit, biscuits and home baking. Every one of our friends leaves carrying a bag of groceries to take away. From 1.15 to 2.15pm, between 30-35 men and women, all with problems, many with addictions, housing and benefit difficulties, dysfunctional families or none, and sometimes homelessness to cope with, drift in and out, many stay for most of the time.

Here in the church we are all equal - priest, helpers and visitors: help is unconditional, no questions to be answered, but a listening ear for anyone who wishes to be heard.

If anyone would like to know more, or to offer help of any sort, please contact Fr. Clive on 01382-221785 or Ann Noltie on 01382-643832. Please remember your prayers are invaluable - thank you!

Bulletin Deadline - 16th of each month.
Please send news to:
office@brechin.anglican.org

MEETINGS

15th Diocesan Buildings Committee - 2pm - Bishop's Office
22nd Mission & Ministry Board - 6.30pm - Abertay University.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

September

All Souls, Invergowrie

14th Quiz Aid in Invergowrie. £3 per person, or £10 per team of four. Quiz to be held in the lounge bar of the Invergowrie Inn. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Contact Ashley Cummins for further information (01382-562525). 8pm for 8.15pm.

St. Ninian, Kingsway East

25th Taize Service at 6pm. All welcome.

RETREATS, TRAINING DAYS, YOUTH WEEKENDS AT THE ATHOLL CENTRE, PITLOCHRY

Further information available from Iain Walker, Director at the Atholl Centre, Atholl Road, Pitlochry. PH16 5BX. E-mail: admin@athollcentre.org.uk or telephone: 01796-473044. Website: www.athollcentre.org.uk

Consecration Service

The Consecration Service will take place on **Saturday 8th October, 2011** at 2.30pm in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee. Admission will be by ticket. The reception afterwards will be held in the Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Building, Panmure Street, Dundee. Members of congregations are invited to fill in the form sent to their Rector / Priest-in-Charge indicating whether they wish to attend the Consecration and Reception. These forms have to be returned to the Diocesan Secretary, Hilary Gibson, by Friday 9th September to enable seating arrangements and refreshments to be organised.

Diocesan Welcome

The annual Bishop Forbes' Choral Evensong will be held on **Sunday, 9th October, 2011** at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee. The Preacher will be our new Bishop. The reception afterwards will be held in the Cathedral when there will be the opportunity to meet him.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING FUND GRANTS AND LOANS

It is important that Vestries think well ahead if they are likely to be applying for a Provincial grant or loan in order to undertake major repairs or upgrading of their properties.

Application forms are available from the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Allan Duffus (e-mail: allanmargaretduffus@btinternet.com or telephone: 01334-870064) at any time.

Application forms must be fully completed and all supporting paperwork included at the time of submission. All applications require to be considered by the Administration Board before being forwarded to General Synod Office for the attention of the Provincial Finance Committee.

In order for this to happen, the Diocesan Treasurer requires applications three weeks before meetings of the Administration Board. In the next six months, the closing dates for application forms will be: 13th September (for meeting on 4th October), 8th November (for meeting on 29th November), 27th December (for meeting on 17th January, 2012).

Further dates will be provided at the start of 2012.

ORDINATION OF THE REV. JOYCE MUMFORD

Will take place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Arbroath on **Saturday, 10th September, 2011** at 10.30am. Members of the Diocese are cordially invited to join us in the service and to a reception in the hall afterwards.

DAY CONFERENCE FOR VESTRY MEMBERS WITH OUR NEW BISHOP

A day conference for Vestry Members will be held on **Saturday, 12th November, 2011** from 10am until 4pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrew Street, Brechin. DD9 6JL.

The day will be led by Nick Bowry, Convenor of the Provincial Personnel Committee and will cover good working practices for Vestries and pastoral support for Clergy. Our new Bishop will be in attendance. The day is for all members of Vestries (Lay and Ordained). Please book the date now and let Jean at the Bishop's Office know who, from your Charge, will attend.

The full programme will be available in September.

NEW SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES AT CARNOUSTIE AND MONIFIETH

9am Holy Trinity, Monifieth - Sung Eucharist

11am Holy Rood, Carnoustie - Sung Eucharist

These times will run from August, 2011 to end of July, 2012.

(Fifth Sunday of the month - Joint Service - see websites for venue)

www.holytrinitymonifieth.org www.holyroodcarnoustie.org

ORGANIST REQUIRED

Members of Holy Trinity Church, Monifieth are seeking an enthusiastic organist to lead their worship on a Sunday morning. Experience in accompanying a congregation would be helpful, but, if you are learning to play the organ this could be an opportunity for you to practise your skills. (The Diocese has a bursary scheme which could help with tuition fees.)

If weekly services are too great a commitment for you, please tell us about the time that you do have available.

Contact the Rev. Angela Hughes on 01241-852202 for more information.

DON'T FORGET

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2011

FAIRTRADE CERTIFICATES

Cate Weir sent out forms to each Charge a few weeks ago regarding these certificates and enclosed a stamped addressed envelope to all clergy. Cate requests, if you have not yet replied, please do so as soon as possible. New certificates will be issued as soon as our new Bishop is in post and these certificates will be signed by him and Cate.

THE DUNDEE NATIVITY 2011

Friday, 25th November, 2011 at 7.15pm

This inter-church project, in association with Work Place Chaplaincy, Scotland, presents the real meaning of Christmas to the crowds in the city centre at the Christmas Lights event. The vision is to see **The Dundee Nativity** become an annual event and a Dundee tradition.

We are looking for singers, actors and stage hands to participate in this production. Weekly rehearsals begin at Meadowside St. Paul's Church Hall, 114 Nethergate on Friday 16th September from 7 until 9pm. Please register your interest as soon as possible by contacting the producer at:

allan.webster@wpcscotland.co.uk or telephone: 01382-458764