

# Diocesan News

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## SILENCE BREAKS OUT IN THE WEST END

**ST Mary's Cathedral is to open its doors to people of all faiths and none for an hour of silence.**

The Open Silence is an invitation to anyone who would like to experience spending up to an hour in stillness with others on a Sunday night.

Revd Cedric Blakey, Vice-Provost, explains: "It is an opportunity to be still and to draw breath. It aims to cultivate a knowledge of oneself and of God.

"The Open Silence is not a service; there will be no hymns, no readings, or spoken prayers. But there will be a brief introduction and short guidance that may help some to become comfortable and centre their thoughts.

"There will be opportunity for those who wish to move around to explore different styles of silent prayer in the special space that is St Mary's Cathedral. Participants will be able to sit on chairs, pews, kneel on the heated floor or even lie down.

"Christians of all denominations will be welcome, as well as those from other faith communities, and those who feel they have no faith."

Cedric added: "Some may be drawn because they are experienced in meditation, and some because they have never tried it. "Some may have been attracted by the BBC series 'The Big Silence' and would like to try meditation for themselves."

Those wishing to come to The Open Silence should arrive between 7.45pm and 8pm (though the church will be open before the service of choral evensong 6.30-7.20pm and some may value just listening to, or joining in with, that experience of musical worship). Booking is not required. There is no admission charge but a donation will be welcome to help cover the costs of this event.

The Open Silence will take place 8-9pm on three Sunday evenings: 13 March, 17 April and 15 May. Further information about silence and about prayer will be available.

For more details e-mail [office@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@thecathedral.org.uk) or phone 0141 339 6691 and ask for Cedric Blakey.

## Mary's half-century honoured

**MOTHERS' Union veteran Mary Reynolds recalled more than half a century of memories at a special service recognising her long service.**

The Eucharist and thanksgiving service was led by Bishop Gregor and Revd Ivan Draper at Holy Cross Knightswood, on Sunday 20 February.

Mary, who has been with the MU for 51 years, recalled when all joining services were held in the Cathedral, with each candidate required to recite the Promises.

Bishop Gregor read the Promises from Mary's joining certificate which was headed 'Ye Are My Witnesses'.

It was signed by the Primus of that time, John Halland How.

Bishop Gregor recalled his own ordination when he was advised that it is not the initial commissioning, but the continuous witness and commitment that matters.

Prayers were offered for Mary, the congregation of Holy Cross and Mothers' Union members.

Everyone present enjoyed the whole experience, which was enhanced by joyous music and fellowship.

*Ann Glenesk Diocesan MU president*

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# Young singers wanted

*St Mary's Cathedral wants to recruit young singers for its highly successful choir.*

As well as providing the music for regular services in the Cathedral, the choir has recorded CDs, has sung in other cathedrals (including Salisbury, Lichfield, St Mary's Edinburgh, and Tewkesbury Abbey) and is the most broadcast choir in Scotland. St Mary's has also produced a finalist for the Young Choristers of the Year Competition run by Radio 2.

Director of music Frikki Walker is looking for more boys and girls aged approximately 8-14, who possess a voice, are confident readers (of words, that is; they will be taught to read music!) and have a responsive ear. Musical potential is what is sought.

Since its inception in 2007, the junior section of the Cathedral choir (known as the trebles) has already proved to be a hugely successful training ground for young singers, with many choristers winning national singing awards and places in other choirs of national standing, such as The National Youth Choir of Scotland.

Choristers may remain members of their own church as the trebles sing only one Sunday morning and one Sunday evening service per month in the Cathedral.

Entry to the choir is by a short, informal audition. There are no costs or subscriptions. Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 5.45–8pm.

Benefits include a first-class musical training from the Cathedral's professional musicians; participation in the RSCM's *Voice for Life* award scheme, and regional and national RSCM events.

Experienced singers aged 15+ are also welcome, including adults. Contact Mr Frikki Walker, [music@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@thecathedral.org.uk) (0141-339 6691).

► *St Mary's Cathedral Choir's latest CD, 'Listen' (£10) includes the recently formed treble line of boys and girls. Order from the Cathedral office (0141 339 6691 / [office@thecathedral.org.uk](mailto:office@thecathedral.org.uk)) or through [www.thecathedral.org.uk](http://www.thecathedral.org.uk).*

## **St David's service in Welsh**

**A SERVICE of Holy Communion to celebrate the Feast of St David will follow the liturgy of the Church in Wales in Welsh (with English sub text) at Holy Trinity, Fullarton Street, Ayr.**

It is on Tuesday 1 March at 7.30pm. The celebrant will be assistant priest Revd Professor Peter Neil. Preaching (in English) will be Bishop Gregor. Hymns will be sung in English. All welcome.

