

United Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness

Diocesan Newsletter No 8

November & December 2019



Dear Friends

Well what a month September was.

One Ordination to the Priesthood, three ordinations to the Diaconate and the rededication of St Columba's Brora, we had full churches for all of these events and we met lots of people who are interested in our church and hopefully all of us can ensure that this interested can be encouraged by warm and inviting worship in our churches.

The beginning of October has also been busy, we said farewell to our Diocesan Registrar as George MacWilliam reached retirement and at the service giving thanks for his ministry among us we also welcomed the Bishop of Quebec and his team on a brief visit to catch up with us all.

This visit from overseas links was a foretaste of what will happen next summer when we welcome bishops and archbishops from across the Anglican Communion in the run up to the Lambeth Conference, I will report on this more fully soon.

I would like to ask you to remember our link dioceses in the intersessions in church. We have a long-standing link with Quebec and with the Diocese of Tuam in Ireland and they hold us in prayer weekly, we should remember to do the same.

I hope to catch up with many of you through the next few months.

Blessings

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From the Bishop's Diary...

27 th October	Glasgow
3 rd November	Zambia
10 th November	Inverness Cathedral
17 th November	Poolewe & Evensong in Inverness Cathedral
24 th November	Invergordon & Gordon Chapel
1 st December	Strathpeffer
8 th December	Inverness Cathedral
15 th December	Glenurquhart

Services & Events from around the Diocese

Inverness Cathedral

www.invernesscathedral.org

Saturday 30th November - St Andrew's Day Coffee Morning.

Monday 2nd December – Highland Hospice 'Light Up the Highlands' Concert at 6.30pm.

Sunday 8th December at 3pm – Service of Thanksgiving for Cathedral Staff and Volunteers

Thursday 12th December – City & Community Carol Service at 7.30pm

Friday 20th December at 2pm (tbc) – Carol Service with Bishop Eden Primary School

Saturday 21st December – Blue Christmas Service at 4pm

Sunday 22nd December – Service of Carols and Readings for Christmas at 5.30pm

Tuesday 24th December at 4pm- Christingle Service with Pop-Up Nativity

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### St John the Evangelist, Moray Street, Wick

[stjohnswick.org.uk](http://stjohnswick.org.uk) and [northernepiscopalians.com](http://northernepiscopalians.com)

#### Services and special services:

27th October - Family Service - 4 pm

31st October - All Souls/All Saints

3rd November - Pets Service - 3 pm

10th November - Remembrance

18th December - Christingle - 4pm

24th November - Family Service - 4 pm

21st December - Carol Service

22nd December - Family Service - 4 pm

24th December - Midnight Mass using Reserved Sacrament

25th December - Christmas Day - Sung Eucharist

Sunday services as usual at 11:30 am. All details on the two websites as above.

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St Columba's Church, Grantown on Spey & St John's, Rothiemurchus

St Columba's Episcopal church, Grantown on Spey will be hosting a Christmas Tree Festival. Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th December. The church will be open to view trees put up by different community groups and members on Thursday, Friday and Sunday 3pm - 6.30pm and Saturday 7th 11 am - 4 pm.

Services

10.30am Sunday Eucharist at St Columba's & St John's

12.30pm Wednesday Eucharist at St Columba's

10.30am Thursday Eucharist at St John's

Evensong at St John's - Sundays November 10th (Remembrance) & December 1st Advent

Sunday at 4.00pm.

Special Occasions

Sunday November 19th Remembrance Sunday for St Columba's

United Service at Inverallan 9.45am Said Eucharist at St Columba's at 11.30am.

Sunday December 15th at 4.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols at St Columba's

Sunday December 22nd at 4.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols at St John's

St Stephen's Day (Thursday 26th December) Eucharist at 10.30am at St John's

Wednesday January 1st at 11.00am at St Columba's

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at St John's

11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas at both churches

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Eucharist at both churches



St John's, Forres

Friday, November 1 at 6.30pm – Eucharist on All Saints Day

Sunday, November 3 at 6.00pm - Choral Evensong for All Soul's Day

Sunday, November 10 at 6.00pm - Healing of the Nations – a Reflective Service of Music and Readings

Saturday, November 30 at 2.00-5.00pm - Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 30 at 6.30pm - St Andrew's day Eucharist

