

## **Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney**

# December 2018/January 2019

## Bishop's Diary

includes

## December

- 1 Saturday 'Seeing injustice, imagining change', St John's, Perth
- 2 Sunday10.30am St James', Holburn, then AGM6.30pm Advent Carol Service, Cathedral3 Monday
- 11.00am Blessing of the Crib, St Nicholas Kirkyard 4 Tuesday
- 11.30am Retired clergy service and lunch, Credo
  13 Thursday
- College of Bishops meeting with Provincial Standing Committee, Edinburgh
- 16 Sunday 11.00am St John's, Aberdeen
- 23 Sunday6.30pm Carol Service, Cathedral24 Monday Christmas Eve
- afternoon, St Mary's, Auchindoir 11.30pm Midnight Communion, Cathedral
- 25 Tuesday **Christmas Day** 10.30am St John's, Aberdeen
- 30 Sunday am St John's, Aberdeen

## January

- 6 Sunday **Epiphany** 10.30am St James', Aberdeen 6.30pm Epiphany Service, Cathedral
- 17 Thursday
  7.30pm Licensing of Rev Ruth Green, St James', Aberdeen
- 20 Sunday afternoon Three Cathedrals Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Machar's Cathedral
- 24 Thursday Standing Committee
- 25 Friday Ecumenical Study Day with Bishop Hugh
- 27 Sunday 10.45am St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen
- 28 Monday College of Bishops, Edinburgh
- 30 Wednesday 7.00pm Launch of the Centre of Mission. Credo Cafe

# SEEING INJUSTICE, IMAGINING CHANGE

Saturday 1 December 10.30am to 4.15pm St John's Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Perth With Bishop Anne. Organized by the Gender Justice Group of the Diocese of St Andrews. Dunkeld and

Dunblane. Contact Val Nellist, email: valnellist@btinternet.com

### **ECO-CONGREGATION SCOTLAND**

Sunday 2 December 3.00pm

All Saints Church, Whiterashes

Come and meet the new eco-chaplain, Rev David Coleman, who will preach at a special Advent Sunday service. Opportunity to hear and discuss the board of trustees' plans for membership and recruitment. And there will be cake! All welcome.

# REMEMBERING THE BABIES AND CHILDREN ANNUAL CANDLE SERVICE

Sunday 2 December 3.15 for 3.30pm High Hilton Church, Hilton Drive, Aberdeen

All bereaved families who live in Grampian, Orkney or Shetland or who have links with the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital and Aberdeen Maternity Hospital Neonatal Unit are warmly invited to attend. During the service, which will be led by NHS Grampian staff, a candle will be lit for every named baby or child. Contact: Chaplains' Office, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, tel: 01224 554 905, email: nhsq.chaplaincy@nhs.net

## SANDS ANNUAL PRE-CHRISTMAS SERVICE FOR STILLBORN BABIES

9 December 10.30am to 12:00 noon 10.30 am Quiet Service 11.15 am Family Service (children and babies welcome)

Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Chapel, Foresterhill Organised by hospital chaplains in association with SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society). Contact: Chaplains Office, tel: 01224 553316 email: nhsg.chaplaincy@nhs.net

#### **TEARFUND CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Sunday 9 December 6.00 to 7.30pm Deeside Christian Fellowship Church, Binghill Drive, Milltimber

Inspiring Christmas carols and original Christmas songs raising money for Tearfund's partners. Tickets £7.06 available from DCFC office: 01224 739 180, email <a href="mailto:enquiries@dcfchurch.org">enquiries@dcfchurch.org</a> web christmasconcerts2018.eventbrite.co.uk

#### **AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Friday 14 December 7.00 to 9.00pm Gilcomston Church, Union Street, Aberdeen Tickets £4.90-£22.15 from Eventbrite www.eventbrite.co.uk

ABERDEEN CITY-WIDE PRAYER GATHERING Friday 14 December 7.30pm St Mary's Parish Church, King Street, Aberdeen

#### MESSY CHURCH AT BIELDSIDE

Sunday 16 December 3.30 to 5.00pm St Devenick's Church hall, Baillieswells Road, Bieldside

# INVERURIE MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 16 December 3.30 to 6.00pm St Mary's Church Centre, Inverurie

#### **MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER CIRCLE**

Tuesday 18 December 2.30 to 3.30pm John Skinner Centre, St Andrew's Cathedral, King Street, Aberdeen

#### OPEN DOORS AT BUCKSBURN

Friday 21 December 10.00am to 12 noon St Machar's Church, Bucksburn

Come in for quiet reflection, to have a look in the church, a friendly chat and/or to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or juice with some of our congregation.

# OLD DEER PRESENTS THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Saturday 22 December 11.00am to 2.00pm

Come and see the manger scene in St Drostan's Church and enjoy the window scenes in the village. Carol singing in Deer Parish Church at 2.00pm.

#### **EPIPHANY RETREAT**

Tuesday to Thursday 8 to 10 January 2019
The Bield, Blackruthven, Tibbermore, Perth

Led by Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey. Taking time to reflect upon where we have come from, where we are now and where we might be going as the people of God in order to seek and discern the good, trustworthy ways of our Lord. Cost £195. To register, contact Clare Davidson, Centre for Ministry Studies, University of Aberdeen, tel: 01224 272 138, email: <a href="mailto:clare.davidson@abdn.ac.uk">clare.davidson@abdn.ac.uk</a> web: www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/centreministrystudies

#### ST JAMES'S MOTHERS' UNION AGM

Saturday 12 January 10.00am

St James' Vestry, Holburn Junction, Aberdeen

#### **MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER CIRCLE**

Tuesday 15 January 2.30 to 3.30pm John Skinner Centre, St Andrew's Cathedral, King Street, Aberdeen

# WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 TO 25 JANUARY

#### **DEEP IMPACT**

18 to 20 January Aviemore

Training conference for Christians in voluntary or paid youth and children's work. Details <a href="https://www.deep-impact.org.uk">www.deep-impact.org.uk</a>

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#### **BURN'S NIGHT CEILIDH**

Friday 25 January 8.00pm

St Margaret's Church hall, Gallowgate, Aberdeen All welcome.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Aberdeen area committee meeting
29 January 2.00 to 3.00pm
Salvation Army Citadel, Castle Street, Aberdeen

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