## **Vacancies for election at Diocesan Synod**

**EACH year the Diocese is asked to help fill vacancies that have arisen on Provincial Boards and Committees.**

Some are places representing the Diocese, and some are open to anyone who has an interest in the subject.

Below is a list of the ones for which we are seeking nominations for election at this year's Diocesan Synod on 5 March.

- ◇ One member of General Synod – House of Clergy
- ◇ Two members of General Synod – House of Laity
- ◇ Five alternate members of General Synod – House of Clergy
- ◇ Five alternate members of General Synod – House of Laity
- ◇ Diocesan representative on Provincial Faith & Order Board
- ◇ Diocesan representative on Provincial Finance Committee
- ◇ Diocesan lay member on Panel for Episcopal Elections
- ◇ Diocesan rep on Provincial Information & Communication Board.

Contact diocesan secretary Gib FitzGibbon ([gibfitzg@aol.com](mailto:gibfitzg@aol.com)) if you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, or if you would like to find out more with a view to putting your own name forward.

## **PATHWAY TO PRAYER**

**PATHWAY to Prayer is an annual ecumenical day exploring different approaches to prayer.**

It now attracts more than 100 people, using the neighbouring church halls of St Meddan's and Portland in Troon.

Participants choose up to three of the following six 75-minute sessions in a small group of up to 20.

*Prayer and Politics (led by Revd Dr Norman Shanks); Christian Oriental meditation (led by Fr Jerry Sheehy); Forgiving others – forgiving ourselves (led by Revd Sheila Mitchell); Praying the Labyrinth (led by Miss Harriet Oxley); Praying with Scripture (led by Miss Liz O'Ryan); Carmelite Prayer - Loving God (led by Mrs Chris King).*

It's on Saturday 26 March, with registration at 9.45am. Lunch is included.

More details and booking form at [www.pathwaystogod.org.uk](http://www.pathwaystogod.org.uk) or contact Deaconess Chris King, 01563 851197.

## **Rt Revd Derek Rawcliffe OBE**

**BISHOP Derek Alec Rawcliffe OBE, former Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway; passed away on 1 February at home in Leeds, aged 89 years.**

Bishop Rawcliffe had remained active in ministry, and on the day of his death he read the lesson at his home church, St Aidan's, Leeds.

Ordained in 1944, Bishop Rawcliffe's first parish was in the Worcester diocese before he went to be a teacher in the Solomon Islands in 1947. He was awarded the OBE in 1971. In 1975 he became the first Bishop of the New Hebrides. He was translated to Glasgow & Galloway and served as Bishop in the diocese from 1981 until 1991, when he retired to Yorkshire.

## News from our partner diocese in Sweden

► THE Diocese of Gothenburg is to focus on baptismal life in its training and seminars during 2011. This theme will permeate conferences for deacons, priests, musicians and educators during this year.

► The Church of Sweden participated in Gothenburg Film Festival in January with seminars on specific films. It also gave an award to the documentary *Mother's Comeback*.

► A shortlist of eight candidates for bishop has resulted from the election in December. On 15 March the election will take place in the deaneries. If no candidate achieves at least 50% of the vote there will be a second round on 31 March for the two candidates with the highest poll.

► The Diocese of Gothenburg will host a consultation within the Porvoo Communion of churches at the end of March to review guidelines for meeting with people of other faiths.

► As of 1 January, the Diocese of Gothenburg consists of 196 parishes (formerly 204) and 144 team ministries. Work goes on to restructure the organisation which was designed for a church in another society and century, finding sustainable economical and administrative units and maintaining local engagement.

*Peter Andersson, Diocese of Gothenburg*

## Saturday mornings in Lent at Elshields

**SATURDAY Mornings in Lent at Elshields, near Lockerbie, offer a talk and a time for reflection on Ways to God in the Christian tradition.**

Topics and speakers are:

- ◇ 'How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land': the theme of Exile in the Psalms (Gordon Mursell) 12 March
- ◇ Praying with Icons (Edith Reyntiens) 19 March
- ◇ 'Holy Living': praying with Jeremy Taylor (Philip Greenhalgh) 2 April
- ◇ 'The Cloud of Unknowing' - a classic for today (Ann Shukman) 9 April
- ◇ Creation and contemplation (Mike Northcott) 16 April.