Sunday, December 1 at 6.00pm - Advent Carol Service

Wednesday, December 11 at 8.00pm - Musick Fyne Concert

Friday, December 13 at 5.00pm - Light in the Darkness: A Service for Troubled Times

Saturday, December 21 at 2.00pm - Christmas Messy Church

Sunday, December 22 at 6.00pm - Service of Lessons and Carols

Tuesday, December 24 at 4.00pm - Family Nativity Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 11.30pm - Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25 at 11.00am - Christmas Day family eucharist

Friday, December 27 at 6.30pm - Sung Eucharist, Feast of St John the Evangelist

Sunday, January 5 at 6.00pm - Choral Evensong - Feast of Epiphany

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## St Peter & the Holy Rood, Thurso

[www.northernepiscopalians.com](http://www.northernepiscopalians.com)

### Services

31st October - Service of Light and Prayer – Service at 6:30 pm with prayer to continue to 10 pm.

10th November - Remembrance Sunday

2nd December - Christingle - 9:30 am

15th December - Carol Service - 4:30 pm

24th December - Midnight Mass - Sung Eucharist - 11:30 pm

25th December - Christmas Day - Family Service - 10:30 am.

Sunday services are at 9:30 am. There are no 8 am services between November and February.

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St Maelrubha's, Poolewe

Remembrance Weekend: Saturday November 9th: Reverend Heather will attend the Poolewe War Memorial service- conducted by local clergy of different denominations each year. She will then drive out to Sasan at the head of Loch Ewe to the Arctic Convoy War Memorial to conduct the service there.

Remembrance Day: St Maelrubha's service will start at 10.30 a.m. so the service can include the Act of Remembrance at 11 a.m.

The Annual Ecumenical Carol Service with readers from local denominations and Air Scouts will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday December 15th. Retiring Collection for the Highland Hospice. Mince pies and mulled wine will follow the service

Christmas Midnight: 1st Eucharist of Christmas - 11 p.m.

Christmas Day: Eucharist - 11 a.m. with Christingle making for children.

Collections from both these services will go to our chosen Advent charity - yet to be decided.

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## St James', Dingwall and St Anne's, Strathpeffer

### Soup Lunches

The first dates in the new series of Soup Lunches will be Saturday 26th October and Saturday 30th November, in the Church Hall. Starting time, as usual, will be 12 noon and an excellent selection of home-made soups is always available. Donations to church funds will be most appreciated.

### Talks and Concerts at St James'

The first in our series of winter events at St James' will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 25th October, when Gordon Sleight will give an illustrated talk on the long-running excavation of the Clachtoll Broch site in Assynt. We are familiar with seeing Gordon in our pulpits, but here he will be seen in his other role as Historic Assynt's Project Leader. Then at the same time on Friday 15th November Kit Bowen will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "An Antarctic Odyssey", featuring the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife of South Georgia. As usual, refreshments will also be provided. Entry is free but donations will be very welcome.

## **Advent & Christmas Services**

10.30am Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday (St Anne's)  
10.30 am Sunday 8th December - Advent 2 (St James')  
10.30am Sunday 15th December - Advent 3 (St Anne's)  
3.30 pm 15th December- Carol Service (St Anne's)  
10.30 am Sunday 22nd December - Advent 4 (St James')  
5pm Tuesday 24th December - Christingle Service (St James')  
10 am Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day Family Service (St Anne's)  
10.30am Sunday 29th December - Christmas I (St Anne's)

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All Saints Mission, Kinlochewe

We will be holding its Community Advent and Christmas Carol service on Sunday 1st December 2.30pm Church of Scotland Building Kinlochewe. Refreshments available!

For those of you who have been enquiring, the CD "Way out West Three" (tales that tickle) is now ready, price £10. All proceeds to local Good Causes. Please contact Rev'd Pam for further info: 01445 781346.

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## **The Crask Inn**

Can we thank all those friends of the Crask and others in the dioceses who have supported this amazing project during the last year. We were pleased to welcome Bishop Bruce from Quebec who attended our last Saturday service and music evening with Bishop Mark and colleagues.

We are open till 23<sup>rd</sup> December for coffee, tea and lunch and pre-booked dinner or overnight stays. We will fully re-open on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb for 2020.

