

Dates for your diary

1st Thursday 10.30am – Holy Communion at St. John's.

3rd Saturday 12noon Holy Communion and shared lunch at Meadowbank, Newtonmore.

4th Third Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

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

11th Fourth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

13th Tuesday 7.30pm – Holy Communion at Hillside Ave., Kingussie.

14th Wednesday – 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St. John's.

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

18th Fifth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

21st Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion and Compline at St. John's.

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

25th Sixth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

29th Thursday Ascension Day 1.15pm Holy Communion at Scot House Hotel, Kingussie.

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

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For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life.



Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise.

It stands at **42 million people** – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs.



This month sees Christian Aid Week from 11th – 17th May. The theme is '**War tears people apart. You can help piece them together.**'

(<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>)

Sometimes we feel so inadequate faced with the immense needs of the world – but each of us by getting involved in either praying or giving can make a difference.

This week I read this: 'I am only one – but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but nevertheless I can do something. And because I cannot do everything let me not refuse to do the something I can do.' (Edward Everett Hale)



I'm always encouraged by the young boy in the feeding of the five thousand. Little did he realise what a miracle would come from his quiet, simple act of generosity. A meagre offering of a few fish and some scraps of bread became the greatest feast of all time. In

the hands of Jesus, the 'scraps' that we offer can make all the difference.

During Lent we are being given the opportunity to give to the Syrian refugee crisis through the Bishop's Lent Appeal (for those yet to give, the jar for offerings is still at the back of the church). Sadly, the crisis doesn't end with Lent – it's an ongoing issue for the 42 million people involved in war. And it's also an ongoing responsibility for those of us who are fortunate to live in a peaceful and prosperous country. So let's join our prayers with the 20,000 other churches in the UK who this year will be praying this Christian Aid prayer: (Jenny)

**Lord Jesus, for journeys home;
for determined steps to peace; for hope overcoming fear;
for kindness against violence; for goodness and mercy.
Even through the horrors of war;
for the breaking of bread and for prayers;
for sharing what we have;
for all these things, give us glad and generous hearts. Amen.**

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Sunday May 4th at 4pm - Baptism of Nicholas Aidrian... Please keep Nicholas and his family in your prayers.

Ascension Day

Thursday May 29th

1.15pm Holy Communion at Scot House Hotel, Kingussie.

7pm Holy Communion at St. John's.

(no service at St. John's on Wed. 28th)

Saturday May 10th 11am-3.30pm Diocesan Mothers' Union Quiet Day at the Diocesan Centre Arpafeelie. Bring packed lunch, drinks provided. Led by Rev. Jenny Sclater (Diocesan M.U. Chaplain).

Saturday June 7th Diocesan M.U. Day 12 noon onwards at Rowan Glen Culbokie. Bring and share lunch. Drinks provided. A warm welcome to both these events.

Many thanks to those who gave their support to Holy Week this year. Between our two churches there were 257 attendances between Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday and 116 communicants on Easter Sunday. This was very encouraging.

Carrbridge Homegroup will begin on June 18th, meeting monthly. More details from Alison later.



Catherine Cottam was one of the founder members of the Hall Management Committee and has served on the Committee for five years as a Committee Member, Minutes Secretary and Treasurer. She is now standing down and we give her grateful thanks for all her hard work and commitment.

Our Treasurer has deposited £34.50 in Sarah's account from the piggy bank at the back of the church.

There are St. John's pens, postcards and notelets for sale on Jan's Fair Trade stall in the Hall – all proceeds go towards a new Nativity set.