Gordon Mursell has recently retired as Bishop of Stafford and lives on the Borgue. He is the author of a history of English spirituality. Edith Reyntiens is an icon-painter and member of the Orthodox Church. She lives in Dumfries. Philip Greenhalgh is rector of Stapleton, Kirkclinton and Bewcastle in the Carlisle diocese. Ann Shukman leads a monthly silent prayer group at Elshields where she lives. Mike Northcott is Professor of Ethics at Edinburgh University and lives partly at Durisdeer.

Each session takes place 10am-12.15pm. To book contact Ann Shukman on 01387 810280 or email [ann.shukman@virgin.net](mailto:ann.shukman@virgin.net) or call Louise Bands on 07919204300.

B&B is available if you have far to travel.

## News and events in brief...

THE annual ministry celebration service takes place on Saturday 4 June at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. All Lay Readers and those in Authorised Ministry and their supporters are warmly encouraged by the Bishop to attend. A light lunch at noon will be followed by the service at 1.15pm.

This year's service will have a focus on Lay Readers. Charges will be asked after Easter for details of those intending to join with the Bishop to celebrate their gift of service in lay licensed and authorised ministry along with those who wish to support them in their role by their presence alongside them. Intended recipients of the invitation are meantime asked to hold the date.

A FREE electronic version of the Scottish Episcopal Church's *Inspires* magazine is available by e-mail. Sign up for SEC news at <http://www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe>.

A RESIDENTIAL music weekend planned by the diocesan Educa-

tion Action Network for 11-13 March at Barcaple has been cancelled due to insufficient early bookings.

SAINT Bride's Church, Hyndland Road, has a busy programme of concerts lined up.

On Saturday 5 March at 7pm, a performance arranged by the Auricle Ensemble features Radio 4 regulars Joanna Tope and Crawford Logan in William Walton's *Facade*.

Thursday 17 March at 7.30pm sees *Mr McFall's Chamber* with Susan Hamilton (soprano) and Nicholas Mulroy (tenor) singing settings of Petrarch and Edward Thomas.

Violinist Sandie Bishop gives a recital on Saturday 19 March at 7.30pm.

And Baroque quartet Alban Minstrels perform on 2 April at 7pm. Tickets at the door: £10 (£8 concession).

THE Bulgakov reading group at Elshields, Lochmaben, welcomes new members.

The group, which meets monthly, is

led by Revd Robert Brown, who is working on a PhD on the theologian Fr Sergi Bulgakov (1871-1944). Texts are provided. No previous knowledge is expected. Next meetings: Friday 11 March and Friday 8 April, 11am-3pm. Lunch provided. No charge. Contact Ann Shukman on 01387 810280 [ann.shukman@virgin.net](mailto:ann.shukman@virgin.net)

REVD Nick Cox has resigned from his role as curate with the South Ayrshire Ministry team of Holy Trinity Ayr, St Oswald's Maybole and St John's Girvan.

THE Glasgow effect - why do people die young? is Public Health Professor Phil Hanlon's topic when he delivers the third annual lecture hosted by St Mary's, Johnstone Road, Bridge of Weir, on Thursday 7 April, 7.30pm. The evening will include discussion and refreshments.

A DAY of devotion and celebration, Walsingham Festival for the

## News and events in brief (cont'd)

Feast of the Annunciation, takes place on Saturday 26 March, 10.30am–2pm, at the Church of the Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley. The preacher at the Solemn Mass will be Bishop Gregor. Bring a packed lunch (drinks provided).

**T**HIS year's Scottish National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham takes place 23–26 September. The total cost will be £230 (£100 for children; under-5s free).

For information contact Fr Darren McFarland (01505 812359) or Sandra Fowles (01505 844865). A DVD on the work of the Shrine is available. Places are limited so prompt action is needed!

**W**ORLD Development Movement Scotland invites all to 'Visions of Global Justice', a day of talks and workshops where political scientist Susan George will speak more about her vision of a fairer, greener world. It's Saturday 19 March, 10am–4.30pm, Renfield St Stephen's Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow. Booking details at [www.wdm.org.uk/scotland](http://www.wdm.org.uk/scotland).

**A**CHRISTIAN Aid roadshow will come to Glasgow and Annan to share stories from Nicaragua. The meetings will give an opportunity to meet staff, find out more about the issues that cause poverty and see how prayer and fundraising, volunteering and campaigning can help to end poverty.

