



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness

Notices for Sunday 20 September 2015

Dedication Festival

Dear Friends

Today we thank God for all the blessings poured upon us at Inverness Cathedral over the past year, and pray for his richest blessings in the year to come. Our annual Feast of Dedication is an important day in the life of our Cathedral, as we rejoice in our rich heritage and look to the future. It is almost 141 years since Bishop Eden consecrated this cathedral church on 29 September 1874. Each generation has played a part in making the Cathedral what it is today – what contribution are we making to pass on to future generations? Sometimes our offering is personal, other times it is communal. Time, talents, and money are all important – and we should offer in accordance with our means – don't forget the parable of the widow's mite (*Luke 21.1-4*). Above all we should always remember that the Lord loves a cheerful giver! I encourage you all to ponder the words of some of the hymns we shall be signing today – they express so well the thoughts which well up in our joyful hearts.

Services this coming week:

Monday 21 September – 25 th Week of Ordinary Time <i>MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST</i>	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 22 September <i>Consecration of Bishop of Aberdeen, 2007</i>	09:00 17:00 17:15	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday 23 September <i>Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704</i>	08:15 08:30 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 24 September	08:15 08:30 10:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Holy Communion (RS) Evening Prayer
Friday 25 September <i>Finnbar of Caithness, Priest, 1660</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Refugees</i>	08:00 11:15 17:00 19:30	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer Service of Light
Saturday 26 September	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 27 September PENTECOST 18 (26th Sunday of Ordinary Time)	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist (1970 Rite) Eucharist with hymns Sung Eucharist Evening Prayer

Ministry for the Cathedral:

Today at 2.30pm Bishop Mark will hold a meeting to explore the gifts and talents and dreams of Cathedral members who would wish to be part of our Ministry Team. Please come along and learn about ministry and the part we can all play.

Autumn Lectures at Highland Theological College, Dingwall:

After a long summer break it's time to go back to College! HTC were pleased to see four members of the Cathedral family attending the Old Testament Course earlier in the year – let's try and double that number this time. Just six (one hour) lectures for the new course which will be given by Rev Dr Alistair Wilson (New Testament Lecturer) on Paul's letter to the Colossians. **Each of the Wednesday lectures start at 2.00pm.**

- ❖ **23rd September** Introduction: Colossians in Context
- ❖ **30th September** Growing and Bearing Fruit: The Gospel and Christian Maturity in Colossians
- ❖ **7th October** He Rescued You from the Dominion of Darkness: Salvation and Cosmic Conflict in Colossians
- ❖ **21st October** Christ, Creation and New Creation in Colossians
- ❖ **28th October** When Christ, who is your life, appears: The End Times in Colossians
- ❖ **4th November** Pattern for Life: Paul's Emphasis on Community in Colossians

Easy-to-follow classes, no essays or exams! All welcome. No need to book, just turn up. Suggested donation £5 per class (but don't feel deterred from attending if you can't afford this amount).

Day of Prayer to Highlight the Plight of Refugees:

A day of prayer will be held in the Cathedral on **Friday 25 September**, opening with **Morning Prayer at 8.00am** and closing with a **Service of Light and Commitment to Pray at 7.30pm**. There will be an opportunity to offer your own prayers throughout the day (which will be added to a prayer tree) and to leave donations to the charities working to support and help refugees. **Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.15am.**

Friends of Cameron House Annual Fundraising Event:

The Friends will be holding a fundraising Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 26 September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm**. The event will be held in the Scout Hall, Green Drive (off Culduthel Road) where you will be able to enjoy a cup of tea and home baking. Entrance £3 (children free). Donations of home baking, preserves etc. would be very much appreciated. Enquiries to Kay MacDonald on 01463 242814.

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Abban Street, Inverness:

We are all invited to join the congregation of St Michael's on **Tuesday 29 September at 7.30pm** as they celebrate their Patronal Festival. The service will be a Festal Mass at which the preacher will be The Very Revd Dr Emsley Nimmo, Dean of the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney. The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

Cathedral Quiz Night:

A quiz night will be held in the Old Boys School on **Saturday 3 October at 7.30pm** aiming to finish around 10.00pm, with an entry fee of £1 per person. Teams can have up to 4 people. Refreshments will be available during the interval. As last year it is Nicky Nicol who will be quizmaster.

Christian Aid - Mothers in Malawi Photographic Exhibition and Talk:

This event will be held in Ness Bank Church Hall, **Tuesday 6 October at 7.00pm** and is great opportunity to see and hear about the Mother and Baby Health Community Partnership Programme in Karonga, northern Malawi. Come along to find out how our Highland Churches can partner and support Christian Aid's exciting new Maternal Health Project in Balaka, southern Malawi. Mary Mulligan (Christian Aid, Scotland) and Graham Philpott (Christian Aid partner, South Africa) will speak on issues concerning land ownership. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Cathedral Cookery Book:

No, it hasn't been forgotten! All we are waiting for now is a certain person (i.e. myself) to get their finger out and get all the typing finished. I have been extremely busy recently, but have set aside the final week of October to get on with this task – so hopefully the book will be available in plenty of time for Christmas presents!

Happy Feast

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