Our services will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 12 noon, 1st Saturday of the month at 5pm (except January)

Our Carol service will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm followed by refreshments – all welcome

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St Mary-by-the-Cross, Tongue

Friday 1st November 12 midday Eucharist (for All Saints)

Friday 6th December 12 midday Advent Eucharist

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## **St Mary the Virgin, Ullapool**

SUNDAY 3rd November 10am All Saints Sunday Eucharist (sung)

Monday 4th November 6pm Requiem Mass of All Souls (transferred)

Wednesday 6th November 11am Midweek Eucharist

Saturday 9th November 6pm Vigil Mass (for Remembrance Sunday)

SUNDAY 10th November 9.45am Village Remembrance Sunday service (at C of S)

Wednesday 13th November 11am Midweek Eucharist

SUNDAY 17th November 10am Sunday Eucharist (sung)

Wednesday 20th November 11am Midweek Eucharist

Thursday 21st November 7pm St Mary's Green Screen Cinema (The Cloud Forest)  
SUNDAY 24th November 10am Christ the King Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
Wednesday 27th November 11am Midweek Eucharist  
SUNDAY 1st December 10am Advent Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
Wednesday 4th December 11am Midweek Eucharist  
SUNDAY 8th December 10am Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
Wednesday 11th December 11am Midweek Eucharist  
SUNDAY 15th December 10am Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
SUNDAY 15th December 3.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight  
Wednesday 18th December 11am Midweek Eucharist  
SUNDAY 22nd December 10am Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
Christmas Eve 4.30pm Christingle & Children's Crib service  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass with carols & Blessing of the Crib  
SUNDAY 29th December 10am Sunday Eucharist (sung)  
Wednesday 1st January 11am New Year's Day Eucharist

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St Boniface of Ross, Achiltibuie

SUNDAY 3rd November 2.30pm All Saints Sunday Eucharist (sung)
SUNDAY 1st December 2.30pm Advent Sunday Eucharist (sung)
Christmas Eve 11.30am Christmas Day Eucharist (with carols)

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### **St Gilbert of Caithness, Kinlochbervie**

Saturday 23rd November 12 midday Eucharist for Advent (anticipated) (sung)  
Christmas Eve 12 midday Christmas Eucharist (with carols)

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St Gilbert of Caithness, Lochinver

SUNDAY 24th November 2.30pm Eucharist for Advent (sung)
SUNDAY 22nd December 2.30pm Christmas Eucharist (anticipated) (with carols)

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### **St Michael & All Angels, Abban Street, Inverness and St John the Evangelist, Southside Road, Inverness**

Some of the later dates that follow are provisional. Please see our websites to confirm details: [www.stmichaelschurcheinverness.org](http://www.stmichaelschurcheinverness.org) and [www.stjohnschurcheinverness.org](http://www.stjohnschurcheinverness.org) or contact Canon John Cuthbert on 01463 233797 or [john2cuthbert@gmail.com](mailto:john2cuthbert@gmail.com)

#### **Services**

##### **Sundays in November**

9.45am Family Mass at St Michael's

11.15am Family Eucharist at St John's

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm Contemplative Evening Praise at St John's

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm Evensong at St Michael's

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm Compline & Benediction at St Michael's

##### **Sundays in December**

9.45am Family Eucharist at St John's

11.15am Family Mass at St Michael's

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Contemplative Evening Praise at St John's  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm Scottish Liturgy Communion at St Michael's  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm Compline & Benediction at St Michael's

### **Sundays in January**

9.45am Family Mass at St Michael's

11.15am Family Eucharist at St John's

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Contemplative Evening Praise at St John's

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Evensong at St Michael's

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm Compline & Benediction at St Michael's

**Tuesdays** 10.00am Low Mass at St Michael's

**Wednesdays** 11.00am Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy) at St John's

### **All Saints and All Souls**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6.30pm Mass for All Saints at St Michael's

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am Requiem Mass for All Souls at St Michael's

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 11.00am Requiem Eucharist for All Souls at St John's

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6.00pm Requiem Eucharist for All Souls at St John's

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm Requiem Mass for All Souls at St Michael's

### **Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Services**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm Sankta Lucia Service at St Michael's (tbc)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2.30pm Christingle Service at St John's

