



# Brechin Bulletin

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*From the  
Bishop's Desk*

## MAY

- 2nd St. Martin. 8.30am and 11am.  
4-5th Residential Meeting.  
9th Bishop's Day at St. James, Stonehaven. 10.30am.  
11th CMD Day at Holy Trinity, Monifieth. 9.30am.  
16th Glenalmond. Preaching at Morning Prayers. 10.45am.  
19-26th Scottish Episcopal Church representative at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.  
30th Holy Trinity, Monifieth. A joint service with Holy Rood Carnoustie. 10.30am

### WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010

ST. DROSTAN'S LODGE

TARFSIDE

SEPTEMBER 24th - 26th

Leader - The Rev. Ursula Shone

### THEME

The Lord says,

"I am about to do a new thing"

(Isaiah 43 v.19)

Cost £50

Further details and booking form from:

The Rev. Ursula Shone

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**Bulletin Deadline is the 16th of each month. Please send news to:**

[office@brechin.anglican.org](mailto:office@brechin.anglican.org)

### May Meetings

- 6th Mission & Ministry Board. 6.30pm.  
11th Administration Board. 6pm.  
12th DBAC. 3pm.

# Bishop's Mornings

*Bishop John writes -*

**This isn't about what I do in the mornings! but about what I hope to share with some congregations across the Diocese in the coming months.**

**Our congregations were not able to hear the important remarks I made at Synod about our Diocese's charges and their futures, and I was a bit disappointed that some of the 'reports on Synod' that appeared in Church magazines, made absolutely no mention of the critical things I talked about.**

The fact is that across our Diocese some charges are having great difficulty in making ends meet; funds are running low, and week by week the giving of the congregation is insufficient to pay the incumbent. I will not shirk what I believe is my duty to point out to congregations, the pastoral and ministerial consequences for congregations if this continues.

I have a hunch (I hope I can be proved wrong) that, in many charges, members of congregations are blissfully unaware of how serious things are; that in some charges the congregation cannot afford to pay their own incumbent without assistance from outside—assistance that will not now be guaranteed in the future.

I would like every charge to discuss these things; and it is for this reason I want to come among congregations to encourage them to expand their thinking, their mission, and their general outreach—as well as their giving.

At all these sessions there will be a chance for individual members to quiz the incumbent, members of the vestry who are present, and the Bishop. There is much that we can attempt to adapt and change and to create a new future for ourselves.

### THE GIFFORD LECTURES

All the lectures (given by Professor Gianni Vattimo, Professor of Philosophy, Turin University), will take place at the Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre (WILT), off University Place, Glasgow. Lectures start at 1800 (doors open 17.30). Free and open to the public. For further information contact Angela Hair, Development & Alumni Office. E-mail: [A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:A.Hair@admin.gla.ac.uk) telephone: 01413-303593.

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| Monday 7th June    | Tarski and the quotation marks of his principle.                   |
| Tuesday 8th June   | Beyond Phenomenology                                               |
| Wednesday 9th June | Being and Event                                                    |
| Thursday 10th June | The Ethical Dissolution of Reality (followed by drinks reception). |

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

### MAY

#### Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Dundee

Lunchtime Concerts - Saturdays at 1pm.  
(Tea and Coffee served after the concert)  
Adults £3, Children £2 (available at the door)

#### Holy Rood, Carnoustie

1st Book Sale and Coffee Morning in the Church hall.  
From 10am. Adults £1 children 50p.

#### St. Mary Magdalene, Dundee

1st Book Sales every Saturday throughout the summer from 10am to 1pm. A large selection of second-hand books, most of which are less than £1. Novels, non-fiction, crime, thrillers, travel, biographies, children, and reference - you name it, we probably have it! Come and see.

#### St. Martin, Dundee

29th Book Stall (in aid of Church Funds), Murraygate, Dundee. A large selection of new and second-hand books. 10am - 4pm.

#### St. John the Baptist, Dundee

14th Fun Quiz Night. To be held in Boomerang Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. £10 per team. Details from Gillian at 07846-164491.

### SWAZILAND PLEA

*St. John's has a large bundle of baby hand-knits (new) which was donated for children in Swaziland. If anyone in the Diocese is travelling there, please take some. Contact Gillian Millar at: 01382-455656 or 07846-164491, e-mail: gillstjohn@btinternet.com*

## WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010

The Annual Retreat for Women takes place from Friday, 24th September to Sunday, 26th September at St. Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside. The theme this year is, "The Lord says, "I am about to do a new thing".

A Retreat provides an opportunity to have a time apart from the everyday busyness of life and, whether you have been on a retreat before, or if it will be a new experience, you will be welcome.

There will be times for silence, prayer

and meditation and also time for recreation and sharing in the lovely surroundings of Glen Esk.

The Leader is the Rev. Ursula Shone and further information and booking form can be obtained from her. The cost is £50. For those on low incomes, there could be some financial assistance towards the cost.

