



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness

Notices for Sunday 13 December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends

In Church we don't usually go in for warm up acts – Deacon Peter isn't sent into the Cathedral to whip up some enthusiasm from the congregation before Bishop Mark enters! However, there was a warm up act before the public ministry of Jesus began, and that was performed by John the Baptist.

Luke provides us with a substantial degree of background information concerning John. It is obvious that John created quite a sensation, with crowds streaming out into the desert to hear him speak. John is recognised as the forerunner of the Messiah; indeed, there is even a suggestion – which John is quick to refute – that he himself might be the Messiah. In fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy, John comes as the one who was promised to 'prepare the way of the Lord.'

We shall have to wait until Sunday 10 January 2016 to hear the account of Jesus being baptised by John. Next Sunday we shall focus on the role of Mary in preparing the way of the Lord.

Services this coming week: (Gaelic Eucharist tonight at 5.30pm)

Monday 14 December <i>John of the Cross, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1591</i>	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 15 December	09:00	Morning Prayer
	17:00	Evening Prayer
	17:15	Eucharist
Wednesday 16 December	08:15	Morning Prayer
	08:30	Eucharist
	17:00	Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 17 December <i>O Sapientia</i>	08:15	Morning Prayer
	08:30	Eucharist
	10:15	Holy Communion (RS)
	17:00	Evening Prayer
Friday 18 December <i>O Adonai</i>	08.15	Morning Prayer
	11:15	Eucharist

	17:00	Evening Prayer
Saturday 19 December <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 20 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>O Clavis David</i>	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist (1970 Rite) Eucharist with hymns Sung Eucharist Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Launch of the New Cathedral Recipe Book:

The book entitled '*Favourite recipes for all to enjoy*' was successfully launched at the St Andrew's Eve supper – with one keen person buying 12 copies! There are many recipe books available in the shops, but this is bound to be **the** book for Christmas 2015. The book is priced at just £3 – a real bargain! Please contact the Cathedral Office if you have difficulty purchasing a copy – or wish to order a dozen! The office telephone number is 01463 225553.

Thank you:

A very big 'thank you' to all those who helped prepare the delicious supper on 29th November and to all those who helped make the Christmas Fayre on 5 December so enjoyable and worthwhile.

The Liturgy – what we do in church:

The third and final session for Advent will be held in the Cathedral at **7.30pm on Wednesday 16 December**. There will be an opportunity for discussion in addition to a time of worship. All welcome.

Bishop Eden School Concert:

There will be two performances of the concert in the Cathedral:

- **Thursday 17 December at 7.00pm**
- **Friday 18 December at 2.00pm**

You are welcome to attend either (or indeed both!) of these performances.

Lighting of the Cathedral Christmas Tree:

This will take place on **Saturday 19 December at 6.00pm** and will include community carol singing. Donations to the food bank will be much appreciated.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols:

As noted overleaf, this service will be held in the Cathedral at **5.30pm on Sunday 20 December**. Do try and bring some friends along – the lessons and carols have helped bring many people to a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. After the service festive refreshments will be served in the Old Boys School, and copies of the new recipe book will be on sale.

Bishop Eden School Christmas Service:

This will take place in the Cathedral at **2.00pm on Tuesday 22 December**. All are welcome.

Christmas Service Times:

A full list of services for the period between Monday 21 December and Sunday 3 January will be issued next week – in the meantime here are some of the 'highlights':

- **Thursday 24 December – Christingles at 5.00pm and Midnight Eucharist at 11.30pm**

- **Friday 25 December – Said Eucharist at 8.15am and Sung Eucharist at 10.00am**
- **Sunday 27 December – Said Eucharist at 8.15am and Family Eucharist with carols at 10.00am**

Dear Friends, I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and my family for all the prayers, words of comfort and practical help that we have received since the death of my Mother, Dorothy. Thank you to all who helped with the funeral and for those who continue to keep us in prayer. Bless you all

+Mark

Happy Sunday

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