



St Andrew's Cathedral Inverness Notices for Sunday 17 April 2016

Fourth Sunday of Eastertide

Dear Friends

Every year (whether it be Year A, B, or C) we hear from the 10th Chapter of John's Gospel on the Fourth Sunday of Easter – indeed, this Sunday is often called 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. We have the picture of the faithful sheep hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd and following the path He has prepared for them to walk in.

When I taught in London, I remember many of my pupils found this image rather strange, but to those of us living in the Highlands it should be familiar enough! Do we listen for the call of the Shepherd? Do we follow Him? Do we help others hear His voice? Sometimes the Risen Lord needs your voice and mine to be His voice.

Not surpassingly, we also keep today as Vocations Sunday. We rejoice that many men and women in our Diocese have heard the call of the Good Shepherd asking them to be priests or deacons. Is Jesus calling you? Is He asking you to help others hear His call?

Monday 18 April	12:30	Eucharist
Tuesday 19 April	09:00	Morning Prayer
	17:00	Evening Prayer
	17:15	Eucharist
Wednesday 20 April <i>Maelrubha of Applecross, Abbot, 722</i>	08:15	Morning Prayer
	08:30	Eucharist
	17:00	Evening Prayer (SPB)
Thursday 21 April <i>Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 1109</i>	08:15	Morning Prayer
	08:30	Eucharist
	10:15	Holy Communion (RS)
	17:00	Evening Prayer
Friday 22 April	08.15	Morning Prayer
	11:15	Eucharist
	17:00	Evening Prayer
Saturday 23 April <i>George, Patron of England, Martyr, c 303</i> <i>Consecration of the Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, 2010</i>	17:00	Eucharist
Sunday 24 April <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	08:15	Eucharist (1970 Rite)
	09:15	Eucharist with hymns
	11:00	Sung Eucharist
	17:30	Evening Prayer followed by drama about St Paul

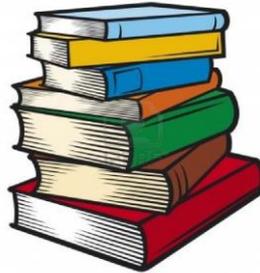
Don't forget: Choral Evensong tonight (17 April) at 5.30pm.

Home League/Adult and Family Rally:

The Salvation Army is holding its annual rally on **Monday 18 April starting at 7.30pm** in The Salvation Army Hall, 20 Tomnahurich Street, Inverness. This event is primarily intended for women's ministry groups, but gentlemen are also welcome. If you would like further details or indicate your planned attendance, please contact Kate Donaldson (Corps Office, Chaplain Inverness Resettlement) on 01463 225276 or by email at Kate.Donaldson@salvationarmy.org.uk

Christian Aid:

Although Christian Aid Week is not until May, we will be holding a **Spring Coffee Morning** in the Old Boys School on **Saturday 23 April between 10.00am and 12 noon**. This will include a book sale and a home baking stall. All offers of baking will be most welcome. The proceeds will be sent to Christian Aid.



There is special plea for books to be sold at the coffee morning. These can be left on the piano in the Cathedral at any time this week, or even brought to the Old Boys School on Saturday morning – but in this case please make sure that you bring them by 10.00am at the latest – it is no good bringing them at 12 noon!

Dramatic presentation on the Life of St Paul:

Immediately following on from Evening Prayer next **Sunday 24 April at 5.30pm** there will be a dramatic presentation on the Life of St Paul performed by The Reverend Richard Burkitt and friends. The whole event should finish by 6.45pm. Do please come – and bring your friends!

Keats or Kipling, Auden or Ayres? (any other poets would be most welcome of course)

Do you have a favourite poem or poems? The Social Committee are organising a Poetry Afternoon on **Sunday 15 May** (The Day of Pentecost). If you would like to join in this event, please speak to Eileen Sanderson or ring her on 01463 831462 for more details.

The Invisible Church – Learning from the experiences of Churchless Christians:

Are you concerned about the health of the Church...discouraged by the decline of many congregations...a Christian, but not a church goer? If your answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, then a new book by Steve Aishorpe entitled 'The Invisible Church' may well be of interest. The ISBN number is **978 0 86153 916 1** and to book is available at a special offer price of £11.99 including p&p until 21 May 2016. Order from Saint Andrew Press <https://standrewpress.hymnsam.co.uk> or phone 01603 785925 and **Quote GAIC16**. The book will be officially launched at HTC on **Wednesday 1 June at 2.00pm**. Details of the launch will follow later.

The long lost cross:

We intend to replace the long lost cross on the gable end of the Nave roof, looking out over the city. Bishop Mark has suggested that members of the congregation may wish to donate to this work in memory of loved ones, or simply as a gift. Please send donations to the Cathedral Treasurer or hand it in at the Cathedral in an envelope with your name, the names of those to be remembered, and **please indicate if the donation can be Gift Aided**.

Readings Next Sunday:

- ❖ Acts 11.1-18
- ❖ Revelation 21.1-6
- ❖ John 13.31-35

Happy Easter

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