

June 2014

Dates for your diary

1st Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St.

John's.

4th Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St. John's.

5th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

6th 4pm Wedding at St. John's.

8th Pentecost 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

10th Tuesday 7.30pm – Holy Communion at Hillside Ave., Kingussie.

11th Wednesday – 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St.

John's.

12th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

15th Trinity Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

18th Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St. John's.

19th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

7.30pm Meeting about Iraq with Rev. David Post.

22nd Pentecost 2 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

24th Tuesday Vestry Meeting.

25th Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St. John's.

26th Thursday 1.15pm Holy Communion at Scot House Hotel, Kingussie.

29th Pentecost 3 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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A 'bad hair day' for Noah

In the Chinese language, the word 'faith' has the same characters as the word for 'RISK'. Throughout the Bible, God called men and women to take a huge risk for Him. Think of Gideon and Moses and Abraham. Being a follower of Jesus often means taking a risk in everyday life in order to be true to His calling. But it's not easy in today's risk-averse culture.

For those of you not in church last Sunday, here's what Roddy read out as part of his sermon:

In the year 2014, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the UK and said: "Once again, the earth has become evil and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

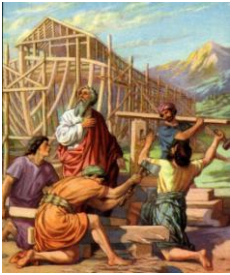
Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a Building Permit. I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for a sprinkler system.

My neighbours claim that I've violated the Neighbourhood By-Laws by building the Ark in my back garden and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Local Planning Committee for a



decision. Then the Local Council and the Electric Company demanded a boat load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.



Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go! When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.

Then the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. Immigration are checking the Visa status of most of the people who want to work. The Trade Unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with ark-building experience. To make matters worse, the Internal Revenue Service seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"
"No," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to it."

Pause for thought: How often do I take the 'safe' choice when in fact God is calling me to be a bit more adventurous – and risky!
(Jenny)

Carrbridge Homegroup will begin on **June 18th**, meeting monthly.

Everyone is welcome to join this group of folk seeking to learn more about their faith and share with each other in a supportive atmosphere. It takes place once a month on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 3:30pm at the home of Ron and Alison Hart in Carrbridge. Please contact Alison for details if needed (01479 841614). Forthcoming dates for 2014 are 18th June; 16th July; 20th August; 17th September; 15th October; 19th November; 17th December. Please feel free to join us. *Alison*.

Thursday 19th June at 7.30pm Rev. David Post (retired Anglican vicar and friend of Allan and Jan) is coming to St. John's Hall to share his experiences of working with Canon Andrew White, the vicar of St. George's Baghdad. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Healing Rooms Aviemore is open the second and 4th Wednesday of every month from 7.30 to 9.30pm in St. Andrew's Church Hall. A peaceful, welcoming place to ask for prayer for healing. See Anne Bridgen for more details.

Bishop's Lent Appeal. £250.00 (collection box £134.62 and the Vestry rounded it up to £250) has been sent from St. John's to the British Red Cross Syria Crisis Appeal.

Please pray for General Synod meeting in Edinburgh from June 12th-14th. Patricia is one of the Diocesan reps.

Our prayers go with Helen and Colin Wilkins who are moving to Jedburgh (after 9 years in Kingussie) this month. We'll miss them and wish them every blessing in their new home.

Sarah's Piggy Bank is still at the back of the church for donations towards her work in Cambodia.

Unite Summer Celebration on Sunday 15th June at 7.30pm in Insh Church, Kincaig. An ecumenical service to which all are welcome.

Wedding. Maurice Shaw and Tracy Thomson are getting married in St. John's on Friday June 6th at 4pm. Please hold them in your prayers.