



**St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness  
Notices for Sunday 24 May 2015**

**The Day of Pentecost**

*Dear Friends*

The 'key' reading at our Eucharist today is not really the Gospel, rather it is the first reading from the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Whilst the other two readings vary according to which year we are in (A, B, or C), on the Day of Pentecost we always hear the beginning of the second Chapter of Acts, year in, year out. One can almost reel off that long list – *Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia etc.* from memory!

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In the 'good old days' (when I was a boy), we called today Whit-Sunday – but the first reading at Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer was always the beginning of Acts chapter 2 – somethings don't change – **or do they?** When I looked at my 1662 Prayer Book I saw that the reading began 'When the day of Pentecost was **fully** come.' However the word 'fully' is missing from our modern translations. That's a pity! The word fully requires us to be patient – God will provide, but in his own good time. We cannot rush him. Nowadays we are often in too much of a hurry – we expect an instant download – that's not God's way!

**Services this coming week:**

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| Monday 25 May – 8 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time<br><i>Bede, the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735</i> | 12:30  | Eucharist   |
| Tuesday 26 May<br><i>Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, c 604</i>   | 09:00<br>17:00<br>17:15                                      | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer<br>Eucharist   |
| Wednesday 27 May  | 08:15<br>08:30<br>17:00                                      | Morning Prayer<br>Eucharist<br>Evening Prayer (SPB)   |
| Thursday 28 May   | 08:15<br>08:30<br>10:15<br>17:00                             | Morning Prayer<br>Eucharist<br>Holy Communion (RS)<br>Evening Prayer                              |
| Friday 29 May   | 08:15<br>11:15<br>17:00                                      | Morning Prayer<br>Eucharist<br>Evening Prayer   |
| Saturday 30 May   | 17:00  | Eucharist   |
| <b>Sunday 31 May</b><br><b>Trinity Sunday (Pentecost I)</b>   | <b>08:15</b><br><b>09:15</b><br><b>11:00</b><br><b>17:30</b> | <b>Eucharist</b><br><b>Eucharist with hymns</b><br><b>Sung Eucharist</b><br><b>Evening Prayer</b> |

### **Travelling to the Cathedral by car during May:**

The street-scaping work in Ardross Street continues for the remainder of the month. This means that the road outside the front door is only available for vehicles travelling from the Cathedral to Kenneth Street. Access to the Cathedral for vehicles will be from Ness Walk – drivers will need to drive past Eden Court rather than accessing the car park or Cathedral entrance via Kenneth Street.

### **The Pilgrims Table / Cathedral Tea Room:**

The Old Boys School is open once again for business during the summer months – Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 3.30pm, for the sale of teas and coffees, scones and cakes, filled rolls and home-made soups etc. This is no 'private club' but a place of warm welcome and wholesome good-value refreshment for all who visit the Cathedral or pass by. We are most grateful to Mildred Dougan and her band of helpers – though more volunteers are required for this important work.

### **Beetle Drive:**

There will be a Beetle Drive on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in the Old Boys School. There will be an entry fee of £2 per person as well as a raffle, for which we will require prizes, and donations of these would be appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

### **Waverley Care – Big Hymn Sing:**

A 'Come and Sing' event is being held in aid of Waverley Care as part of the West End Festival, on **Sunday 7 June, 7.30pm** at Wellington Church, Glasgow. It will be directed by choral conductor Ian McCrorie, with Alan Kitchen accompanying on the organ. Short pieces by both Festival Brass and Waverley Care's very own African choir, Voice of Hope Choir, will intersperse the hymns. For further information and to register, visit the Waverley Care website.

### **General Synod 2015:**

Synod will take place at St Paul's & St George's Church, Edinburgh from **11-13 June**. Throughout the meeting, non-Synod members are welcome to sit in the public gallery, and regular updates of Synod proceedings and voting will be posted on the SEC website and through social media.

### **Gaelic Eucharist:**

The next Gaelic Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday 14 June (Pentecost 3 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time) at 5.30pm. All are welcome – there will be a bi-lingual Order of Service and guidance will also be offered during the service.

### **Hilton Foodbank Centre:**

There is a vacancy for a volunteer at the Hilton Foodbank Centre in Inverness – this is to cover the opening times of the Centre each Monday (11am-1pm). Anyone interested should contact Lorna Dempster on 07875 332696 or email her at [lorna.dempster@blythswood.org](mailto:lorna.dempster@blythswood.org) Volunteers should have good listening skills and an empathy for those needing to use Foodbank.

### **Tea Dance:**

A good time was had by those who attended the Cathedral tea dance. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped on the day.

### **The Family and Early Life of an Edwardian Chauffeur's Daughter – by Cynthia E Preece:**

This 72-page book which is illustrated with over 50 photographs is available for sale in the Old Boys School at a price of £5 per copy. Cynthia has kindly agreed to donate all the proceeds to Cathedral roof fund. To my eyes, photo No. 50 (taken in 1939) shows a remarkable resemblance to Cynthia in 2015 – why not buy a copy and see if you agree!

### **The Cathedral Recipe Book:**

Many thanks to all those who sent in recipes – we received some excellent contributions with plenty of variety. Although some people kept to the requested format, others didn't, and this is slowing things down as these recipes are having to be edited to transform them into the required format. However things are progressing, and I hope to be able to give a further progress report soon. It is important that the finished product is of a high standard, and there is no doubt this goal will be achieved.

Happy Feast!

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