

THE GATHERING – OCTOBER 2019

Just under 100 people from around our diocese and beyond gathered at St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth on the afternoon of the 20th October for the Gathering 2019 and Choral Evensong. Right from the start, a friendly buzz filled the Cathedral as people chatted and visited the displays showed the great variety of inspired work being done through our churches. Some took the opportunity to have a guided tour of the newly refurbished Cathedral and browsed the bookstall while others met up with friends old and new over packed lunches.

Once everyone had arrived it was time to move round 5 short talks presented around the Cathedral rather like speed dating! The talks were

- (1) Inspiring Worship – Bishop Ian
- (2) Online resources – Lis Burke
- (3) Lay Ministries – Elaine Garman
- (4) Community Involvement/Foodbank -Anthony Birch
- (5) Young People's experiences of church – a church for all – Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline Churches

Then after tea and scones, Bishop Ian led a conversation with guests Kerry Dixon (Church Army) and Chic Lidstone (Workplace Chaplaincy in Scotland). The day finished with Evensong with the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral choir.

Every part of the afternoon was enjoyed as feedback given shows:

Valuable to see what other churches were doing/trying/developing
Very much enjoyed and found useful and helpful the conversations with the Church Army and Workplace Chaplaincy. Extremely inspiring.
Lovely to have sung evensong.
The whole experience was truly enjoyable.

If you were not able to come to the Gathering, you can get a flavour of what was covered by downloading the handouts distributed on the day at <https://standrews.anglican.org/diocesan-gathering-2019/>