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7.00pm Carol Service at St Michael's

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2.30pm Crib Service at St Michael's

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 7.00pm Carol Service at St John's

### **Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St John's

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm Midnight Mass at St Michael's

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am Christmas Mass at St Michael's

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11.15am Christmas Eucharist at St John's

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 11.00am Mass for the Naming of Jesus at St Michael's

### **Feast of the Epiphany**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm Eucharist at St John's

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Mass at St Michael's

### **Healing Service**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Feast of St Kentigern Eucharist with personal prayer for healing at St John's

### **Social and Fund-Raising Events**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm Lasagne Supper & entertainment in St Michael's Hall

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30am-12.30pm St John's Christmas Fayre in St John's Hall

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon-2.00pm Soup & Pudding Lunch in St Michael's Hall

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm Burns Lunch in St John's Hall

### **Regular Events**

#### **Knitting Together**

Tuesdays 29<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm in St Michael's Hall

### **Book Groups**

Tuesday Group: 12<sup>th</sup> November & 17<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am in St Michael's Rectory

Friday Group: 15<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm in St Michael's Rectory

First book: *Being Disciples* Rowan Williams

Second book: *Simple Prayer* John Dalrymple

## **ST MICHAEL'S AUTUMN LECTURES SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY:**

### **Explorations of Christian Faith and Doubt for Today's World**

**Dr Brian Marshall**

A series of four talks and discussions based around Rachel Held Evans' book *Searching for Sunday: loving, leaving and finding the Church*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October    Baptism and Confession

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October    Holy Orders and Communion

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November    Confirmation and Anointing the Sick

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November    Marriage, the Body of Christ, and the Kingdom  
8.00pm in St Michael's Church

Before retiring to the Highlands, Dr Marshall spent 30 plus years teaching Christian Theology in Leeds and Oxford.

## **DATES FOR DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **Regional Synod Dates for 2019**

St. Drostan's – 9<sup>th</sup> November

Diocesan Mission Conference 2020 - more details to follow in due course!



## My Quebec Trip by Newly ordained Deacon – Katrina O'Neill



I had the great privilege to be asked by Bishop Mark to spend part of the summer on placement in the diocese of Quebec. The diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness and Quebec have, for many years had close links due to being companions dioceses. I am greatly humbled to have been offered the chance to represent our diocese and Scottish Episcopal Institute as I prepared for the next part of my journey and training towards ministry and ordination. I had the most

amazing experience and will treasure the memories of my time there and what I gained by being among the clergy and people of the diocese. Learning how the Anglican Church of Canada worships, seeing the similarities and differences from what I am used to in the Scottish Episcopal Church. I had the opportunity to visit many parts of the vast diocese.

Quebec is larger than France, so it was going to be impossible to visit the whole diocese in six weeks. I spent time in Quebec City, Eastern Townships and Gaspé. Meeting many wonderful people as I travelled around, experiencing what life is like for the clergy and Bishop Bruce in this vast diocese. I noticed many similarities between our diocese and Quebec. Though it is a much larger diocese, the same concerns about church are seen;

ageing populations, priests having to minister to multiple congregations, churches in rural areas, many miles apart. I was lucky enough to spend time with their deacons. As someone who was preparing for ordination to the permanent diaconate, it was good to gain more insight and learn from those who also have been called to this specific ministry. I accompanied them on their pastoral visits, learned about their experience of diaconal ministry, especially in rural areas where they rely heavily on deacons and lay readers due to the vast areas the priests minister to. It was a privilege to be invited to assist and preach at services. During my time there, I experienced worship in the Cathedral, in care homes, pet blessing service and churches rural and urban. It was a great joy to attend the service at



Shigawake Fair, the yearly agricultural fair in Shigawake where the churches gather together with the community for the Sunday service. This is held in the main tent of the show ground. The tent was full, gospel music, animals could be heard, all of God's creation were present. I learnt about the rich history of Quebec and how that has shaped the country, also how the role of the church has moved from a privileged role within society to the challenges it faces in a more secular society now. Before returning to Scotland, I went on my pre-ordination retreat with the Sisterhood of St John the Divine, an Anglican order in Toronto. I attended the daily offices, ate with the



sisters and engaged in spiritual direction sessions. My experience of the church in Quebec is one of great joy and it offered me a time of discernment and preparation for my ordination. I feel blessed and humbled to have gone, and for the part that the diocese of Quebec played in my journey towards my diaconal ministry. It was wonderful to be reunited with Bishop Bruce, Fr Edward and Fr Giuseppe when they visited our diocese in October.