Further information available from:

The Rev. Ursula Shone, 4 Park Road, Brechin. DD9 7AF. 01356-626087 or e-mail: u.shone@btinternet.com

### Visions for the Future—International Theological Summer School.

To be held at Scottish Churches House, Dunblane, Scotland from the 26th of June to the 9th of July, 2010. Applications to participate in the Summer School should be accompanied by a 250-word introductory letter which states your reasons for wishing to attend. Please also include a brief curriculum vitae. Cost is £995 which includes full board, bed and breakfast on Iona, excursions and museums. Accommodation: single rooms and there is full disability access. A booking fee of £50 is payable to reserve a place (non-refundable 28th May). Balance due by 14th June. (Cheques to be made payable to Scottish Churches House.) Some scholarships will be available to cover all or part of the Summer School costs. Requests for scholarships should be accompanied by a letter explaining your circumstances. For more information contact any of the following:

- A) Elaine Cameron: 01821-650482, or e-mail: elaine.ging@gmail.com
- B) Alastair Hulbert: 01313-320008, mail@alastairhulbert.com
- C) Elizabeth Templeton: 01796-482232, templeton.e@btinternet.com
- D) Scottish Churches House, 1 Kirk Street, Dunblane. FK15 0AJ or Website: www.scottishchurcheshouse.org

## CONFERENCES/INVITATIONS

1) **Garden Cottage Spirituality Centre, Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn, Perthshire. PH2 9HN** invites you to nurture your life for ministry, to affirm your own experience, to share with others and, hopefully, enrich your spiritual life in a safe, nurturing environment. Carmel Byrne, John Munro and Mary Roe represent different Christian traditions with one commitment to follow Jesus Christ and His call to experience life to the full. There will be three afternoons of reflection which will take place on Thursdays - **29th April, 6th and 13th May** from 2.30pm to 5pm. You will meet in the beautiful setting of the Centre (run by Sisters of the Sacred Heart) within a walled garden, at the foot of the Dron Hills near Perth. Further information available at: 01738-813618 or e-mail: adminorchard@btconnect.com or website: www.gardencottagespirituality.org.uk Please send a deposit of £5, payable to the Society of the Sacred Heart, to the Administrator, with your name, address, telephone, and e-mail, along with the dates selected. A suggested donation for the course of £30 (£10 for individual sessions).

2) **Acorn in Scotland. Lost Voices.** An interactive conference focusing on transforming broken relationships through listening, healing and reconciliation. Led by Revd. Dr. Russ Parker who is the Director of the *Acorn Christian Healing Foundation* of which *Acorn in Scotland* is part. To be held on Sunday, **9th May** from 2 - 4.30pm at The Bield, in Perth. Cost is £10 which includes afternoon tea. To book a place or for further information contact: info@bieldatablackruthven.org.uk or visit the website: www.bieldatablackruthven.org.uk

3) **Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse** is planning an exhibition which will have 104 pairs of shoes representing the 2 women who die each week in the UK as a result of domestic abuse. All faiths and denominations are being invited to contribute to the exhibition. The contributions should include one pair of shoes (women's or men's) with a caption which expresses how faith influences thoughts on domestic abuse. Your shoes (which will not be returned) and caption should be sent by **20th May**, to: The Diocesan Centre, 5 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow. G1 2DH. If you require further information please contact: Ann Glenesk by e-mail: ann.glenesk@ntlworld.com

4) **Creating Music - A Safe Space and a Meeting Place** To be held on **19th June** at The Bield, led by James Robertson, Programmes Leader of MSc Music Therapy at Queen Margaret University Edinburgh, from 10am to 4.30pm. An opportunity to explore the communicative and healing potential of music-making and musical interaction. **No musical skills required.** This workshop is open to all who enjoy music. Cost £30 includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Please book through Muriel at: info@bieldatablackruthven.org.uk or telephone: 01738-583238. Send a £10 deposit to: The Bield at Blackruthven, Tibermore, Perth. PH1 1PY. Cheques are payable to: The Bield Christian Company Limited.

5) **Annual Conference of the Association of Pastoral Supervisors & Education (APSE).** To be held on **24th June, 2010** at Nottingham Gateway Hotel. Closing date for booking is **31st May, 2010.** Robin Shohet, co-author of *Supervision in the Helping Professions*, will give the keynote address and Michael Paterson (SEC Priest and Chaplain, St. Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh) will launch *Pastoral Supervision: A Handbook*. Further details may be obtained from Michael Paterson at: mspaterson@stcolumbahospice.org.uk The website of the Association is: [www.pastoralsupervision.org.uk](http://www.pastoralsupervision.org.uk)

6) **Solas 2010** Welcome to Solas, and an all-age weekend to light up the Scottish festival landscape with a vivid mix of music, debate, theatre, comedy, film and visual art. Solas is an independent festival, made in Scotland, with the support and co-operation of our partner organizations **Greenbelt Festival** and **Christian Aid Scotland**. The festival will take place on **25-27th June, 2010** at Wiston Lodge, Biggar which is about an hour south of Glasgow and Edinburgh. The 52 acre site has ample room for camping amidst beautiful lowland countryside. For cost, accommodation and camping information contact: Solas Festival, 110 St. James Street, Glasgow. G4 0PS., [www.solasfestival.co.uk](http://www.solasfestival.co.uk) or [www.theproject.org.uk](http://www.theproject.org.uk)