



Brechin Bulletin

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Getting Political

- Bishop John

The conference season is over, and the political parties have returned to Westminster for a term that is likely to be the last before a General Election.

There were few surprises at the Conferences, as the leaders sought to give the party faithful what they believed would be a major pep-talk before campaigning begins.

It is hard to believe that either of the parties has the upper hand in terms of promises or plans, though if we believe the polls, then the Conservative party (following previous patterns) are on the up after twelve years of a Labour Government.

It is important that Christian men and women exercise their vote, and particularly at a time when there may be a sense of dejection and fatigue. Surely none of us could put our hands on our hearts and say that there is a bright future for our country or its place in the world. The credit 'crunch' and the subsequent financial fallout, the ongoing war in Afghanistan, do not fill us with hope.

Yet hope there must be and it lies in the Christian affirmation that men and women can change their environment and community, not only through a positive human attitude towards change, but through what we call the Gospel.

The idea of the Kingdom of God is at the very heart of Jesus' teaching. It is about a new kind of time when the values and hopes born of a transformed community begin to effect positive change, even transformation. Let us always bear that in mind when we eventually go to the polls—and to pray for our country's future.

Christmas Cards

St. Salvador's, Dundee has Christmas cards for sale depicting the Annunciation scene which forms part of the reredos behind the high altar. All proceeds go towards the current Restoration Fund which aims to make the church building watertight and, hopefully, prevent further damage to this Burlison and Gryllis art work.

Cards are £1 per pack of 5. To order, contact Dr. Alan Geddes on 01382-641991.

November Meetings

- 5 9.30am - Business Office
- 12 11.30am - Chapter
- 19 6.30pm - Mission and Ministry Board
- 25 2.00pm - DBAC

Bulletin deadline

is the 16th of each month
Please send news to:

office@brechin.anglican.org

CHURCH NEWS

Please send a copy of your monthly newsletter to the office with any information you wish to appear in the Bulletin highlighted. This will ensure your news is broadcast.

From the Bishop's Desk

November

- 1 All Souls, Invergowrie. 10am.
- 5 Office business meeting.
- 7 LCM Annual Review at St. Ternan, Muchalls.
- 8 St. Ternan, Muchalls. 10.30am.
- 10 St. Palladius Trustees' Meeting. 9am.
- 12 Chapter meeting at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. 11.30am.
- 14 Montrose. St. Mary & St. Peter. Institution of the Very Revd. Canon Stephen Collis as Rector of St. Mary & St. Peter, Montrose with St. David of Scotland, Inverbervie. 2pm.
- 15 Holy Rood, Carnoustie. 9.30am.
- 18 Perth. Meeting of College of Bishops. 1pm.
- 19 Mission and Ministry Board meeting. 6.30pm.
- 22 All Saints, Glencarse. 10.30am.
- 24 CME Day at Bishop's house. 10.30am.
- 25 St. Luke, Downfield. LCM Review. 12.30pm.
- 29 St. Mary, Broughty Ferry. 11.00am.

GROWING LEADERS' TRAINING DAY

The Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) is holding a special Training Day at Perth Riverside Church, Bute Drive, Perth, PH1 3DJ on Saturday 14th November from 10am until 4pm. This day helps to bring together teaching about leadership and spiritual development, all in the context of God's work. For more information please contact the Leadership Development Advisor for Scotland, Chris Kellock on: 07809-860912 or CPAS on: 01926-458425 or e-mail: chewitt@cpas.org.uk (Cero Hewitt, Development Team Administrator).

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' RURAL GROUP

ACTS Scottish Churches' Rural Group is hosting a Day Conference on Wednesday 9th December at the Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh. EH2 4YN. Cost for the day is £10, which includes coffee/tea and lunch. The themes for the day are: "Our Rural World and How It Is Currently Planned", "The Big Picture Issues", and "Rural

Activities". The Conference starts at 10am and is scheduled to close at 4.30pm. Should you be interested, you may send your name and address, with payment, to: Rural Futures Conference, ACTS, 7 Forrester Lodge, Inglewood House, Alloa. FK10 2HU or e-mail: shonapaterson@acts-scotland.org for a booking form before 27 November.

