

Brechin Bulletin

14th November 2024

Events in the Church of England

Bishop Andrew writes: The resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury this week, over failures in the Church of England's safeguarding processes and culture, is a serious matter. Although the SEC is a completely separate church, this has implications for us all. Safeguarding in the Scottish Episcopal Church is a vitally important part of our life, and any concerns reported are passed, without fail, to the SEC safeguarding team in Edinburgh. Survivors are placed at the centre of any response, and any issue raised is dealt with in a necessary and proportionate manner, within the processes and Canons agreed across the SEC. The Archbishop's resignation in our sister church may lead to changes in their structures. We cannot be complacent in Scotland: we remain committed to improving and learning in all we do, to ensure that we are as safe a church as we possibly can be for all."

Remembrance Events for 2024 Held in the Diocese of Brechin

Many churches in the Diocese have taken part in Remembrance events on Remembrance Sunday (10th November), the 11th November (Armistice Day) and in the general 'season' of Remembrance. Displays of red poppies, the flower that epitomised the battlefields of the First World War, have been made in several churches.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary's Broughty Ferry Facebook.

St Mary's Broughty Ferry had a fine display outside the church building.

As shown last week, St Mary Magdalene's Dundee had a splendid display of knitted poppies falling in a cascade from the pulpit in the church. This church also has a



Photo courtesy of Dean Kenneth Gibson.

chapel and display for the Burma Star Association, of which the late Bishop Ted Luscombe was a member.

Bishop Andrew was also present on Saturday 2nd November at the Angus, Perthshire and Fife Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance. Along with Bishop Andrew Mackenzie, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Dunkeld, he read a lesson and led prayers at the musical and military event.



(Photo Royal British Legion Scotland Facebook)

There are very few living veterans who served in the Second World War, but there are many who have served in the many conflicts of the late 20th and early 21st century. Remembrance is also about all those who suffer in war, including civilians and especially woman and children in combat zones. Remembrance is also about praying for peace in the wars that are still being fought today, continuing to make victims of so many innocent people.

Energy Footprint Tool Request

A request from Prof Peter Sharp, Diocesan Net Zero Representative: Recently vestry treasurers will have received an email from the Net Zero Team asking them to input data into the Energy Footprint Tool. Possibly because no deadline for responses was given, relatively few charges in Brechin have responded so far. It is very simple to complete; at the least you simply have to give details from your charge's annual energy bill(s) for 2023. Its importance is that it provides you with your carbon footprint for that year and so you will be able to see how, in future years, measures that you have put in place have reduced your carbon emissions.



One of Ian Hall's images from the book.

Bruce Gowans Charity Book "Horace the Helpful Hog" Published

Three hilarious stories in one book about a Gloucester Old Spot pig whose attempts to be helpful inevitably go awry. Fully illustrated and suitable for children all the way through Primary school, it's written by Bruce Gowans, Lay Reader at St Luke's and illustrated by Ian Hall.

Priced at £4.99 it's in A5 size and all proceeds will go to support those in difficult circumstances the church encounters in its ministry at the Foodbank/ Clothing Bank – sometimes more than food and clothing are needed. They can be obtained at the church midweek café, open Tuesday 1000-1500 and Wednesday 1000 – 1400, at church services on a Sunday 1030 -1215, or by contacting Bruce via the church Facebook page "Café Church at St Luke's Dundee" It's a brilliant little book – don't miss it!

Notices from Around the Diocese

**Christmas Fayre with Tea & Blether at St. Martin's: Saturday 16th November 2024
11.30 am to 1.30pm**

St Martins Church invites you to their Christmas Fayre with Tea & Blether. Tea/coffee, sandwiches and festive pie will be provided. Entry is free with donations for refreshments welcome.

Concert at St. James' Stonehaven

The Rock Choir : 15th November 7.30pm

Admission cost £10 which includes a glass of wine, tea or coffee. Tickets are available at the door on the night.

Final Concert of Cathedral's Autumn/Winter Lunchtime Series: 23rd November at 1pm

St. Paul's will host Music Collective Scotland for the final concert in their Autumn/Winter Lunchtime Concert Series on 23rd November at 1:00pm! This special event will feature wonderful performances from their talented piano, voice, and string students, as well as their string ensemble and musical theatre class.

Tickets £8 (adults) £5 (children, 15 and under)



Call for Details of Christmas Events and Services to Share on Diocesan Communications

Please send details of Advent and Christmas services and events that you may be planning, to share on the Diocesan website and from upcoming editions of the Bulletin. And please share photos of the events that have taken place, so we can tell the good news stories of all that is taking place in the Diocese this year!



Any news or upcoming events to share in the Bulletin?

If you have details of upcoming events, stories and photos of events around the diocese, please email Elliott Scarfe in the office on office@brechin.anglican.org.