# Sacred Music Workshop

for amateur singers and instrumentalists with

- **James Ross** -



## Would you like to play and/or sing Sacred Music with other enthusiasts?

We are delighted to announce an exciting new workshop for those of you who love Sacred Music. Each session we plan to sample a wide range of sacred music, including early choral music and perhaps more modern sacred material, so basic music-reading ability will be necessary. We will send the music out to you each time in advance as a PDF e-mail attachment to print, so you will get a chance to try it through in advance.

The monthly workshops are on **Saturday afternoons 2 - 4pm** in **Inverness Cathedral** and cost **£10 per session, payable on the day.**

◆ **Dates and full registration details overleaf** ◆

*Apply now - and make sure you tell your friends!*

# Sacred Music Workshop

To register, please e-mail [sueightman@gmail.com](mailto:sueightman@gmail.com) with

◆ your name ◆

◆ if you sing : are you a soprano, alto, tenor or bass? ◆

◆ if you play : which instrument(s)\* do you plan to play? ◆

\* *If you play a transposing instrument (e.g. Bb clarinet, horn in F), you will need to transpose your music yourself into a suitable key.*

## 2019 Dates

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday 19th January   | Saturday 16th February |
| Saturday 16th March     | Saturday 20th April    |
| Saturday 4th May        | Saturday 22nd June     |
| Saturday 21st September | Saturday 19th October  |
| Saturday 23rd November  | Saturday 14th December |

**D James Ross** has conducted a number of workshops in singing Early Scottish Music as well as in performing instrumental music from the Renaissance. He plays a large variety of Renaissance and Baroque woodwind instruments, including recorders, whistles, early bagpipes and early clarinets and is founder/director of the early instrument consort **Coronaech**, which performs the instrumental music of Renaissance Scotland and Europe. He performs early and traditional music with the harpist **Bill Taylor** in the duo **The Art of Mysick**, and in 2012 he formed **The Marvel of Peru**, devoted to the authentic performance of Scottish and English Baroque chamber music. He also directs the early music choir, **Musick Fyne**, who since 1980 have specialised in the performance of unaccompanied choral music from the Renaissance.

Since retiring from teaching English, he plays music regularly for **Sounds Familiar**, a singing group for people with dementia and their carers, and performs popular classics with accordionist **Robert Wallace** in the duo **Accordion Too**, as well as conducting **The Skibo Strings**, an ensemble incorporating some of the best string players in the Highlands. In 2017 he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to Scottish Renaissance and Baroque music.

*Apply now - and make sure you tell your friends!*



## TKA YOUTH

A group of 7 young people from the Dioceses of Tuam, Kilala and Achonry recently travelled to Inverness as the first stage of a youth exchange. TKA is linked to the United Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness in the Scottish Episcopal Church and this exchange was part of the strengthening of this link. The young people flew from Dublin to Inverness and stayed at The Seading, a diocesan building which stands in the back garden of the Bishop's house! He was a most gracious host, and the youth team in the diocese there had worked hard to ensure our trip was successful, engaging and fun.

We spent our time together learning about each other's cultures and churches and exploring the ways in which we are the same and ways in which we are different, both in our rural context and in our church context. The two dioceses have much in common geographically and it was good to share the frustrations, and also the strengths which our particular situation can bring. We visited the Highland Folk Museum, the battlefield at Culloden and Inverness Cathedral, where the combined group of young people led worship. We also found time to have fun with highland games and a trip to the local go-karting track.

The young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all have said that they learnt a lot during their time there. There is no doubt that new friendships were formed, both amongst the young people and the leaders, with plans for a return trip from the Scottish contingent in the near future.



