



# St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness

## Notices for Sunday 28 February 2016

### Third Sunday in Lent

*Dear Friends*

In our gospel reading today from Luke we hear Jesus calling the people to repent. He illustrates his point with a parable about an unproductive fig tree.

What is our productivity level in doing God's work? Have we been enjoying God's special treatment without giving anything in return? If so, we need to respond to the Gardener's patient care, and begin to bear the fruit God has created us to produce.

Lent is a good time for pruning back those parts of our lives which hinder our growth as Christians, and accepting a good dose of fertiliser from our Mother – the Church. God is giving us all another chance this Lent – don't let the opportunity go!

Monday 29 February ( <i>Third Week of Lent</i> )	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 1 March <i>David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c 601</i>	09:00 17:00 17:15	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday 2 March <i>Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672</i>	08:15 08:30 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 3 March <i>John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788</i>	08:15 08:30 10:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Holy Communion (RS) Evening Prayer
Friday 4 March <i>Adrian of May Island, Abbot, and Companions, Martyrs, 875</i>	08.15 11:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer
Saturday 5 March <i>Diocesan Synod</i>	17:00	Eucharist
<b>Sunday 6 March</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> <i>*Posies will be distributed at these services</i>	<b>08:15</b> <b>09:15</b> <b>11:00</b> <b>17:30</b>	<b>Eucharist (1970 Rite)</b> <b>Eucharist with hymns*</b> <b>Sung Eucharist*</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>

### **Lenten Lectures at the Highland Theological College (Dingwall):**

The lectures are being delivered on each of the seven Wednesdays of Lent between **2.00pm and 3.00pm**. The theme of the lectures is: **Columba: Who was he? What do we really know about him?** The fourth lecture on **Wednesday 2 March** is entitled 'Theologian and Evangelist'. The College is also holding a Season of Prayer from **28 February to 6 March**. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/HighlandTheologicalCollegeUHI/videos/957824587637236/> for further details.

### **Lenten Talks - Sundays in the Cathedral:**

This series of five talks (last one on Sunday 13 March) **continues today at 4.00pm**, in the Old Boys School. Details of remaining sessions are:

- ❖ **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February** 'The Discipline and gift of listening' Iain Macritchie
- ❖ **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 'Jest hangin' about - explaining Chaplaincy in the workplace' Andrew Gregg
- ❖ **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March** (title still to come) John Cuthbert

### **Flowers for Mothering Sunday:**

Please come to the Old Boys School on **Saturday 5 March at 10.00am** to help prepare the posies which will be distributed at the 9.15am and 11.00am services the following day.

### **Christian Aid:**

The Vestry have decided it would be preferable to hold a specific event to raise money for Christian Aid this year rather than collecting door to door. We are looking for volunteers to organise an event such as a second hand book sale, coffee morning or similar. We are also looking for someone to take on the role of Christian Aid Rep. Please contact Bishop Mark or Patricia Athey, the Vestry Secretary, if you are interested in becoming involved.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight:**

This year Fairtrade Fortnight runs from **29 February to 13 March**. Please consider purchasing some Fairtrade products. Even if you have given up chocolate for Lent, you can buy some Fairtrade chocolate now, put it in the fridge, and eat it during Eastertide!

### **Inverness Street Pastors:**

Are you interested in finding out about the work of Inverness Street Pastors? If so, please come along to one of two information sessions to listen, ask questions and find out ways you can support the work, or even consider volunteering yourself! You can choose between EITHER **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12noon** at The Lighthouse at Hilton Church OR **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm-9pm** at Inshes Church. Training for any new volunteers will start after Easter. For more details, please contact Morven on 07713890956 or [morven@loveinverness.org](mailto:morven@loveinverness.org)

### **Church and Society Meeting:**

The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness is sponsoring a free event entitled 'Community not Isolation' – all welcome. It will be held between **11.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday 19 March** at St John's Church Hall, 8 Southside Road, Inverness. Come along and join in a conversation with people who are working to relieve loneliness. For further details, either contact Val on 01349 852485 or email [office@moray.anglican.org](mailto:office@moray.anglican.org)

### **Order your free copy of The Servant Queen and the King she serves:**

The Queen marks her 90th birthday this year. To celebrate, Bible Society has joined forces with HOPE and the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) to publish a book about the Queen's Christian faith. This beautifully-illustrated short book uses the Queen's own words to describe her faith in God, offering us all an inspiration. Simply visit [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk) to request your free copy.

### **Cathedral Book Group Report:**

We meet once a month, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm to discuss a book chosen by the group. We meet in each other's homes. We believe that the group is now the right size. If you feel you would like to form another group, any of the following would be glad to help: Katie Philips; Patricia Moore; Martin Roth; Carole Roth; Neil Athey; Patricia Athey; Geoff Hinder; Diana Reid; Jane Seddon.

### **Readings Next Sunday:**

- ❖ Joshua 5.9-12
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5.16-21
- ❖ Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Happy Sunday

*Peter*

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