



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness

Notices for Sunday 31 January 2016

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Dear Friends

In today's Gospel we continue to hear about one of the occasions when Jesus went to the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth on the Sabbath day. We are told that 'all spoke well of him.' or, as the Jerusalem Bible puts it 'he won the approval of all.' That's a nice feeling – though in the case of Jesus local opinion soon turned against him.

Well, Bishop Eden's Primary School is being inspected this coming week. As a former teacher I know just how stressful inspections can be. My own school (Latymer Upper in London), was invariably graded 'exceptional', but that caused me to worry that I might be the one teacher to let the side down! Inspections are useful because they enable us to recognise and reward good practice, show where improvements can be made, and help ensure that good use is made of public funds or private fees. In particular, they can help ensure that pupils get a good deal and that the staff feel supported and valued.

So, please pray for the school (both pupils and staff) this coming week. Also, pray for the inspectors – it is not an easy task that they perform. I know that in the Cathedral we all 'speak well of Bishop Eden's Primary School' – let's hope it will also 'win the approval of all the inspectors'!

Monday 1 February (4 th Week of Ordinary Time) <i>Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c 525</i>	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	09:00 17:00 17:15 19:30	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Holy Communion (RS) Solemn Eucharist
Wednesday 3 February <i>Saints and Martyrs of Europe</i>	08:15 08:30 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 4 February <i>Consecration of the Bishop of Argyll & The Isles, 2011</i>	08:15 08:30 10:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Holy Communion (RS) Evening Prayer
Friday 5 February	08.15 11:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer
Saturday 6 February <i>Paul Miki, Priest, and Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i> <i>Accession of Queen Elizabeth 1952</i>	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 7 February <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist (1970 Rite) Eucharist with hymns Sung Eucharist Evening Prayer

A message from James Darby:

Just a short note to let all my friends at St Andrew's Cathedral know that I will be leaving Inverness at the end of January. I have been worshipping with you for about two and a half years – not long after I started my present job at the Archive Centre. From the beginning of next month, I will be working as an archivist at the People's History Museum in Manchester.

It has been great to worship with you at the Cathedral and I would like to thank you all for the friendship you have shown to me whilst I have been with you. Highlights for me have certainly been the wonderful choral music and of the course the Cathedral social events! I wish you all well and if I am in Inverness in the future I will be sure to come back and again and say hello.

We shall obviously miss James, but send him our prayers and best wishes for his life in Manchester.

Burns Supper:

I received the following comment from an anonymous member of the congregation – it is self-explanatory!

The supper was one of the best we have ever attended. The hall was transformed and tastefully decorated. The food was excellent - don't know how they managed to have everything piping hot, the speeches and entertainment were first class and the menu/programme card is one worth retaining.

Blythswood Thanksgiving Service:

There will be a thanksgiving service for Blythswood's 50th Anniversary on **Friday 5th February at 7.00pm** in Culduthel Christian Centre, Culduthel Avenue, Inverness IV2 6AS. For further information or to RSVP contact Adrienne Dempster on 01349 830777 or by email (Adrienne.dempster@blythswood.org).

Lenten Lectures at the Highland Theological College:

The next series of public lectures will run from Ash Wednesday (**10 February**) through to the Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday – **23 March**). They will be delivered on each of the seven Wednesdays of Lent between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. The theme of the lectures will be: **Columba: Who was he? What do we really know about him?** Details of the subject of each lecture will be given nearer the time.

Cathedral Breakfast:

We are looking for some kind soul to take over the organisation of cathedral breakfast between the two services 10:15-11:00 on the 3rd Sunday of each month. At the moment Harriet Mowat does this slot but she is moving on. Jane Seddon very kindly acts as back up and will do so for the next person. There is a named person for each Sunday who is supported by Jane and others. It really isn't very onerous and involves making sure there is milk, bread, butter and marmalade. There are many willing helpers to wash up and its always possible to change Sundays when the need arises. Please tell Harriet of Jane if you would like to do this.

Christian Aid Rep:

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Christian Aid Rep. This is a role that is evolving and is currently under discussion with the Bishop and Vestry. Please contact Patricia Athey, the Vestry Secretary, if you are interested in pursuing this.

Readings Next Sunday (which we shall be keeping as Transfiguration Sunday):

- ❖ Exodus 34.29-35
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2
- ❖ Luke 9.28-36

Happy Sunday

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