

Dates for your diary

3rd Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

6th Sixth Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

10th Thursday Ascension Day 12 noon Holy Communion at St. Columba's.

7.30pm Evensong and Eucharist at St. John's.

13th Seventh Sunday of Easter 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

5.30pm Licensing Service at t. Columba's with the Primus.

17th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

24th Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

31st Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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Ask.

ASK AND IT
WILL BE
GIVEN
TO YOU;

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Seek.

SEEK
AND YOU
WILL
FIND;

MATTHEW 7:7



Knock.

KNOCK AND
THE DOOR
WILL BE
OPENED.

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Some reflections

Thy Kingdom Come 10th – 20th May Join the Global Wave of Prayer



Once again, from Ascension day to Pentecost, Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting us to join with hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

I would strongly encourage you to look at the website. Amongst other really useful suggestions of how to pray, you can see a short video giving a moving testimony of how Justin Welby came to faith.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

I've downloaded a daily prayer guide for those 11 days and will send it nearer the time, and also provide hard copies at the back of church.

We are also encouraged to choose 5 friends, family or neighbours and to covenant to pray for them daily. (Remember the leather thong with the 5 knots that we used as a visual aid a couple of years ago?)

Please visit the website to sign up with your own pledge to pray – I've already signed up St. John's as a praying church so don't let me down!

Andrew Murray, the renowned Scottish Author and Bible teacher wrote these words some decades ago:

'A man is no bigger than his prayer life. What a man (woman) is on his knees before God, that he is and nothing more. In that coming day when the hearts of men will be revealed, there will be some big men who will appear very small and those we thought to be small will turn out to be spiritual giants'.



From the website:

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who participates will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring other to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.



Sunday May 13th 5.30pm

St. Columba's Grantown

Visit of Bishop Mark.

A special service at which

Canon Tony Sparham and Rev. Ian Sykes will be warranted for their ministry in our churches and the local community.

There will also be a licensing/relicensing of our excellent Lay Ministry Teams.

This is a very important occasion in the life of our 2 church communities and we hope everyone will do their best to be present to welcome our Primus and to support those who will be authorised in their ministries.

Ascension Day

Thursday May 10th

12noon Eucharist at St. Columba's

7.30pm Evensong and Eucharist at St. John's.

Alison's Homegroup – May 16th

Christian Aid Week 13th – 19th May

For more details please see

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>