



Welcome to the Cathedral in Inverness.
 You will find details of this week's services and events as well as details of the **Daily Prayer Readings** for the week along with prayer suggestions. **DO** take it away with you for your use through the week.

If you require anything then please do speak to one of the **Welcomers / Sides-people** or one of the **Ministry Team** who will be happy to help.

Notices for Sunday 7th January 2018

Sunday 7th January	17.30	Evening Prayer
Monday 8th January	09.00 12:15 16:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer
Tuesday 9th January	09:00 17:15 17.30	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday 10th January*	09:00 09:15 17:00	Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer
Thursday 11th January	09:00 10:30 16:00	Morning Prayer Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament Evening Prayer
Friday 12th January	09:00 16:00	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Saturday 13th January	17:30	Eucharist
Sunday 14th January	08:15 09:15 11:00 17:30	Eucharist (1970 Rite) Family Service Choral Eucharist Gaelic Eucharist

* Very Rev Sarah's Day-Off

Deacon Peter Writes – Sunday 7 January 2018

***The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.***

Today's responsorial psalm consists of verses from Psalm 29. All the references to water reflect the theme of our Eucharist today – the Baptism of Christ. In Mark's Gospel we read; *'At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."*

The psalm reminds us that the Baptism of Christ was not some quiet little ceremony which happened at the back of church on a Sunday afternoon – as was the case with my own baptism in 1953. I am told that I was the only one making much noise on that occasion! Rather, the Baptism of Christ was a cataclysmic event, and God the Father showed his power and delight in a very wonderful way. Mark's Gospel goes on to inform us that; *'At once the Spirit sent him (Jesus) out into the desert, and he was in the desert for forty days, being tempted by Satan.'*

These days the Church allows us a 'pleasant' break until Ash Wednesday (which this year is on 14 February) before we contemplate Our Lord's time in the desert; but sadly this break does not help us fully appreciate the transformation that came about when Jesus was baptised – the hidden 30 years in Nazareth which culminated with Our Lord's Baptism were the prelude to 3 years of public ministry throughout Galilee; 3 days of transforming our humanity in the events of the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday); and 3 hours hanging on the Cross as the Saviour of the World.

So then, what about our own baptism? Well, at least these days baptisms tend to be performed during the Principal Sunday Eucharist, but perhaps they are still rather too 'tame' affairs! May be the Church in the West could learn from the Eastern Churches where the naked baby (in the case of infant baptism) is plunged into the baptismal waters – and only after coming out of the water are they dried and symbolically clothed in their white baptismal garments to signify their new status as a son or daughter of our Heavenly Father.

In the Baptismal Rite used by the Church of Ireland (of which I was a member for 11 years), after the minister has made the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptised child, the people all say:

***God has adopted you by baptism into his Church.
We therefore receive you into the household of faith,
As a member of the body of Christ,
As the child of the same heavenly Father,
And as an inheritor with us of the kingdom of God.***

These are powerful words! God has adopted us – it's as if we hear God say; ***'You are my son/daughter, whom I love.'*** During 2018, will God also be able to say; ***'with you I am well pleased.'***? Where will the Holy Spirit send us this New Year?

NOTICES

We send out a regular E-Newsletter, if you don't already receive this email and you would like to do so please email your request to invernesscathedraloffice@gmail.com Please mark the email with the subject: - Request for E-Newsletter.
Many thanks

The Next
'Family Service'
is
Sunday 4th
February at
9.15am.

We continue to pray for Peter as he has completed the second round of treatment.

Do continue to keep in touch via email/ snail mail as Peter enjoys hearing news of the congregation etc.

Events at St Michaels and All Angels & St. John's here in Inverness

Compline and Benediction on the last Sunday of the month at 7pm in St. Michael's and All Angels- all are welcome!

HOLY LAND TRIP 2018

The trip will be from 10th- 19th October with a varied and interesting itinerary. We will have the opportunity to visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Tiberias & the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and many other places on the routes between.

Forms are available today for those who are interested- please take one in and return to Sarah.

