

Dates for your diary

1st Saturday 12noon Holy Communion and shared lunch at Meadowbank, Newtonmore.

2nd Pentecost 21 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

6th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

9th Pentecost 22 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

12th Wednesday Carrbridge Homegroup.

7.15pm Joint Vestry Meeting in Hall.

13th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

15th Saturday 2pm – 4pm. Christmas Box at St. Columba's.



16th Pentecost 23 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

20th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

23rd Pentecost 24 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26th Wednesday 7.15pm Vestry Meeting.

27th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

30th Advent Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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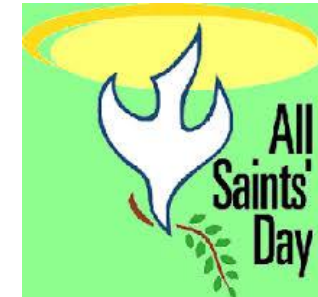
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Some Sainly thoughts..

November can be a dreary month with the days getting shorter and the weather more unpredictable. So it's a good opportunity to lift our heads and look beyond. We're coming to the end of our church year and it's a season of remembering. The month begins with All Saints Day and then is followed by All Souls, with Remembrance Sunday coming soon after. Yes, a solemn time – but the Feast of All Saints offers some light relief.



What is a saint? The Greek word is 'hagios' – or 'set apart one'. It occurs 233 times in the New Testament and refers to all who are believers in Jesus Christ i.e. you and me! The word 'saint' never indicates any personal worthiness. We are not saints because we are good. We are saints because we have placed our faith in Jesus Christ.



Obviously the Christian church has developed this over the years and there are now hundreds of Christians whom we name saint with a capital S. And what a motley crew they are! From moody Augustine to brainy and poetic Thomas Aquinas to firebrand John the Baptist to cantankerous Jerome. There are tax collectors and fishermen, housewives and lawyers. But all share a yearning for holiness, a perseverance in prayer, an intimacy with God and a love of their fellow human beings.



So look around St. John's on a Sunday morning and celebrate the 'motley crew' of saints that we belong to. In all our differing personalities and backgrounds, let's give thanks for one another – and be gentle with each other's weaknesses.

And let's not forget the saints who are now in a better place ...

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!

Prayer for St. Andrew's Day

*Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ
and brought his brother with him:
call us by your holy word,
and give us grace to follow you without delay
and to tell the good news of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Please continue to pray for Patricia and John and their family as Patricia undergoes chemotherapy treatment over the next few weeks.

what's happening

**Joint Vestry Meeting on Wednesday 12th November 7.15pm
in the Hall.**

An opportunity for St. Columba's and St. John's to collaborate and share hopes and visions.

Thursday 13th November – Revd. Gordon Strang to be ordained and inducted into Inverallan Church. Please pray for him and his family in their new life and ministry.

Friday 14th November – Unite! Ladies Evening.

**Saturday 15th November 2pm at St. Columba's
Christmas Box - With stalls and refreshments.**

**Wednesday November 26th at 7.15pm
Vestry Meeting.**

Our grateful thanks to Revd. Pam Shinkins who's been helping us out by taking services recently.

Vestry update:

- a quinquennial report is to be done in the near future.
- Quota has gone up from £410 to £492.
- The new rota system is working well. Thanks to all concerned.
- A new ramp is to be made for the entrance to the church.