



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness

Notices for Sunday 27 September 2015

Pentecost 18 (Trinity 17)

Dear Friends

I'm sure we've all heard sermons (though hopefully not in Inverness Cathedral) which sounded more like party political broadcasts than a breaking open of Scripture! There is always a danger with this sort of sermon that the hearer will dismiss the whole message because they disagree with the politics – very much a matter of 'throwing out the

baby with the bath-water!'

It is important that preachers do not become remote from the world in which we live and avoid the thorny issues of the day, but they should try and give a clear Christian voice, and not pretend that they are experts on the economy, or the environment, or whatever – unless they really are. They should always ask the question 'what would Jesus have to say?' Of course we often don't know the answer to that question, but there are times when it is pretty obvious! They must avoid trying to make Jesus wear an SNP rosette, or a Liberal Democrat rosette, or a Conservative rosette, or a Labour rosette etc. There are good and faithful Christians who belong to all these political parties. What we want is preachers who 'Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!' and leave their own political views outside the pulpit.

Services this coming week:

Monday 28 September – 26 th Week of Ordinary Time	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 29 September <i>MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS</i>	09:00 17:00 17:15	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday 30 September <i>Jerome, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 420</i>	08:15 08:30 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 1 October <i>Gregory the Enlightener, Bishop, 'Apostle of Armenia', c 332</i>	08:15 08:30 10:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Holy Communion (RS) Evening Prayer
Friday 2 October	08:15 11:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer
Saturday 3 October	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 4 October PENTECOST 19 (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time) HARVEST FESTIVAL	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist (1970 Rite) Eucharist with hymns Sung Eucharist Choral Evensong

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.

Autumn Lectures at Highland Theological College, Dingwall:

We had a smashing start last Wednesday to the series of lectures on Paul's letter to the Colossians. This coming Wednesday (**30 September at 2.00pm**) the title of Alistair Wilson's lecture will be **Growing and Bearing Fruit: The Gospel and Christian Maturity in Colossians**. Sounds ideal with our Harvest Festival being on Sunday 4 October!!

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 £3 per person. Teams can have up to 4 people. Refreshments (soft drinks and sausage rolls/sandwiches/ biscuits) will be available during the interval. As last year it is Nicky Nicol who will be quizmaster.

Action for Churches Together in Scotland:

The 25th anniversary concert with Gen Verde will be on **Sunday 4 October 2015 at 6.00pm** in Stockbridge Parish Church, Edinburgh. Tickets £7 payable at the door. Please phone Diocesan Office 01463 237503 for further details.

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.

Dementia and Spiritual Awareness Day:

The Raigmore Chaplaincy Department is hosting a Dementia and Spiritual Awareness Day on **Friday 9 October**. If you have any queries please contact either Lead Chaplain Derek Brown derek.brown1@nhs.net; or Rodgers.Lindsay@nhs.net. The event will be held at Inshes Church between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Jenny Cooper or Harriet Mowat can provide further details. Booking by Friday 2 October, please.

St Andrew's Cathedral, Friday 9th October at 7.30pm:

Scottish Writers and Poets present **WRITE WITH YOU** with Val McDermid, Queen of Crime Fiction, author of 'Wire in the Blood', 'Skeleton Road' and many more international bestsellers. Lin Anderson, author of the Rhona McLeod novels and 'The Case of the Missing Madonna' and Moira Forsyth, author of 'The Treacle Well' and 'Tell Me Where You Are'.

There will be live music and an open mic event where local poets will share their work. Wine will be served at the interval, Waterstones will run a book stall and you can meet the authors and get your book signed after their performances. Come along for a lovely evening with inspiring writers. Support a group of people who need our encouragement and practical care at this time - Syrian refugees. All donations after expenses will go to UNICEF. There will be a paper money and cheque collection at the end of this event. **Please give generously.** Thank you.

Volunteers for WRITE WITH YOU - 9th October 7.30pm in the Cathedral:

If you are able to volunteer as a helper for the above event, raising money for Syrian refugees (UNICEF), then please meet with Rev Dr Jane Wallman-Girdlestone after either the 9.15am or 11am Eucharist to give her your details (look for the brightly coloured wheelchair). We need stewards, wine pourers, money-takers, greeters and many more. Thank you so much for supporting those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. You can also contact Jane at janewallmangirdlestone@gmail.com or call her on 07776 181824. Thank you.

Notices for Sunday 11 October:

For reasons I will not bother boring you with (there are two!) the deadline for receipt of material will be Monday 5 October at noon – rather than the usual 'crack of dawn' (7.00 am) on Thursday. This is for one week only.

Happy Sunday

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