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

At the Annual Congregational Meeting a questionnaire was circulated to those who were there- there are copies on the Welcoming Table for those who didn't receive one and would like the opportunity to complete one. There return date for them is to be extended to Sunday 7th January 2018- we hope to have as many back as possible so please do fill it in and return it by 7th January 2018. If you have any questions about it then please do ask the Provost or one of the members of the Vestry.

CAR PARKING IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS

The grass has taken quite a battering from cars coming and going and parking on the grass this winter. Please do try to avoid the edges of the grass as you make your way around the cathedral- it is a costly job to have it repaired.

Please note that parking in the Cathedral Grounds is restricted to those who require access and to the two parking spaces reserved for those with blue badges.

Thank you for your co-operation.

There are local car parks available and road parking close by.

BLYTHSWOOD FOOD BANK

Thank you to all those who supported the Food Bank in our Harvest Collection.

Please do continue to support the Food Bank.

The box for donations can be found in the cathedral by the side entrance. We are invited to donate the following items: **Tins of Ham, Packets of rice, Cream Crackers, Long Life juice and Toilet Rolls**

Social & Fundraising Events for 2017/2018

25th January 2018- Burns Supper
Sunday 11th February-
Congregational Lunch
17th March- St. Patrick's Beetle
Drive
April- Quiz
May- Wine Tasting
*Details of Events to follow in due
course!*

Burns Supper

On Thursday 25th January the Cathedral will be hosting a Burns supper. If you are interested in attending tickets are £6. It will be held in the Old Boys School at 7pm for 7.30

Oxfam Open Day
Saturday 27th January
10am-3pm

9-11 Lombard Street ,Inverness

Come and see what goes on behind the scenes in a busy Oxfam shop and Meet Pamala and the team.

No need to book. For more details contact
01463 242522 or email oxfamshop6505@oxfam.org.uk

Home Communion/ Pastoral Visiting

Clergy and Lay Pastoral Visitors are always available to visit people at home, in Nursing Homes or in hospital.

If you know someone who would appreciate a visit and haven't been to church for a while then please do notify either the Cathedral Office on 01463 225553/ email:

invernesscathedraloffice@gmail.com or Rev Sarah on 01463 225553/ email: revsarahmurray@gmail.com

Please do let someone know, please don't assume the clergy always know!

For your prayers for this week: (from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer)

- For the congregation of St. John, Forres: Hamilton Inbadas, Anthony Matchwick.
- For those working outdoors in wintry weather.
- For airport chaplains.
- For members of the government in Westminster and Edinburgh.
- For the 1.3 million people who work in the NHS.
- For the people of Sudan.
- For victims of natural disasters.

For your Bible Readings, this week: (from Daily Prayer Readings)

Sun. 7 th January	Isaiah42:1-9	Ephesians2:1-10	Luke3:15-22
Mon. 8 th January	Genesis1:1-2:3	Hebrews1:1-14	John1:1-18
Tues. 9 th January	Genesis2:4-25	Hebrews 2:1-10	John1:19-28
Wed.10 th January	Genesis3:1-24	Hebrews2:11-18	John1:29-42
Thurs.11 th January	Genesis4:1-26	Hebrews3:1-11	John1:43-51
Fri. 12 th January	Genesis6:1-8	Hebrews3:12-19	John2:1-12
Sat. 13 th January	Genesis6:9-22	Hebrews4:1-13	John2:13-22

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to be contacted by a member of the Ministry Team and/ or to be added to our congregational list then please leave your contact details below and leave them with either a sides person/ welcomer or in the collection boxes at the back of the Cathedral.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Email Address _____

Telephone/ Mobile _____

Comments _____

Thank you

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To make an enquiry or booking for any of the Cathedral Buildings then please email the office on: -invernesscathedraloffice@gmail.com

The Cathedral Office is open on Thursday Mornings from 10am- 1pm

For Contacting the Clergy outside of Office Hours- do continue to call the Office Telephone Number (01463 225553) and this rings through to either the Rectory or an appointed contact at all times.

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