

Dates for your diary

2nd Pentecost 15 10.30am Holy Communion and Ministry of Healing at St. John's.

5.30pm Deborah commissioned at the Cathedral as Diocesan MU President.

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

9th Pentecost 16 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

6.30pm Evensong.

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

16th Pentecost 17 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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

22nd Saturday Church Open Day.

23rd Pentecost 18 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

26th Wednesday Alison's Homegroup.

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

30th Pentecost 19 10.30am Holy Communion at St. John's.

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Some reflections

One evening a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His 3 children were outside, still in their pyjamas, playing in the mud.

Indoors, a lamp had been knocked over, the TV was loudly blaring, the room was strewn with toys and clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under



the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door. He went upstairs to look for his wife, thinking she might be ill. He found her still curled up in bed in her pyjamas, reading a novel. She looked up, smiled and asked how his day went. He looked at her in bewilderment and asked, 'What happened here today?'

She smiled and answered, 'You know every day when you come home from work you ask me what in the world I did all day?' 'Yes,' was his incredulous reply.

She answered, 'Well, today I didn't do it.'

For our church life to run smoothly and effectively, we need every single person to use their gifts and ministries – otherwise, like this story, there's chaos!

Last month we gave each of you (and the folk at Grantown) a leaflet entitled 'The Church's Life' – and asked you to complete the enclosed form.

Sadly at St. John's we've had very few replies ... so a new form will be coming to each of you later this month and we ask that you would prayerfully complete it and place it at the back of the church in the Prayer Requests box.

It's wonderful to see so many visitors joining us for worship over the summer. Let's all use our gifts and ministries to be a church that refreshes and encourages not just ourselves, but also our many visitors – and brings a blessing to our local communities as we share the love of God with them.

Deborah is embarking on a new calling and ministry as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union. Let's pray for her as she's commissioned on the 2nd and as she begins to make contact with Mothers Union members and grows the ministry in the Diocese.

Jenny



Loving God, we thank you for the work of the Mothers' Union over the years; for all the women who have given tirelessly of their time and resources in your service, over many countries and continents. We thank you for their faithfulness and perseverance, and for their witness to your immense love for humanity. We pray for women around the world, united by their faith and their commitment to work together for the common good. We pray that they would witness powerfully, work faithfully and rejoice in each other's fellowship. In the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Saviour and our Friend. Amen. (Archbishop Justin Welby)

What's happening

Sunday September 2nd 10.30am

Visiting speaker Rev. Jim Rettie.

Service followed by prayer for healing.

Sunday September 2nd 5.30pm

Inverness Cathedral

**Deborah is to be commissioned as the new
Diocesan Mothers Union President.**

Evensong

Sunday September 9th 6.30pm

Discovering New Hymns

Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm at Ochilbrae.

Doors Open Day - Saturday 22nd September 10 to 5.

**Please sign your name on the list at the back of the
church if you can help.**

Alison's Homegroup – September 26th

Harvest – Sunday October 7th

**Gifts of food for the Food Bank
and gifts of money for Christian Aid.**

6.30 Harvest Evensong

