

# Diocese of Brechin: News Bulletin

## 22nd April 2021

### New Priest for Episcopal Churches in Carnoustie and Monifieth

Bishop Andrew and the vestries of the Church of the Holy Rood, Carnoustie and Holy Trinity, Monifieth are delighted to announce that the Revd Martin Allwood has been selected to be the new priest to lead and serve these church communities on the Angus coast.



Martin & Colleen Allwood

Martin is currently Rector of the Benefice of Street Parishes comprising Amotherby, Barton-Le-Street, Hovingham, and Slingsby in the Diocese of York in the Church of England, a post he has held since 2014. Martin is married to Colleen, a project development officer for a local voluntary sector infrastructure

organisation. Martin and Colleen will move this summer and Martin will start his ministry in July 2021.

Bishop Andrew said, "We are all delighted that Martin will be coming to lead and support the Scottish Episcopal church communities of Carnoustie and Monifieth. The two churches have newly agreed to work together with a shared priest and Martin will be coming to help the process by leading this 'transitional ministry' project. We created a blended recruitment process because of Covid restrictions and enjoyed meeting Martin online and then, when possible, in-person. He brings an excellent grounding and experience in parish ministry and an enthusiasm for the new possibilities in these two communities."

Martin was born in Swaziland (now Eswatini) and grew up in South Africa. He studied and worked in agriculture while in Africa. In 2001 Martin and Colleen moved to England to live and work in a Christian community at Hengrave Hall in Suffolk. Martin trained for ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, 2008-2010 and served his curacy in the

Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. In his present role in the Diocese of York he has a wide range of interests and responsibilities in church, schools and community. He has undertaken training for spiritual direction and has experience in a wide range of church growth and development areas. Martin enjoys the outdoors and is a keen kayaker and is looking forward to making links within the local clubs.

Martin said, "I am delighted to accept the invitation to be part of the next stage of the journey in the Carnoustie and Monifieth charges. My wife, Colleen and I look forward to being a part of the Diocese of Brechin, meeting new colleagues and friends, and experiencing the area's weather (which we have been told is constantly sunny!)"

Martin's role is to be both the priest for the two charges and also a 'transitional minister', where churches are guided by a specially trained and supported cleric to work together and explore their history, present gifts and future possibilities. Martin will be part of a cohort of SEC clergy undergoing training for this work.

### Bishop's Lent Appeal: Please send in any collected funds

Bishop Andrew's Lent Appeal for this year is supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Coronavirus Appeal and SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health). The appeal is intended to reflect



the balance of local and global impacts of the ongoing pandemic. The funds raised by the Appeal will be split equally between the two causes.

Thank you to the charges and individuals who have already sent in collections or notified about donations already made directly (allowing Gift Aid to be claimed).

If you still have any collected funds to be returned please send them to Allan Duffus, the Diocesan Treasurer. If you wish to make a direct donation to the charities (and pay Gift Aid) could you please let the office know so we have a correct total.

## **BBC Scotland filming for Easter 3 at St Paul's Cathedral Dundee**

The BBC Scotland episode of 'The Service' for Sunday 19th April was filmed in our cathedral in Dundee. Bishop Andrew led the worship, assisted by Catriona Robertson, reader and Alice Simpson, intercessor. Tricia Paton acted as sacristan and Bob Main hosted the filming as cathedral administrator.

The recording can be seen for the next few weeks on the BBC iPlayer at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000vf3d/the-service-series-1-18042021>

## **John Cuthbert Retirement**

Canon John Cuthbert, who was the Rector of St Mary's Arbroath and St Peter's Auchmithie from 2004-2014, has retired from his posts as Priest in Charge of St Michaels and St John the Evangelist, both in Inverness. John's last services were on Easter Day 2021.



John was very involved in the life of the Diocese of Brechin, including acting as Synod Clerk from 2009-2014, then as a honorary Canon of St Paul's since leaving the diocese. Please keep John and his wife Mairi in your prayers as they explore this next phase of life together.

## **Dundee University Chaplaincy series - "Christianity: past its sell by date?"** **29th April: 5-6pm**



The Chaplain at Dundee University, the Rev Dr Fiona Douglas presents the latest in the "One People: Many Philosophies" series. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, The Right Rev Dr Martin Fair will present this online talk with a challenging title. Dr Fair has been a minister in Arbroath for almost thirty years and is coming towards the end of a year as the 'virtual' moderator

of the Church of Scotland from 2020-2021. Please book for this exciting event at the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chaplaincy-series-one-people-many-philosophies-tickets-149107525623>

## **Church Army launches "Faith Pictures"**

We are pleased to share the launch of Faith Pictures, the free resource from Church Army to help Christians of all traditions talk about their own story of faith with confidence, ready to run online or in person. Faith Pictures is six sessions long, each one building on the last to help Christians to see where God has been present in their lives, how they can talk about that confidently, and how God is active in the world around us and wants us to join in with Him. Download Faith Pictures for free at

[resources.churcharmy.org/resources/faith-pictures/](https://resources.churcharmy.org/resources/faith-pictures/)

## **Worship in the Pandemic**

In lockdown we can find ways to worship online. Many churches in the diocese are Zooming or gathering in similar ways—see link below.

The Scottish Episcopal Church continues to offer 'national' worship online. A Sunday service, each led by one of the College of Bishops, will continue in the form of a Eucharist broadcast at 11am through the current lockdown and beyond, as restrictions ease.

This service has an option to hear the worship by telephone for those without internet access. There are more details and downloads of previous weeks' services at:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

[Link to online services within the diocese](#)

If you are offering online worship and are not included in this list, please contact Elliott who can add you to the database.

## **News to share? Please send...**

If you have any events, ideas with worship or anything else to report, please send copy to Elliott at [office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org). The Bulletin will come out each week for the foreseeable future with updates on Covid issues, news from charges and (hopefully) useful information for our communities.