



The Scottish Episcopal Church

Welcomes You

inspires online - June 2014

Welcome to the June 2014 edition of *inspires online* - although I appreciate that it is arriving in your inbox just as the month of June draws to a close! *inspires online* is a monthly electronic newsletter and it is hoped that each month the newsletter will be sent to you within the first couple of weeks of each month. My apologies that this month's is somewhat later than intended!

June was a busy month, not least with General Synod in the middle of June!

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of *inspires online* and continue to send me any comment and feedback you may have!

Lorna Finley
Communications Officer

General Synod 2014

This year's General Synod took place from 12-14 June at St Paul's & St George's Church in Edinburgh. A summary of each day's proceedings is available on the Scottish Episcopal Church website <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/the-general-synod/>

The draft Minutes of General Synod 14 will be available on the website in due course.

Cascade Conversations – Listening across the Spectrum

Following on from the Cascade Conversation event in Pitlochry at the end of April, the Cascade process of discussions and meetings continues within Dioceses.

As part of the agenda for General Synod 2014, a Conversation between four synod members (each had attended the Pitlochry event) was facilitated by Hugh Donald

of *A Place for Hope* initiative. Synod members then met within small groups to have discussions on same sex relationships. The flip chart notes from these discussions will be available on the SEC website shortly. The Most Rev David Chillingworth, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church concluded the session on same sex relationships at GS 14 by delivering a statement which can be read [here](#). A video conversation between the Rev Dean Fostekew of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Edinburgh and Rev Dave Richards of St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh was produced following the Cascade Conversation event in Pitlochry and can be viewed on the Scottish Episcopal Church website's home page www.scotland.anglican.org

Glenstravaganza - Glenalmond Youth Camps 2014

Information on Glenalmond Youth Camps from Claire Benton-Evans, Youth and Children Officer, Edinburgh Diocese:

“Whatever you do – don’t change Glenalmond! It’s fantastic!” This was the advice given to me by teenagers in an Edinburgh church last year when I introduced myself as the Diocese’s new Youth and Children Officer. Back then, I knew precisely 3 things about the Glenalmond Youth Camps:

The two camps, each a week long, happen in the summer at Glenalmond College, Perthshire

They bring together young people and leaders from all seven dioceses in the Scottish Episcopal Church

Everyone I’ve met who has experienced ‘Glen’, either as delegate or leader, describes it as (variously) ‘Amazing’ ‘Fantastic’ ‘Really cool’ ‘Brilliant fun’ ‘Awesome’ and ‘Epic’

Since then, I have attended the weekend Glen training event and met my fellow leaders. They are a great bunch and we joined together in a jam-packed programme of planning, briefing, child protection training, preparation, worship, prayer and some wonderfully bonkers woodland scavenging and team-building activities. By the end of it all I was beginning to understand a little bit of what makes the Glen experience so special, and what makes young people all over the SEC return year after year - and then come back again as young leaders when they are too old to be delegates.

Glen is open to all young people from our churches who are in secondary education. It is a unique opportunity for them to get together and share fun, faith and fellowship in the Hogwarts-style surroundings of Glenalmond College. This year, the theme is 'Life Story': in house groups the delegates will be learning more about the life of Jesus and discovering what it has to do with their own lives. There is also a fun-packed programme of workshops and activities, thanks to the leaders' many and surprising talents!

Are there young people in your church who need to know about Glen '14? Tell them! Places are still available and the deadline for applications has been extended. It is suggested that the cost is shared between the young person's family and the Vestry (£125 and £100 respectively). This is a wonderful opportunity for Vestries to support and encourage the teenagers in their church.

Information is available on the Scottish Episcopal Church website at <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/provincial-youth-committee/> or contact the Rev Tembu Rongong rector@stpj.org.uk



Royal Highland Show and the Church

The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson represented the Scottish Episcopal Church at this year's Royal Highland Show at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh. He was joined by other Church leaders and representatives who heard presentations highlighting issues of Energy sources and global growth in the use of carbon fuels. The Scottish Churches Rural Group hosted a Scottish Churches stand throughout the Royal Highland Show. For further information on the work of this group contact the Rev David Atkinson, Church in Society Convener on atkinson390@btinternet.com

Faith in Action

The *Faith in Action* guide for the year (produced by the Church in Society Committee) is on the Scottish Episcopal Church website www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/faith-in-action/ and covers a separate theme each month.

The leaflets include prayer suggestions which could be used for Intercessions for the month as well as ideas for actions which either individuals or groups within

congregations and communities could become involved with. Feedback on the prayer guide is always welcome, so please contact Elspeth Davey at churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org with any comments or suggestions for additional resource material or contacts

The *Faith in Action* guide for June asks us to think about Peace and Justice and for July reminds us of the gifts of Children and Young People and to undertake if possible one or more of the suggested actions.

Across the Dioceses

For news of activities and events across the seven dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church, check out the diocesan websites:

Aberdeen & Orkney www.aberdeen.anglican.org

Argyll & The Isles www.argyll.anglican.org

Brechin www.brechin.anglican.org

Edinburgh www.edinburgh.anglican.org

Glasgow www.glasgow.anglican.org

Moray, Ross & Caithness www.moray.anglican.org

St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane www.standrews.anglican.org

Labyrinth Retreat

Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 August 2014

The College of The Holy Spirit

The Cathedral of The Isles

Millport

Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE

In an increasingly hectic society we need places that attract us by their beauty, help us still the busy mind, and offer us a unique space to reflect and connect again with what is most important in our lives. The labyrinth is such a place. Come and experience what walking the sacred path of the labyrinth can bring to your human journey and your spiritual practice. Rev Di Williams will lead this retreat. Cost from £145 Full Board for 2 nights.

Download Information Sheet and Booking Forms on www.island-retreats.org or contact:

The Warden by email: cathedral_cumbrae@btconnect.com or telephone 01475 530353

Is God calling you to Brechin Diocese?

The Bishop is looking to enhance the ministry team in the diocese and would be pleased to hear from clergy contemplating a move in the foreseeable future. Stipendiary posts, full or part time and house for duty are or are becoming available – in the city of Dundee and in the towns of our attractive east coast.

The Diocese of Brechin offers wonderful opportunities for ministry. Our vision is to be more missional and outward-facing. We need imaginative and collaborative clergy who pastor and promote the gospel well in varied contexts.

Priests coming to the diocese join a friendly and compact clergy team which values mutual support, continuing ministerial learning and social times together in order that we each flourish.

To arrange a visit or conversation with the Bishop please contact Jackie Milton, Bishop's PA at the Diocesan Office in Dundee. office@brechin.anglican.org 01382 562244

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