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*From the
Bishop's Desk*

JANUARY

- 13th 10.00am. Edinburgh meeting.
- 15th 7pm. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Prayers for the new Provost.
- 16th 2pm. Installation of the new Provost.
- 17th 11am. St. Mary Magdalene.
- 19th 7pm. City Chambers - Civic Reception re the visit of the Moderator of the Church of Scotland.
- 20th 10.30am. Edinburgh meeting.
- 23rd All day. Interviewing of candidates for the Three Charges. (St. John the Baptist, St. Margaret and St. Martin.)

LINKS LUNCH

Monday, 25th January, 2010

At St. Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry

Speaker: Mrs. Sarah Sherlock
Topic

'Anglicanism in the Horn of Africa'
12 for 12.15pm until 2.30pm

Bring and Buy Stall

Financial donations towards lunch for
LINKS Mission projects.

ALL WELCOME

January Meetings

- 7th Mission and Ministry Board
- 12th Administration Board
- 14th Business Office

Frivolities of The Past

- *Bishop John*

Over fifty years ago when Dundee's original medieval Overgate (the one demolished by the municipal bulldozer in the 60s) still stood, it was the centre of the City's Hogmanay Celebrations. My parents took us down once, late on New Year's Eve. I can still remember the colourful stalls, people dancing and laughing in the lanes, and something you didn't see very often—six foot bobbies walking in pairs. They weren't taking no chances!

This colourful riotous street wasn't unusual in Scottish towns in the 50s or early 60s and is, perhaps, mirrored today in the colourful events in Edinburgh's Princes Street. At the same time, the practice of 'first footing' was commonplace, when families visited their friends and neighbours. The practice may be less popular now.

I've sometimes thought that the wild Scottish New Year celebrations were a reaction to the Presbyterian determination that Christmas should not be celebrated at all, though that 'prohibition' was itself dropped in the 50s and 60s when churches began to hold watch-night services at Christmas and New Year.

Whatever the reason, I've always rather liked New Year nonsense. It seems to me that so often people genuinely want the best for their family and friends and hope and pray for a better year.

In the world we now face, with recession, war abroad, and with unemployment rising again—especially in our Diocese, the incarnation means we must work with all things human. We must embrace what we can, trusting that God works in us for the good, and that the seasonal good wishes offered by friends and neighbours, even in sometimes riotous celebrations, are truly meant and received

Installation of the New Provost

Will take place in The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

on Saturday 16th January at 2pm

The Bishop hopes for a good representation from all charges across the Diocese

MOTHERS' UNION

A New Beginning

Hilary Moran

will be commissioned as Mothers' Union
Provincial President in Scotland

by the Primus

The Most Rev. David Chillingworth

on Saturday, 13th February, 2010 at 11am

at St. Mary's Cathedral,
Great Western Road, Glasgow

Tea and Coffee afterwards - bring your lunch

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

January, 2010

St. John the Baptist

19th 6pm. Epiphany Carol Service. All Welcome.

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY

6th February, 2010

St. Mary's, Broughty Ferry

For those who lead **Intercessions** and/or read **Scriptures** and for those who are interested in finding out more about these ministries. It will be a day of teaching input, hands-on tasks and resourcing. There will also be an opportunity to share resources and ideas, to share fellowship and meet others in our Diocesan family. The day will commence at 10.30am with coffee being served from 10am. Hot drinks will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 3.30pm. Anyone interested please contact: The Very Rev. David Mumford at 01356-622708 OR The Rev. Jonathan Bower at 01382-805088 e-mail:

jonathanbower@clergy.net

WHAT IS EDINBURGH 2010?

It is an ecumenical project set up to commemorate the centenary of the World Missionary Conference, and to provide new perspectives on Christian mission today. The highlight of the conference is a celebratory service on Sunday, 6th June. Delegates, and about 1,000 local and international guests will gather at the Assembly Hall in Edinburgh, the venue of the 1910 World Missionary Conference. The Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. Dr. John Sentamu, will lead the three-hour worship together with other Christian traditions. An up-to-date list of events, information, newsletter etc. may be found on the website: <http://www.edinburgh2010.org/>
The Communications Officer is Jasmin Adam.

BUILDING HOME, BUILDING HOPE

A conference exploring the Theology of Home

This conference explores what it means to live in Scotland today without a solid home base - nowhere to go out into the world from, nowhere to offer hospitality to others. The event is suitable for anyone with an interest in contemporary Scotland, particularly those who may be volunteering in homelessness, or belongs to a church which is committed to tackling homelessness, or considering such involvement.

Date: Saturday, 30th January, 2010

Venue: Martin Hall, New College, Edinburgh

Contact: graham.blount@ed.ac.uk for further information or

Phone: 01316-507912 Cost: £10

ALSO

Families Today: Where Are We Now?

A one-day conference looking at issues facing families today.

Date: Wednesday, 10th February, 2010.

Venue: McDonald Conference Centre, 95 McDonald Rd.,
Edinburgh.

To book: www.crfr.ac.uk/events/familiesbook.html

Cost: (Includes lunch)-Small organisation £20, Large £50.

Bulletin Deadline is the 16th of each month. Please send news to:
office@brechin.anglican.org

Looking After and Getting the Most From Your Buildings

The attention of all charges is drawn to the following helpful sources of information and guidance.

The INFORM Church CD-ROM provides information on the care, maintenance and repair of church buildings. By accessing the www.maintainyourchurch.org website and opening the Resources and Discussion element, details will be found on how to get/download the CD-ROM.

The text of the excellent booklet "**Letting it Happen.... How to Make Your Church Buildings Work for You**", is available online through the Faith in Community Scotland and Church of Scotland websites as follows:

www.faithincommunityscotland.org and
www.churchofscotland.org.uk

Lisbeth Thoms
DBAC Convenor

Prayers for the New Provost

On Friday 15th January, at 7 in the evening,
in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

The Bishop will lead a 30 minute candlelight event entitled
Prayers for the New Provost.

The Bishop urges all congregations to send one or two representatives to this simple service,
as we prepare to welcome the new Provost and his family to Dundee.