Below are some of the comments from the young people who went on the trip:

Thank you so much for bringing us on this trip it was an amazing experience. I really enjoyed the trip, the food was delicious and the day trips were great especially the go-karting! I learned so much about Scottish culture and history and it was lovely to meet



people with similar beliefs as us in other countries and I hope I can see them again in the future. Sarah Clarke



The travel was quite good, the plane being small was memorable. The food was also very nice and it was accommodating of Jane [the Bishop's wife] to cook for us every day. The visit to the Highland Folk Park was a good way at the beginning of the trip to highlight the similarities between the Irish people and Scottish people. To be honest, the Culloden battlefield visit was the best bit as there was so much history. The karting was also very good and a nice way to round off the trip. The service in the cathedral in Inverness was also pretty good. The leaders from both countries were all overwhelmingly nice and friendly and it was just great to meet some young people who are in a diocese with similar problems to ours. Jacob Craig

I really enjoyed the trip to Inverness it gave me a chance to meet new people with similar beliefs as me it also was a chance to travel to a different country and experience the culture. Lewis Craig

I thought the trip was a great experience. I felt that I learnt a lot about the Scottish culture and about their religion. It was great to meet new leaders and new friends that are the same age as us. Overall I enjoyed my time in Scotland and learnt a lot over the few days. Grace Hodgins

I found the trip to Scotland very interesting learning about our different cultures and the similarities we have. I enjoyed getting to know the Scottish people and learning about the history of the area that we stayed in. Siobhan Hodgins



I enjoyed the trip overall. It was God to meet up with people from the youth group. The leaders and participants were all very friendly and helpful. The karting was great fun and got very competitive. It was nice to see the culture of the Scottish people and their food was somewhat strange to start off, but we got used to it. It was a good trip overall and I would encourage others to go on another trip like this one. Gary Moore

I personally thought the Inverness trip was brilliant because I made a lot of new friends and learnt how to bond with people from other parishes that I didn't



know. I learnt that bonding with new people is a challenge but if you all work together as a group it makes things a lot easier. I really enjoyed spending my few days in Inverness with my own friends along with making new friends along the way. I really enjoyed the fun I had with my leaders as well they were very down to earth and they were always there if you needed someone to talk to. Thank for giving me the opportunity to attend the trip with you. David Taylor

#### **Date for the diary**

Schools service - Friday 8th November at 11.30am  
Speaker: Anthony Njoroge from Nairobi Cathedral

## Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness Youth Prayer

As we gather, we recognise and welcome God in this space. We pray for everyone who is our family, by blood or by heart and are grateful for all that they do for us. We pray for all those who are poor and homeless and everyone facing adversity and inequality. We pray that your people will spread awareness and take action to protect the world. And Lord we pray that our church family continues to grow closer in unity and love, Amen.

| Date                  | Event                      | Location                             | What you need to know                                                                                                | Who for?                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28/10/19              | Youth Group                | Inverness Cathedral/Youth Rooms      | We will attend 9:15am service and then have youth group in our youth room finishing per lunch                        | 1st years - graduating youth                                                                                   |
| 02/11/2019-03/11/2019 | Columba's Skopje visit     | St John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh | PTC event, details and forms on website and Facebook                                                                 | 1st years - graduating youth                                                                                   |
| 24/11/19              | Youth Group                | Youth Rooms Inverness Cathedral      | We will meet for youth group at 2pm at the Youth rooms, this will be followed by Glas style worship in the cathedral | 1st years - graduating youth and then if anyone would like to join us for worship                              |
| 7/12/19               | Woe Sleepout               | Edinburgh                            | We are combining to do one sleepout together - contact Ley-Anne if you want to go                                    | 1st years - graduating youth                                                                                   |
| 13/12/19              | Family Christmas           | Glasgow                              | Contact clare@stcolindale.org.uk                                                                                     | 18+                                                                                                            |
| 22/12/19              | MBC Family Christmas Lunch | Inverness Cathedral                  | We will attend the 9:15am service, followed by youth group and then a Christmas lunch                                | Our youth, their families and our supporters                                                                   |
| 12/1/20               | Youth Group                | Youth Rooms Inverness Cathedral      | We will meet for youth group at 2pm at the Youth rooms, this will be followed by Glas style worship in the cathedral | 1st years - graduating youth and then if anyone would like to join us for worship                              |
| 15/02/2020-16/02/2020 | Leap In to Lent            | St John's, Aberdeen                  | PTC event, details and forms on website and Facebook                                                                 | 1st years - graduating youth                                                                                   |
| 6/3/20                | Youth Group                | Inverness Cathedral/Youth Rooms      | We will attend 9:15am service and then have youth group in our youth room finishing per lunch                        | 1st years - graduating youth                                                                                   |
| 04/04/2020-06/04/2020 | London Trip                | London                               | A chance to go away together and meet with other youth in fellowship. It Harry Potter Studio Tour                    | You must be at least 16 for this trip - to those who have been involved in the previous planning of this trip. |
| 5/4/20                | Youth Lunch                | Holy Trinity Elgin                   | Easter lunch with Emma and Helen                                                                                     | Under 16s                                                                                                      |



