Brechin Bulletin
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Brechin, Montrose and Inverbervie Charges Meet for Joint Celebration

Bishop Andrew joined the congregations of St Mary and St Peter Montrose, St David Inverbervie and St Andrew

The joint congregations gather for worship in Montrose (photo M Swift)

Brechin for a joint eucharist in Montrose on Sunday 10th May 2026. The three congregations have been sharing ministry for nearly eight years, each with their own pattern of worship and lay and ordained leadership teams. Their Rector, Canon Jim Benton-Evans, has started a period of sabbatical, so these teams are caring for the congregations in their absence.

Bishop Andrew said, "It was a joy to lead the joint congregations in their worship last Sunday. Mary and I thoroughly enjoyed the time as very different church communities met, worshipped and shared fellowship."

These mid-Angus charges share their Rector and maintain their distinct local identities as Scottish Episcopal congregations in their own contexts.

Fellowship shared following the service. (Photo M Swift)

Ordination as Priest of Reverend Enza Gibson: Holy Trinity, Monifieth at 3pm on 28th June

Rev Enza Gibson, currently serving as the self-supporting curate for Holy Trinity Monifieth and Holy Rood Carnoustie, will be ordained by Bishop Andrew as priest at Holy Trinity, Monifieth at 3pm on Sunday 28th June. All are very welcome to attend. Enza was ordained deacon at Michaelmas last year. For clergy wishing to robe the liturgical colour is white (so an alb and white stole). Lay readers: cassock, surplice and preaching scarf.

Please keep Enza, her family and all of the communities of Holy Trinity and Holy Rood in your prayers in these last few weeks of preparation. This is a very exciting time of development for Enza in her ministry in these coastal communities.

A note: The College of Bishops have, in 2026, changed the default time of year for Scottish Episcopal Church ordination from Michaelmas (end of September) to Petertide, the end of June. Both are traditional times for ordinations, and Petertide fits better with the current pattern of theological training in the Scottish Episcopal Institute.

Become a member of 'The Friends of St. Paul's Cathedral'

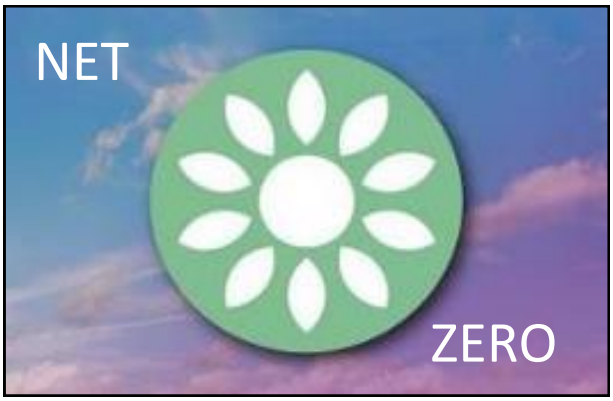
Very Rev Fay Lamont writes: Our Cathedral in the Diocese of Brechin is a building for us to be proud of. (If Christians are allowed to be proud!) It is being very well looked after and The Friends of the Cathedral are helping to do that. We are not all members of the Cathedral and membership is open to all who would like to participate in events 3 or 4 times a year and help to support the work of the Cathedral. We are seeking new members from across the Diocese to help in this important work.

Our next event will be our AGM on Saturday 30th May 2026 in the Cathedral at 2.00pm. Please accept this as our calling notice. There will be some entertainment from Billy Muir and the Total Recall choir and the usual superb refreshments. Please attend and encourage as many people as possible to attend even inviting prospective new members.

Yeek 26 - “On The Way”

Is there a teenager connected to your church who would like to try something different this summer? Yeek is the Provincial Youth Week and it brings together young people from across Scotland at Glenalmond College in rural Perthshire for a week full of fun, faith and finding new friends.

Every journey starts somewhere - please encourage young people of High School age to join us On The Way at Yeek! Find out more at yeek.scot and register by **1 July.**



2026 Energy Footprint Tool Deadline Approaching

There are only a few charges remaining to achieve a 100% completion. The deadline to have your responses completed is **1 June**. If you have any questions you can get in touch with Jack Nevin at ‘jackn@scotland.anglican.org’

St Drostan's Family Open Day: Sunday 19th July from 1.30pm to 5.00pm

All are welcome to come along to see how we have used some of the funds freed up by the sale of the Parsonage and meet some of the new members of our team who have carried out this work.

The extensive ground works are now complete, with new paved areas paths, "Breakfast Patio" with raised flower bed and a walkway around the Church.

New church gates (exact copies of the previous wooden ones) and additional picnic tables all supplied in artificial wood made from Recycled Milk Containers, have also been placed.

Hot drinks will be available, but feel free to bring your own picnic.

For further information contact Peter Nelson: 01569 730967 or stdrostans-book@btinternet.com

Website: www.stdrostans.org

Date for the Diary: Benefact Trust Project Open Church Event at St Ninian’s, Dundee on 29 August from 10:30 am – 1:45 pm

Join us at St Ninian’s, Dundee on 29 August, from 10:30-13:45 for a day of talks, networking and learning relating to their Benefact Trust-Scottish Episcopal Church funded whole-campus decarbonisation project. Hear from funders, installers, technical professionals, and those involved with the project at St Ninian’s. You can register for the event here.

More specific timeline to be shared in due course.

Advance Notice: Vacancy for Bishop’s Personal Assistant

In the next few editions of the Bulletin we will be advertising for a new staff member for the Diocese, as Elliott Scarfe leaves his position as Bishop Andrew’s Personal Assistant in the next few weeks. This role will involve supporting Bishop Andrew and performing administration tasks for the diocese. 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.

Bishop Andrew says, “I would like to thank Elliott for all his support over the past six years, and we wish him well as he moves on from his post.”

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.