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The Rev Lynn Davidson Starts her Ministry as Priest in Charge of Invergowrie and Lochee Episcopal Churches

The Rev Lynn Davidson was licensed as Priest in Charge for All Souls' Invergowrie and St. Margaret's, Lochee, Dundee last Saturday, 22 November 2025.

Clergy and Congregation at St Margaret's Lochee on Saturday morning (Photo M Swift)

Bishop Andrew licensed and led the opening of the services. Clergy from the Diocese and elsewhere, along with members of the congregations and other guests, came to support Lynn as she started this new chapter of ministry. Two services were held, as she started her time in these two distinctive church communities.

Clergy and Congregation at All Souls' Invergowrie on Saturday afternoon (Photo M Swift)

Lynn was presented with a certificate in each service to mark the planting of a tree in a Woodland Trust plantation close to Dundee, as part of the 'Communion Forest' Anglican environmental initiative. In each church Lynn then celebrated the eucharist, supported by Bishop Andrew.

Bishop Andrew said, "I am delighted to welcome Lynn and Kenneth to the Diocese. I would also like to thank all those who have helped these charges through their vacancies, the interim pastors and all the vestry members for their steadfast support."

After each service the church community provided refreshments for all those present to give an opportunity for all to get to know Lynn and her husband Kenneth. The Davidsons have come to Dundee & Invergowrie from ministry in Liverpool in the Church of England. Lynn has previously ministered on the Isle of Man, Edinburgh, London and the Cotswolds.

Lynn is presented with her license by Bishop Andrew in All Souls' Invergowrie, with Chancellor Sheriff George Way looking on carefully. (Photo M Swift)

The Friends of St Paul's Cathedral Dundee present "The Singing City": Saturday November 29th at 2pm

Come to St. Pauls Cathedral Dundee for an afternoon of music and stories with Sheena Wellington, sponsored by the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral.

Cost £5 including refreshments. All are very welcome!

Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Broughty Ferry: Saturday 6th December 2pm

Join us at St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry on Saturday 6th December at 2pm to enjoy a concert of seasonal music by the Dundee Symphony Orchestra. Entry is by donation and the concert will be followed by mince pies. The proceeds will be shared between Mary's Meals (one of St. Mary's Broughty Ferry's designated charities) and the Dundee Symphony Orchestra.

St Mary Magdalene's Christmas Tree Festival: 5 – 7 December

All are welcome to come to St Mary Magdalene's for their Christmas Tree Festival. The Christmas Tree Festival is an opportunity for Charities & Voluntary Organisations to display a decorated tree and at the same time publicise their group. The decorated trees will tell a little of what these groups do.

The festival will take place on the following dates:

Friday 5 December – 6pm – 8pm
Saturday 6 December – 10am – 3pm
Sunday 7 December – 12.30pm – 3pm

Admission to the Festival is free with refreshments, activities for children and a small selection of stalls. Take some time away from the Christmas rush to relax in a wonderful setting surrounded by uniquely decorated trees.

Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI) Annual Advent Series 2025: Starts Monday

Rev Prof Swarup Bar will present a series of four talks in Advent 2025 on '19th–20th-Century Indian Christian Theologies' on Mondays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2025 at 5pm.

1. Monday 1 December: Context for the development of Indian Christian theologies
2. Monday 8 December: Indian Renaissance and Christian theology
3. Monday 15 December: Interfaith dialogue
4. Monday 22 December: Indian traditional Christologies.

The Advent Series can be accessed through the SEI Youtube page with the first session available here.

St James Stonehaven: Christmas Coffee Morning, Saturday 6th Dec 10–12noon

Held in St James Church Hall. Tea/Coffee tickets £3.00.

TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, CRAFTS, KNITTING AND PRESERVES, HAMPER RAFFLE, CAKE AND CANDY

Tree of Life: In the church yard from 1st December in memory of your loved ones.

Baubles will be available for the tree in the hall during the coffee morning and in the church until Christmas or you may bring your own and place it on the tree.

An Advent Calendar Poetry Study

Catherine Black is a member of Holy Trinity/Church of the Holy Rood within the Brechin Diocese. She This year she has completed a study book for advent that contains a collection of 25 of her poem alongside a daily bible reading and reflection. Each day allows the reader to take a short time out to reflect on their personal faith journey as they prepare and wait in anticipation through Advent. Hard copies will be available mid November but you can pre order by emailing at catherine.black09@icloud.com Purchase price is £8 per book. Postage and packaging is an extra £2 with discounted postage on bulk orders on request. ALL profits from the first 125 books sold will be donated to Holy Trinity, Monifieth's Starfish projects.

Wilbur & Rosie Trilogy

Lay Reader Bruce Gowans has written a trilogy of books, illustrated by Ian Hall, about a vegetarian wolf called Wilbur and a little girl called Rosie. The stories are suitable for children aged about 4-8 with lots of illustrations.

Further information on the books and how to purchase can be found through their website: gowanshall.co.uk

People who enjoyed his previous book Horace the Helpful Hog will enjoy these too.

Reminder: Charge Annual Returns to be Recorded and Returned Please.

Last Sunday (23rd Nov) was the day that attendance and membership statistics are recorded for all SEC churches.

A reminder to clergy and vestries to now complete the Annual Return and also complete the annual Diocesan Schedule, and return these to the Diocesan Office at office@brechin.anglican.org. Many thanks!

Any news or upcoming events to share in the Bulletin?

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