# **Pilgrimage to Iona 2021**

**Monday 15th March to Friday 19th**

**March 2021**

2021 is the Year of Pilgrimage in the life of the  
Scottish Episcopal Church.

There will be many pilgrimages taking place across  
the Province, including this Pilgrimage from the  
Cathedral to Bishop's House in Iona.

All are welcome!

Bishop's House can accommodate 23 people. Located  
on the island of Iona, with the opportunity to retreat,  
relax, walk, read and to visit Iona Abbey.



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This 5 day pilgrimage to Iona, will include staying at Bishop's House on Iona. The cost of the trip will be in the region of £280 per person which includes accommodation and meals at Bishop's House, travel and ferry costs will be over and above this cost. This cost is based on all 23 places at the Bishop's House being occupied. We shall have exclusive use of Bishop's House during our time there.

There are 8 twin rooms and 7 single rooms.

Bishop's House offers daily worship and this will be offered by the ministry team from the Cathedral travelling on Pilgrimage. All worship is optional.

The theme of the retreat will follow the broad theme of 'Pilgrimage'. There will be the opportunity to visit Iona Abbey, St Columba's Bay and other walking opportunities as well as time and space to explore the island on your own.

Booking Form for Iona, 15<sup>th</sup> March to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| NAME                                                               |  |
| ADDRESS                                                            |  |
| TEL. NO.                                                           |  |
| EMAIL                                                              |  |
| Single or Twin Room<br>(Please note that single rooms are limited) |  |
| Signed                                                             |  |
| Date                                                               |  |
| Deposit included (£70)                                             |  |



**INVERNESS CATHEDRAL**

**ADVENT and  
CHRISTMAS 2019**







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## Events

**Monday 2nd December at 5.00pm**

Lighting of the Christmas Trees with Special Guest

**Monday 2nd December at 6.30pm**

Highland Hospice presents - **Light Up the Highlands** - Carol Service

**Friday 6th December at 6.30pm**

For a Winter's Night - Concert by Candlelight  
by the Scottish Ensemble Concert - **tickets from Eden Court**

**Sunday 8th December at 3pm**

Service of Thanksgiving for Cathedral Staff and Volunteers

**Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm**

City & Community Carol Service

**Saturday 21st December at 4pm**

Blue Christmas Service

**Sunday 22nd December at 5.30pm**

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols with the Cathedral Choir

**Christmas Eve at 4pm**

Christingle Service with Pop-Up Nativity

**Christmas Day**

Open Table Christmas Lunch

**Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm**

Service for the arrival of the Kings - Epiphany

Plus other events throughout the month - details to follow



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## **Christmas Services**

**Saturday 21st December**

Blue Christmas Service at 4pm

Is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration

**Sunday 22nd December**

Eucharist Services at 0815; 0915 and 1100

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols  
with the Cathedral Choir at 5.30pm

**Christmas Eve**

Christingle Service with Pop-Up Nativity at 4pm  
Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

**Christmas Day**

Eucharist at 8.15am  
Family Eucharist at 10.00am  
Open Table Christmas Lunch, from 12.30pm

**Monday 6th January 2020**

Service for the arrival of the Kings - Epiphany at 7.30pm

**Sunday 29th Dec - Epiphany**

Weekday services at 10.00am

You are warmly invited along with your family and friends to join us at our Light up the Highlands services across the Highlands for festive songs, readings and to remember loved ones. These are free, non-ticketed events and everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Flickering candlelight, atmospheric architecture, and music of illumination and warmth ... our concerts provide an alternative to the usual musical offerings of the season, filling the beautiful surrounds of churches and cathedrals with evocative music from across centuries and styles. Celebrating our 50th Anniversary, this year we offer a jigsaw of significant snapshots and fragments from across Scottish Ensemble's history, from pieces that have particularly resonated with our audiences, to some of our most significant commissions and musical moments. Between well-known works such as Sibelius's *Rakastava*, Tavener's *Tears of the Angels* and extracts from Bach's *Goldberg Variations* we'll weave in Scottish traditional sounds, melodies from a golden era, a haunting carol and more.

