



### Who is it for?

A weekend retreat for 18-25 year-old Scottish Episcopalians who would like to take time out with God and each other in the wild and beautiful surroundings of Glen Esk. We will happily take applications from young people over 25, but priority will be given to those aged 18 - 25 should there be insufficient spaces. You may not have confirmed dates for your courses or holidays yet, but we would prefer you to apply now anyway to gauge interest rather than holding off because you feel you cannot say 100%. This pilgrimage will be led by Claire Benton-Evans and Rev Tembu Rongong.

**Provincial Youth Pilgrimage  
for young adults  
Glen Esk, Angus  
16-18 August 2024**

### Where is it?

This pilgrimage will be an “off grid” experience: there is a single track country road that winds up into Glen Esk to the tiny village of Tarfside, where St Drostan’s Church and Lodge are located. There is very little phone signal in Tarfside or Glen Esk, and St Drostan’s Lodge doesn’t have wifi. It does have a landline (pay phone) and we will have contact in case of emergency with the Wardens who look after the Lodge and who live in Tarfside.

Glen Esk offers wonderful opportunities for spending time with God in nature: there is a short hill walk directly behind the Lodge, offering panoramic views of the glens, and a flat walk to the scenic Queen’s Well (below) is a short drive away. Scotland’s most easterly Munro, Mount Keen, is not far off, and there are the peaceful shores of Loch Lee to enjoy, as well as the spacious garden around the Lodge itself.



## Where will we stay?

[St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside](#) is a comfortable retreat house owned by the Diocese of Brechin. It stands next to the Episcopal church of St Drostan's, which will be open for our use. The Lodge sleeps a maximum 17 people and we will have sole use of it. Some of us will need to share rooms, as the accommodation is as follows: 2 twin en-suite rooms, 1 single en-suite room, 1 twin room, 6 single rooms, 2 bunk bed rooms.

## How much does it cost?

£70 per person for the weekend (approximately Friday 4pm to Sunday 5pm)

## What if I can't afford it?

It is hoped that Pilgrims will raise this money individually and through fundraising within their church and Diocese. Cost should not be a barrier to attendance. If there are issues in raising the sum, please speak to your Youth Officer or Claire. If you belong to the Diocese of Brechin and are a full-time student, you are eligible for financial assistance from the Murray-Scarlett fund: please contact Claire about how to apply.

## How do we get there?

Once we know who is coming and how many cars we may have, we will arrange car-sharing from Brechin/Montrose. Brechin is accessible by bus and Montrose is on the East Coast train line.

### I'm interested! How do I apply?

[Click here for the Google form.](#)

Please be aware that places are limited! Pilgrims will be chosen and notified in the week following 23 June. Save the date in your diaries.

Questions? Get in touch with Claire at: [ClaireBE@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:ClaireBE@scotland.anglican.org)



*Photos: (previous page) the view from upper Glen Esk towards Mount Keen; the Queen's Well; (above) the view of the glens from the Hill of Rowan above Tarfside. C Benton-Evans*