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Celebration of ministries

Lay Readers, Worship Leaders, Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, friends and family came from across the diocese to St John's Dumfries for the annual celebration of authorised ministries in May.

During the service, Douglas Allison was licensed as a Reader in the diocese, while Linda Whitby and Brian Woodburn were recognised as Reader Emeriti. The authorisations of Pastoral Assistants and Worship Leaders were also issued or renewed.

This was the first time in recent years that the service had been held in Galloway. It was timed to allow people to travel by car and by train, and lunch was served before the service.

It was led by Revd Shelley Marsh, with Bishop Idris presiding at the Eucharist. The preacher was Revd Dr Ann Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer.

Marriage and cohabitation: the same or different?

DESCRIBED as an exploration of the issues surrounding relationships in the 21st century, this one-day Mothers' Union event takes place on Saturday 12 September, in St John's Dumfries, 10am – 2.30pm.

Leading the day will be MU chaplain Revd Scott Robertson.

Four sessions will cover the history of marriage and cohabitation; the Biblical context; present-day perceptions; and the law with relation to marriage and cohabitation. Following an introduction on each subject there will be a group discussion.

The event is for all church members, family and friends. Lunch will be free. Contact Carolynne Sorrell (01387 255798, cmsorrell@aol.com) if you are interested so that organisers have numbers for catering. Please let her know if you would like a crèche.

The MU will hold a similar event in St Silas Glasgow on 5 December.

Meet the new Primus

THE Rt Revd David Chillingworth was elected Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church last month.

Bishop David has been Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane since 2005. He succeeds the Most Revd Dr Idris Jones, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, who stepped down as Primus on 12 June following his announcement that he will retire from the office of diocesan bishop.

Bishop David is a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day'. He writes a blog at www.bishopdavid.net.

Born in 1951, Bishop David grew up in Northern Ireland. He studied at Trinity College, Dublin, and Oriel College, Oxford. His training for ministry was at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, in the Church of England.

He was ordained in Belfast in 1976, and much of his working life has been spent at the heart of the Northern Ireland conflict. He also served as Church of Ireland Youth Officer from 1979 to 1983.

Before moving to Scotland in 2005, he was Rector of Seagoe Parish Church in Portadown and Archdeacon of Dromore.

News in brief. . .

THE institution of Revd Shona Lillie as rector of St Andrew's Uddingston and St Cuthbert Cambuslang will be on 16 July at 7.30pm (not 7pm) in St Andrew's.

THE congregations of All Saints Bearsden and St Andrew's Milngavie have appointed Revd Kirstin Freeman as their new rector. It is hoped Kirstin will take up her new post in September. She is currently rector of St Mark's East Kilbride.

AT Helensburgh, St Michael and all Angels' building will be closed for conservation work until October. From early July, services will be in the United Reformed Church, along West Princes Street from Colquhoun Square.

REVD Andrew Richardson was instituted at St Kentigern's Glasgow on 20 June.

A REVIEW day for facilitators takes place at Holy Trinity, Ayr, on Saturday 22 August, 10.30am-3pm. It's a chance to meet with other facilitators from across the diocese, have role-specific training and hear about exciting mission and ministry developments in the diocese. It will be led by Canon Jeanette Jenkins, Revd Ann Tomlinson and members of the Mission Core Group, Education Action and Spirituality Networks. A sandwich lunch is provided. Contact the Ministry Development Officer: mdu.gg@btinternet.com.

A VARIETY of art and craftwork will be on display and for sale at St Oswald's Kingspark's arts and crafts fayre, Saturday 12 September, 10am-4pm. Admission £2 including refreshments. Children admitted free.

NEXT ISSUE: Items for September may be submitted by **Monday 17 August** to the editor, Susi Cormack Brown, dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk, or c/o Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH.

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