



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness Notices for Sunday 19 July 2015

Pentecost 8

Dear Friends

Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' The Gospel passage goes on to tell us that many people were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

I don't know about you, but I often think there must be cameras hidden in my home. As soon as I have finished preparing my evening meal and am about to sit down and enjoy a leisurely dinner (yes, with a glass of wine as you now all know) – the phone goes! That may help explain why at times I sound a little irritable when I pick up the receiver – no excuse really.

We all need times in our daily round when we 'go away to some deserted place and rest a while.' Not only should we seek out such opportunities for ourselves, we should also help others find such precious times. When I lived in Belfast in the 1980's parishioners would often pop round to the Rectory, and tell the Rector they knew they would be able to find him in his garden, because it was his day off. Perhaps not the most thoughtful thing to do!

I fear that Sunday is in danger of no longer being a day of Sabbath-rest. A pity!

Services this coming week:

Monday 20 July – 16 th Week of Ordinary Time	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 21 July	17:15	Eucharist
Wednesday 22 July MARY MAGDALENE	08:30 17:00	Eucharist Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 23 July	08:30 10:15	Eucharist Holy Communion (RS)
Friday 24 July	11:15	Eucharist
Saturday 25 July JAMES, APOSTLE	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 26 July PENTECOST 9 (17th Sunday of Ordinary Time)	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist Eucharist with hymns Sung Eucharist Evening Prayer

URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP:

The Old Boys School is open 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. Grateful thanks to those who have responded, but **more volunteers are urgently required for this important work – particularly between the hours of 12 noon and 2.00pm.**

We are now reaching 'peak season' with takings of around £1,000 per week. We cannot afford to close early because of lack of helpers. Not only does this deprive the Cathedral of much needed revenue, it lets our customers down! Please give the tea room a ring on **01463 231875** during opening hours, or Peter a ring at other times on **01463 798075** if you can help. **Grateful thanks to those who have already responded.**

Car parking on a Sunday:

Car parking was discussed by the Vestry in the light of the response from the Director of Community Services following a request to review car parking fees on a Sunday. This response indicated that the Council are not going to change the current arrangement which is to charge a Sunday parking fee in the "cathedral" car park. There is free parking in Eden Court and the Council Car Park which all are welcome to use. Cathedral staff and the disabled can continue to park within the grounds of the Cathedral, otherwise use of the Cathedral grounds for cars should be confined to dropping off only.

Cathedral Newsletter:

We will shortly be drafting the next issue of the newsletter. If you have anything you wish to be included please send it to the Cathedral Steward (paper copy to the office or by email). Ideally up to 250 words text and, if relevant, a photo – but please don't feel constrained by this guidance.

Cathedral Welcomers:

Thank you to all who attended the recent meeting in the Cathedral to discuss having welcomers. We will shortly be setting up a rota for welcomers, initially focussing on having a presence in the Cathedral during the afternoons. If you attended the meeting but did not volunteer at the time or if you are interested in helping out please let the Cathedral Steward know by either phoning **01463 225553** (leave a message if no answer) or emailing 'cathedralstewardinverness@gmail.com'.

Cathedral Key Holder:

We are looking for somebody who lives reasonably near the Cathedral to act as a third key holder for the Cathedral and the Old Boys School. This is in case the alarms go off or there is some other need to gain access to either property. It is not too onerous a task given that this is the third position on the list. If you are able to help please contact Harriet Mowat on either **07771 751188** or **01463 751309**.

Visit to Inverness by choir from Toronto:

The choir of College Street United Church, Toronto will be in Inverness East Church on **Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm**. Refreshments will be offered after the recital – all welcome.

Inverness Interfaith Group:

The group is holding its annual picnic in Whin Park on **Saturday 8th August between 1.00pm and 4.00pm**. All are welcome to join them. Interfaith Scotland is hosting a Peace Dialogue Event in the Thistle Hotel, Inverness on **Sunday 9th August between 1.30pm and 6.00pm**. The theme is Religion, Reconciliation and Peace.

Blas Festival Concert:

The Cathedral is hosting a concert by Anne Lorne Gillies as part of the Blas Festival on **4th September at 7.30pm**. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Steward. (Adult £14, Senior Citizen, £12). Payment by cheque preferred. Alternatively tickets are also available via Ticketline online and by phone.

Happy Sunday

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