

**United Diocese of Moray,
Ross & Caithness
Diocesan Newsletter #2
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Happy New Year to you all,

As it is the new year I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know some of the times that I will be away in the next term.

I will be having my usual weeks in Edinburgh during January and February. I am in Kenya for 5 days in February, attending an African Primates retreat, then I will be in Armagh for a couple of days attending the Regional Primates meeting. In March there will be time spent in Glasgow as they and I seek a new bishop for the Diocese. We are also expecting the “Our Common Calling” group to be visiting us in the Highlands, they will be arranging a programme that will include visits to some of our churches.

In April I will be heading for Jerusalem and we will be there leading up to Palm Sunday returning home on the Wednesday in Holy Week, this will mean that the Chrism Mass this year will be at 11.30am in the Cathedral on MAUNDY THURSDAY.

In between these visits I will continue to visit you in your churches and communities, enjoying being with the welcoming people of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

+McR Moray: Primus

From the Bishop's Diary...

Sunday 30th January: Arpafeelie

Sunday 6th January: Christmas Break

Sunday 12th January: Inverness Cathedral

Sunday 20th January: St. Mary in the Fields

Sunday 27th January: Licensing on Lindisfarne

Sunday 3rd February: Confirmations at Elgin

Services & Events from around the Diocese

St Michael's

Family Mass on Sundays at 9.45am

Sunday 20th 6.30pm Scottish Liturgy Communion

Sunday 27th 7.00pm Compline & Benediction

Wednesday 30th 7.00pm 1637 Liturgy for Charles, King & Martyr

St John's

Family Eucharist on Sundays at 11.15am

Sunday 13th 6.30pm Evening Praise with contemporary music and a time of quiet contemplation.

Friday 1st February 7.30pm Baroque Recital given by Liz McLardy

(Soprano) Tanya Clement (Piano and Organ), and D James Ross MBE (Recorders)

Joint events

Saturday 26th 1.30pm Burns Lunch in St John's Hall, Southside Road

Tuesday 29th 2.30pm Knitting Together in St Michael's Hall, Abban Street.



St James Dingwall

January 23rd 7.30pm Colin Chandler will be talking about his recent trip to Nepal and experiences there.



Gordon Chapel Fochabers

Sunday 6th January - Epiphany Christingle Service at 3:00pm

St Michael Dufftown

There s a regular monthly Holy Communion Service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00pm (January's service 20th).

Inverness Cathedral

Sunday 3rd February- Choral Evensong at 5.30pm

Ullapool Foodbank

The people of St Mary's in Ullapool who attended the Regional Synod at St James's in Dingwall at the end of September went away all fired up and inspired by the afternoon session, led by Ley-Anne Forsyth (Diocesan Youth Coordinator), who spoke to us so movingly on local food poverty, the challenges inherent in the current rollout of Universal Credit, and other needs right on our doorsteps. As Ley-Anne's day job is with Cairn Housing Association, she spoke authoritatively about how these and other issues impact on those who fall through the gaps in the welfare net.

Thus inspired, we returned to Ullapool and started our own food bank at St Mary's. There is a clear need here, and the food-bags which are designed to keep a family fed for up to three days, are helping to fill that need. Ley-Anne came to speak to the congregation on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, and we hope - with her help, guidance and support - to continue to make a difference to these families.

Revd Canon Nicholas Court

Kinlochewe Mission, begun 6 years ago, seems to thrive under God and full-throttle Revd Pam. All the more amazing because it only meets once a month which might be a 'heads-up' for all those intent on communion services every few days...after all, retail therapy in Inverness may be more attractive for a Sunday gathering. I'm only guessing.

I hear that the appeal of the Mission is that it only requires folks to be in church on the first Sunday of the month and the congregation can never be quite sure what the service might contain...oops!

I suppose the God of Surprises is something of a theological template for laity and clergy alike in Kinlochewe. Do we have fun? You betcha!

Our next service is on the Feast of the Epiphany, 2.30pm Church of Scotland Building. Wear something warm and a hard hat.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

GATEWAY, INVERNESS

Gateway is a local charity which helps people out of their difficulties, and provides accommodation in two units of flats with a warden and support staff in Church Street and Academy Street.

In addition they run a service called **Food for Families** which provides meals for families in need at Christmas. Through agencies such as social work, schools and NHS they identify families who are having to make choices between being warm, having food, or buying a gift for their child or children. Many feel it is a stigma to go to the Foodbank. Like most of us they want to be at home rather than in a church hall for Christmas dinner. .

Last Christmas, Gateway provided almost 2,500 meals and the year before over 3000. They do this with the help of volunteers from churches and other organisations, and some individuals. Gateway provides the ingredients to make shepherd's pie, mince and tatties, or macaroni cheese along with cartons to put it in. Volunteers cook the food and put it in the cartons which are then collected by Gateway and frozen before being distributed.

Gateway delivered the ingredients to the Rectory where some people from St Michaels spent a few hours cooking and a few from St John's took ingredients home to prepare themselves. In all, 108 helpings were prepared.

Mairi Cuthbert





INVERNESS
CATHEDRAL



BURNS SUPPER

Saturday 26th January 2019 | 7pm for
7.30pm

£10 per person | Soup & Haggis, Coffee &
Shortbread | Tickets available from the Cafe &
Office or see Facebook

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