Tickets available to buy at [www.scottishensemble.co.uk](http://www.scottishensemble.co.uk)

# Blue Christmas

Saturday 24 December at 4pm

The festive season can be a difficult time for anyone who has suffered loss or hurt. Our quiet and contemplative service offers comfort when dealing with those negative feelings that might be held within during the holidays. We hope that by doing so, we can all celebrate more fully, knowing we have acknowledged those who are no longer with us or what we might have left behind.

# Christmas

## SERVICES

Christmas Eve - 4pm

Christingle Service with Pop Up Nativity

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

Christmas Day - Services at 8.15am & 10am  
and Lunch from 12 noon onwards

Advent Conversations - 1st - 8 Dec at 1pm - in the Cathedral

## Inverness Cathedral GIFT SHOP and CAFE...

**Don't stress this Christmas by shopping in overcrowded and boring High Street shops!**

Instead, relax and spoil **yourself** while enjoying our fabulous and tasty Christmas Menu ... 2-courses for £10.50 or 3-courses for £14.00, please call to book on 01463 231875, while you wander leisurely around our festive-themed Gift Shop and discover fantastic and unique presents for family and friends that our team of Santa's Little Helpers have carefully sourced for you, and your loved ones.

Discover beautiful and unique presents for family and friends such as bespoke jewellery, bags/cosmetic bags, candles, books, toiletries, cards, scarfs/socks, ceramics, prints, diaries and calendars, decorations and edible goodies, to name but a few gift ideas available in our festive collection this year.

We also have the stunning NEW and completely unique ... Inverness Cathedral Tartan Scarf - made of 95% lambswool and 5% cashmere and priced at £25.00



Find all you need this festive season in our gift shop, from perfect gifts for everyone on your list to beautiful arts and crafts for your own home. Show them how much you love them this festive season with a gift from our Christmas Gift Shop ... and enjoy a delicious treat too



**Come and celebrate Christmas ...**

in our beautifully decorated Cafe and enjoy our delicious Christmas Menu which has been created, using locally sourced produce, and is available from Monday 2nd December. Whether is is a few close friends or a gathering of work colleagues, we can assure you jolly and cosy welcome.

**Booking is essential on 01463 231875**





# Christmas Menu

## CATHEDRAL CAFE

### STARTERS

*Cream of Parsnip & Apple Soup*  
*Smoked Salmon Pate & Oat Cakes*  
*Melon*

### SANDWICH MAINS

*Wrap/Sandwich/Panini served with Festive Salad*  
*Turkey, Stuffing & Cranberry*  
*Brie & Cranberry*  
*Falafel & Cranberry*

### DESSERT

*Star Chocolate Mousse*  
*Christmas Pudding*  
*Chocolate Gingerbread Brownie*

### TEA/COFFEE & MINCE PIE

**AVAILABLE 2ND - 20TH DECEMBER**

**ADVANCE BOOKING ONLY**

**T: 01463 231875**

**2 COURSES - £10.50**

**3 COURSES - £14.00**



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# Christmas Tree Festival

Mon 2 Dec - Mon 1 Jan

What is a Christmas Tree Festival?

Once again, our Christmas Tree Festival aims to bring together our community and raise funds for local charities.

We invite local businesses and organisation to decorate a Christmas tree in their own personal way - and these uniquely decorated trees are exhibited in the cathedral from 2nd December until 6th January 2020.

Last year we had over 10 trees but this year we are aiming to be **BIGGER** and **BETTER**.

It is a charming and beautiful sight, especially when the trees are lit and it's dark outside – it's a sight you won't forget and most importantly you will be helping to raise funds for **LOCAL CHARITIES**.

Come and see our beautiful Christmas trees! Help shape and share the joy and happiness of Christmas and in doing so, you will be helping others less fortunate than yourself and have a jolly good time into the bargain.



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