

## Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.  
4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 24 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.  
4pm Evensong for All Saints.  
8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.  
7.30pm Discovering New Hymns.

11<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 25 10.30am Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance at St. John's.

15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

18<sup>th</sup> Pentecost 26 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

25<sup>th</sup> Last Sunday after Pentecost 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

29<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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## November 2018

### *Some thoughts ...*

#### The story of the 3 trees.

3 young trees in a forest were chatting about their future.

The first one said, 'When I grow up I want to be a **4 poster bed**, beautifully carved, maybe living in a stately home. I'll have crisp linen sheets on me and I'll be owned by a very rich person.'



The second tree had similar ambitions: 'When I grow up I want to be a **stately galleon**. Sailing the 7 seas. I'll go to exotic places and I'll carry adventurous mariners.'

The third tree shared his hopes: 'When I grow up I want to be a **throne**. The finest craftsman in the land will work on me. I'll be beautifully decorated and I'll be used by a very important monarch.'



Time went by ... the trees grew up ... and one day the lumbermen came and chopped down the trees. They took them to the workshop and the carpenter got to work.



The first tree (who wanted to be a 4 poster bed) was made into a very rough and humble **feeding trough for cattle**. He went to a town called Bethlehem ... to an inn.



The second tree (whose dream was to be a stately galleon) was fashioned into a **humble fishing boat**. He went to an inland lake in a hot country .... and was owned by 2 brothers, Simon and Andrew.

The third tree (hoping to be a throne) was just made into **2 rough planks** ... one long, the other short. One Friday these planks were used as a gibbet on which to hang a man who'd been accused of being a criminal.



So ... the 3 trees got their wish – but not in the way they'd expected. Jesus used each one of them for His purpose –

**a humble cradle when he was born,  
a fishing boat from which he taught the crowds –  
and a cross on which he died to redeem the world.**

*Sometimes God asks something quite special of us ... but not always in the way we'd expected or imagined!  
Jenny.*

### **A Prayer for All Saints.**

May God, who has given us in the lives of the saints patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen us to follow them in the way of holiness.

May God, who has kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon us the riches of his grace.

May God, who calls us no longer strangers and aliens but fellow-citizens with all the saints, bring us to our home in heaven. Amen.



### **Shoebox Appeal**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30am**

Assembling the boxes in the church hall.

All welcome.



### **Evensong For All Saints**

**Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> 4pm**



### **Discovering New Hymns**

**Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
at Ochilbrae.**

Opening the hymnbook at number 501!

### **Remembrance Day November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Usual Service of Remembrance

at St. John's at 10.30am.

Also in Aviemore (if you want to go to an ecumenical event): gathering at the War Memorial at 10.50am for a short Act of Remembrance and then a service in St. Andrew's Church of Scotland with Revd. Ian Sykes leading.