Listening in Advent

A time each week in Advent for listening together

Why? To give and receive time during Advent for reflecting on our life journeys and listening to ourselves, to others, and to God.

When? On Thursday mornings in Advent - 3rd, 10th and 17th December - from 10am to 11am.

Where? St. Philip's Church, Catterline.

Who? If you are interested, contact Judith Irving at 01569-750461 or 07796-361363 for more information.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee

Saturday lunchtime concerts at 1pm. Adults £3, Children £2. Tea/coffee are served after the concerts.

7 Jeanne You: Piano.

21 Dundee High School Music Department presents various pupil ensembles. Final concert of the season.

St. Mary, Broughty Ferry

1 All Souls' Memorial Service. 4pm. All Welcome.

8 Remembrance Sunday. 10am.

14 Festive Fair in the Church Hall. 10am-3pm.

20 Nine Lessons and Carols. 4pm.

29 Christingle Service. 6pm.

St. Ninian, Mid-Craigie, Dundee

1 Time to Remember Service. 6pm.

8 Remembrance Sunday. **Early start.** 10.55am.

15 Girls' Brigade Dedication Service. Please welcome our company at this service. 11am.

22 AGM will take place immediately after the service.

24 Advent Study. Sunday School room. 7.30 - 9pm.

29 First Sunday in Advent. 11am.

St. Martin, Dundee

14 Xmas Fayre. 2pm to 4pm.

St. Margaret, Lochee, Dundee

3 Prize Bingo in the Parish Room. 2pm.

21 Christmas Coffee Morning. 10am until noon.

DECEMBER

St. John the Baptist, Dundee.

6 Advent Carol Service. 6pm. Followed by light refreshments. All welcome.

St. Ninian, Mid-Craigie, Dundee

8 Advent Study. Sunday School room. 7.30 - 9pm.

11 Lighting of Community Christmas tree. 4pm.

13 Carols and Christingle. 6pm.

15 Advent Study. Sunday School room. 7.30 - 9pm.

24 Midnight Service for Christmas Eve. 11pm.

GET ON THE WAVE!

Glasgow, Saturday, 5th December, 2009

People from across the country will come together in Glasgow to send a clear message about climate change to world leaders meeting in Copenhagen for UN climate change negotiations. **The Wave** is set to be Scotland's biggest ever demonstration against climate change and is organised by Stop Climate Chaos Coalition. **Invite 10** people to join you in Glasgow, ask them to invite another 10 and so on - send e-mails and the numbers will grow. For more information on **The Wave** visit www.the-wave.org.uk/scotland.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims

The third Sunday in November is officially recognised by the United Nations as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. Road tragedies continue to occur at the appalling rate of **seven people killed and over 70 people seriously injured every day** on UK roads. This year it will be commemorated on Sunday, 15th November. Should any church like to arrange a special service and/or receive an information pack, please contact the Road Peace Office at: www.roadpeace.org or telephone: 02077-331603.

CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

What's happening for children in our churches? How are children being encouraged to use their gifts? Do children feel part of the Christian community? **Explore these and other issues together on Saturday, 21st November at The Premier Inn, 187 George St., Glasgow.** The day begins with Registration and Coffee at 10am for a 10.30 start. The cost is £5. Lunch is provided. Keynote Speaker is **Vicki Shaver**. For additional information contact Tom Moyes at: tommoyes@acts-scotland.org or telephone: 01259-222363

A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

Boswell House, an ecumenical House of Prayer, is located in an 18th Century town house in Montrose. It is offering a week of guided prayer for individuals from 22 to 28 November. The guides will be Mrs. Judith Irving, Mr. Amund Karner and Sr. Elizabeth Moran. Those sharing in the week will meet as a group for the Opening Session on Sunday, 22nd at 7.15pm. Each one will have a personal guide to meet with them each day for 30 minutes at an agreed time. Further information and booking may be obtained from: Boswell House, 107 High St., Montrose. DD10 8QR. Telephone: 07858-500155 or 07796-361363. A donation of £30 for the week is suggested, but no one need be excluded for reasons of finance. Please give what you can and those who feel able to give more, their generosity will be much appreciated.