The dates are: Tuesday 1 March, 7–9pm, Partick South Church; and Thursday 24 March, 7–9pm, Annan Old Parish Church. To book, contact 0141 221 7475 or [glasgow@christian-aid.org](mailto:glasgow@christian-aid.org).

**P**ILGRIMAGE Today is a day conference organised by the Scottish Churches Rural Group to be held at 121 George St, Edinburgh, on Thursday 24 March. Contact Shona Paterson, ACTS, 7 Forrester Lodge, Inglewood House, Alloa, FK10 2HU to book no later than 17 March. Cost is £10.

**A**WORKSHOP and study day on the spirituality of icons takes place at Holy Trinity, Ayr, on Saturday 12 March, 2–4pm. It will be led by Revd Canon Dr Philip Noble (St Ninian's Prestwick). The day will conclude with meditation led by Maureen Henderson.

To book a free place contact [rector-rayr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rector-rayr@yahoo.co.uk).

**A**IM for the Fairway is a conference organised by Ayr Fairtrade Partnership with South Ayrshire Council, Thursday 31 March, 10am–3pm. It features speakers, presentations from Kyle Academy and Stonelaw High School, videos, a quiz, stalls, workshops and more. Lunch and refreshments provided. To book, contact: Fiona Ross before 11 March: [fiona.ross@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.ross@south-ayrshire.gov.uk).

**D**RIVEN into the Wilderness is a new green faith prayer and study series produced for Lent by the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney. It is made up of weekly study guides for congregations or small groups and daily prayer for groups or individuals.

Download the publication from [www.aberdeen.anglican.org](http://www.aberdeen.anglican.org).

**E**NJOY a Night in the West End, jazz-style, with the Matthew Herd Quartet and guest vocalists at St Silas, 69 Park Road, Glasgow, on Saturday 5 March, 7.30pm. Light buffet included in ticket price: £10 adult and £25 family. To book contact Ruth Davison, 0141 337 2276 [admin@stsilas.org.uk](mailto:admin@stsilas.org.uk).

**C**EILIDH band On the Wagon perform at St Cyprian's, Beech Road, Lenzie on Saturday 19 March, 7.30–9.30pm (approx.). Their repertoire strays into country, folk and a little rock 'n' roll. Tickets £10 including cheese and wine. (Children free.)

To book contact 07702 224458 or [concert@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:concert@stcyprianslenzie.com).

**T**EARFUND suggests simple daily actions to tackle climate change this Lent. You can make this your church's response to climate injustice this Lent, help lighten our global neighbours' loads and care for God's creation with a carbon fast. Visit [www.tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://www.tearfund.org/carbonfast)

**T**HE Rt Revd Kevin Pearson was consecrated as the new Bishop of Argyll and the Isles on Friday 4 February at a service in a packed Cathedral of St John the Divine in Oban.

Ahead of the service, the Primus, the Most Revd David Chillingworth, said: "I believe that Kevin Pearson will bring

to the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles the passion for ministry and the depth of experience for which he is so widely respected throughout our Church."

**A**BOOK sale for Christian Aid takes place on Saturday 19 March, 10am–1pm, at St Ninian's, 1 Albert Drive, Pollokshields. The £1 admission charge for adults (no charge for children) includes tea or coffee. Books are priced from 10p. Contact Rosemary Anwar, 0141 637 8324.

**P**RAYER, Peace and Picnic is an event organised by Scottish Clergy Against Nuclear Arms (SCANA) on Saturday 16 April from noon, at the north gate of the Faslane Naval Base. The aim is to keep up pressure to scrap Trident.

Revd John Harvey said: "This will be a family-friendly event – we're not seeing it as an opportunity for people to be arrested."

He added: "We're hoping that groups will come from across the country – from churches, from youth groups, from trade unions."

Speakers will include Cardinal Keith O'Brien; former Kirk Moderator Very Revd Alan Macdonald; and Bruce Kent (CND). There will be worship, including Communion, and music led by the Wild Goose Worship Group.

For details visit [www.scana.org.uk](http://www.scana.org.uk).

**B**ISHOP Gregor's popular lecture on The Creed, which he repeated last month in Paisley, may now be downloaded as a PDF from <http://md.glasgow.anglican.org/> (navigate to the 19 February entry).

### Next issue . . .

ITEMS for the next issue may be submitted up to **Monday 14 March** as ordinary prose (*not* leaflets, adverts, posters or PDFs, please) to editor Susi Cormack Brown, c/o Diocesan Centre, 5 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2DH, or [dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk](mailto:dns@episcopalglasgow.co.uk).

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