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EPIPHANY

I love the season of Epiphany. For me personally it is a special time. The pressures of the Christmas Services are past and love them as I do the Christmas Services are hard work for a priest and the special season of Epiphany begins.



This year we began Epiphany with a wonderful Eucharist that led to a splendid Epiphany Party in the Rectory which I sincerely hope you enjoyed as much as I did!

Epiphany is a time of Revelation and as for the Wise Men who searched for and found God by the guiding of a Star, we too search for God in the knowledge revealed at that first Epiphany that God loves us and wants us to come to him. When we find him we are charged with the responsibility of helping others find him too. We each do that in our own way according to the talents we have been given. Some of us through caring and giving and prayer, some of us even resort to wearing funny hats! Whatever we wear, whatever we do or say to reveal Christ to others, the important thing is that we simply continue to share the Epiphany for there are many wise men and women who seek him still.

Rector Cliff

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **18-25th January 2011** The Jerusalem Churches and Unity

The 18—25 January is The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Churches of Forres have arranged a series of Services, some are still to be confirmed but at the time of going to press the following Services are confirmed. Please try to attend as many as you can and certainly the one at St John's on Friday 21 January.

Tues 18th -Talk on the History and origins dating back to 1908 (in St Leonard's Church Hall.)

Wed 19th - 7.00 pm Opening service St Laurence

Thurs 20th - 7.00pm St Leonard's Church Forres


Friday 21st - **7.00pm St John's Episcopal Forres**

Sat 22nd - None

Sun 23rd - Prayers in separate church services.

Mon 24th - 7.00 pm Lighthouse Church Clovenside.

Tues 25th - 7.00pm Closing Service and Compline at Pluscarden Abbey



Many many thanks from Cliff & Sue for all the wonderful gifts, cards and good wishes over Christmas and at the Epiphany Party and very special thanks for the splendid Biretta!

Aseko Dinah – Sponsored by St Johns

We have had another letter from Aseko Dinah in which she says that she is very happy to receive our letters and is working hard for her final examination. It is for her UNEB (but I haven't yet discovered what this stands for). She is very conscious that she could not have done this without her sponsorship.

From 3rd-11th Dec she will be joining the annual retreat now called 'The Life Skills Conference'. The morning sessions are run by an African organisation, 'the Centre for Women in Governance' covering topics such as self esteem, positive relationships, combatting sexual and gender based violence, and working as a team. The afternoon sessions are run by a team from U.K. and U.S.A. . These will be a bit more relaxed with sport, craft and games, and a chance to talk.

TESS (Teso Educational Support Scheme) is thrilled that Margaret Sentamu, the wife of the Archbishop of York, has agreed to be a Patron. She grew up in Uganda, an area which bordered Teso, and knows all about poverty. She wants to be more than a figurehead, and will join Trustees for their next meeting willing to give advice and support.

Although fewer students are taken on because of higher fees and lack of sponsors, it is a great achievement that 24 are now in University.

Helen Barrett



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – Monday 17th January at 2.00 pm in the Parish Room.

BURNS SUPPER – Saturday 22nd January Please see the sign up list on the Church Notice Board.

AUCTION & PANCAKE PARTY – Tuesday 8th March 2011.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER CIRCLE – meets the first Monday in each month. Please speak to Barbara Fleming or Daphne Dann for details.

EASTER EGGS – please see the flyers and help the Church put Christ back into Easter. CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS NEXT WEEK.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – Bishop Mark will preside at St John's for a Confirmation Service on Mothering Sunday 3rd April – the Rector is planning a timetable for Confirmation Classes, please speak to Fr Cliff if you would like to be prepared for Confirmation.

READERS ROTA

DATE	READER	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT	GOSPEL
January 16 Epiphany 2	George Latham	Isaiah 49.1-7	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	John 1.29-42
January 23 Epiphany 3	Barbara Westie	Isaiah 9.1-4	1 Corinthians 1.10-18	Matthew 4.12-23
January 30 The Presenta- tion of The Lord	Helen Barrett	Malachi 3.1-4	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40
February 6 Fifth Sunday before Lent	Hugh Mitcalfe	Isaiah 58.1-9-12	1 Corinthians 2.1-16	Matthew 5.13-20
February 13 Fourth Sunday before Lent	June Airey	Deuteronomy 30.15- 20 <i>or</i> Sirach 15.15-20	1 Corinthians 3.1-9	Matthew 5.21-37
February 20 Third Sunday before Lent	Gisela Bettle	Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18	1 Corinthians 3.10-11,16-23	Matthew 5.38-48
February 27 Second Sunday before Lent	Mary Little	Genesis 1. 1-23	Romans 8. 18-25	Matthew 6. 25-34
March 6 Sunday Next before Lent	John Horrocks	Exodus 24.12-18	2 Peter 1.16-21	Matthew 17.1-9

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