

Brechin Bulletin

16 January 2026

Licensing of Rev Ellie Charman: 31 January



Rev Ellie Charman with the Bishop in Laurencekirk (Photo K Gibson)

On 31 January Bishop Andrew will license Rev Ellie Charman as Interim Priest for the charges of St Laurence, Laurencekirk, St Palladius, Drumtochy, St John the Baptist, Drumlithie and St Andrew, Fasque. The service will take place at St. Laurence, Laurencekirk.

Training in Emergency First Aid: 21st February from 10am to 2pm

A diocesan Emergency First Aid training day will be taking place at All Souls, Invergowrie on 21 February from 10am to 2pm. If your charge is in need of someone qualified in First Aid or your first aider would like a refresher please contact Rev Mark-Aaron Tisdale at rectorsmbf@gmail.com to enroll. There is limited slots at this first session so we are asking for only one candidate from each charge.

Upcoming Synod Dates in the Diocese

As a New Year starts, the usual business of the Diocesan and Provincial year starts for 2026. This year, the Diocesan Synod will be held on Saturday 7th March. This year we will be asking for new members of Diocesan Council and new Diocesan Representatives for the General Syn-

od.

The General Synod will be held in early June as usual, from Thursday 11th to Saturday 13th June. This year the venue is at the University of Stirling, with all accommodation requirements booked centrally by the General Synod office.

If anyone would like to know more about the opportunities to serve on Synods, Councils, Boards and Committees, please contact the office to arrange a discussion.

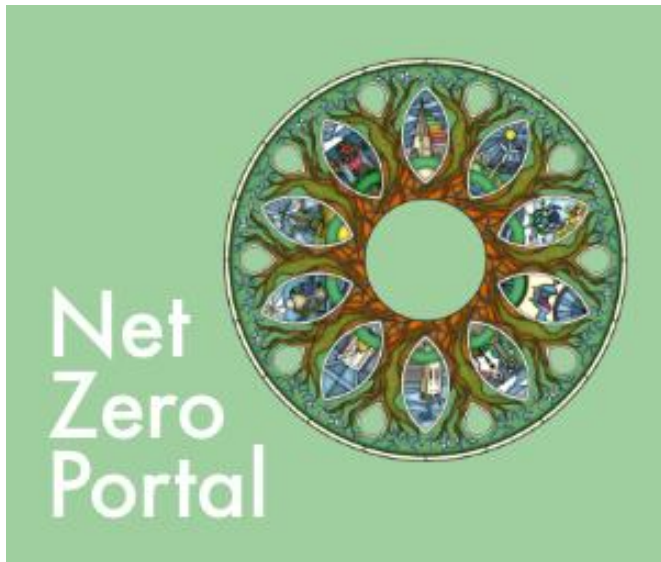
Burns Supper with Cornerstone at St Paul's Cathedral: Monday, 26 January at 6.30pm

Our Burns Supper has become one of Cornerstone's favourite annual events in the past few years. Join us to celebrate Scotland - food, poetry, music, and even a little ceilidh dancing! Age 18-30(ish), all are welcome!



NET ZERO Portal: resources to help churches to work towards Net Zero

The SEC Net Zero portal is available on the Provincial website, and contains resources and much more to help churches as they work towards better sustainability and reduced carbon footprints. Access this vital resource at <https://netzerochurch.scot/>



Business Energy Scotland: Funding for window upgrades – all you need to know

22 January @ 10:00 am – 10:45 am

Business Energy Scotland is running a free webinar on January 22, 2026, and areas covered include:

- Learn how to reduce heat loss through draughtproofing, secondary glazing or double glazing
- Find out about all the additional benefits you can get from modern glazing, in addition to reducing heat loss
- Understand which option is best for you
- Get advice on overcoming challenges in conservation areas and listed buildings
- Learn about typical upgrade costs and the available funding that could rapidly accelerate your project's payback
- Learn how to find reputable installers

The link with more details and how to sign up for this webinar can be found here: [Funding for window upgrades – all you need to know · Business Energy Scotland](#)

Save the Date - Safeguarding Conference 19th March

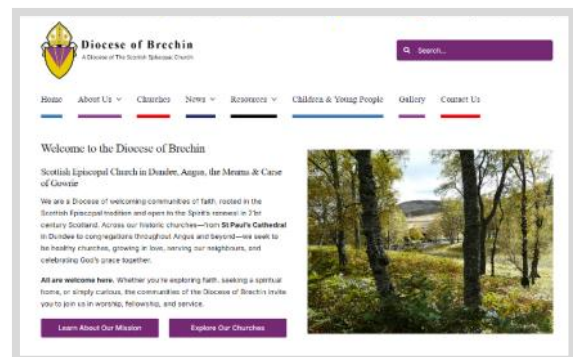
A reminder for the upcoming Safeguarding Conference being held on 19 March at Holy Trinity, Monifeith. Rev Denise Herbert, our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, joined by John Wylie, Provincial Safeguarding Officer, and Daphne Audsley, Assistant Safeguarding Officer invite all clergy, PVG coordinators, Lay Readers, Lay Worship Leaders and interest-

ed vestry members to attend. The doors will open at 9.30 am for a 10 am sharp start with a lunch break 12.30-13.15 then finish at 3.30 pm. For further information and to register your interest in attending please contact Rev Denise Herbert at dbh.herbert@btinternet.com

Advance Notice: Vacancy for Diocesan Finance Assistant

In the next few editions of the Bulletin we will be advertising for a new staff member for the Diocese, a Finance Assistant to work with Bob Main, the Diocesan Treasurer. This role will involve supporting some of the Diocesan charges with their day-to-day financial accounting, as well as assisting Bob with the Diocesan finance. This will be a half-time post, based in the Cathedral offices and at home. More details and an application form will follow—watch this space.

Brechin Diocesan Website



The new Diocesan website (www.brechin.anglican.org) is live and is still being refined and updated.

Please use the site for information on churches, resources for clergy and vestries and news. If you find any glitches or corrections needed, please contact Elliott in the office

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.