The United Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

St John's

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH ABERDEEN



HARVEST 2026



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CROWN TERRACE, ABERDEEN AB11 6HG

AUTUMN FAIR



VARIOUS STALLS
(HOME BAKES, BRIC A BRAC, BOTTLE, CRAFTS, RAFFLE ETC.)



SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026
10.00 – 12.30

(LOOK OUT FOR THE BALLOONS!)



ENTRY £3-00 INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS

Welcome!

Hurrah! Publication has resumed of our church newsletter. This is one of several initiatives planned to keep you up to date during the period of vacancy. We welcome your input at this challenging time. Challenges bring opportunities and opportunities can lead to success. We enter this period of vacancy in good heart. If you would like to be part of the publishing team, please to speak to Jen Thomson or if you just wish to be an occasional contributor, pass on your thoughts to Tom or Jen in paper or email form.

St John's along with St James the Less, Holburn Junction, have linked up, while remaining as separate charges, so that we can form an equitable partnership to support the appointment of a full-time incumbent priest or rector. Each church has a lot to offer the other. For example, St James have a Rectory while St John's sold their one a few years ago. The money made from the St John's Rectory sale has been invested in Scottish Episcopal Church Unit Trust Pool and the dividends from these investments will be used to support our share of a priest stipend as well as contribute to the housing costs. The post of Incumbent / Rector has been advertised, along with some other vacancies in the Diocese in a large advert in the Church Times. The closing date was 6th August, and as there was no suitable applicant, the post will be re-advertised. Your help in contributing to the job description and congregational profile through filming and interviews has created a very positive impression of both congregations, and through prayer we are hoping that a suitable candidate will emerge. Another of our initiatives is to hold a special morning prayer at 9.00am on the first Saturday of each month to pray especially for a new Rector. Dates are in the diary in the middle of this booklet. Elsewhere you can read about our joint away day to Aden Country Park and a forthcoming musical collaboration of the Fauré Requiem. St John's and St James each send observers to the other church's vestry meetings and through these and other initiatives have got to know each other better.

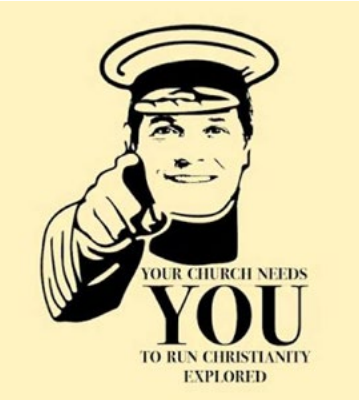
St John's is blessed as a congregation of many talents, particularly creative. We are grateful for these and hope they can continue to bear fruit. Some are yet to be realised! At this time of year, we ask for you to consider stepping up

to the challenges of vacancy and the eventual joy of welcoming a new priest by coming along to our Annual General Meeting on 22nd November and volunteering yourself as a Vestry member. The Vestry is the management body of the church, looking after its property and finances, as well as assisting the clergy with the congregation's spiritual welfare. It meets up to six times a year in the evening. See the item on St John's Constitution for further details."

Please do give some prayerful consideration and ask if God is calling you into this role. If not, do remember that there are many other tasks that need to be done in church such as flowers, cleaning, gardening, stewarding, singing, reader, intercessor, tea and coffee maker. The list goes on. If interested, please speak to Andrew or Tom or one of the individuals named at the back of this edition.

St John's Vestry recognises that the relaunch of the magazine provides an opportunity to show greater transparency in our church business. Therefore, readers may expect to see a greater sharing of vestry minutes including financial statements in the future.

If we are to be true to our mission of being equal and inclusive, we need as wide a representation of the congregation on our Vestry as possible. Nomination forms will go out soon. Please allow your name to go forward and ask two others for their support. THANK YOU!



Deadline for submissions for the next edition of the Tattler 24th November 2026.

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From the Curate's Desk



It is with mixed feelings that I make this contribution to the relaunch of our church magazine, which I understand, was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic. On the one hand, it is a great joy to see the magazine being relaunched; on the other hand, there is a sense of sadness, as this will be both my first and my last contribution to the magazine during my curacy, which comes to an end on Sunday 18th October 2026.

I am writing this on 23rd September 2026, the third anniversary of my ordination as a deacon, and the ordination service took place here at St John's. This church will therefore always hold a very special and memorable place in my heart. Moreover, the love and welcome that my family and I received during these past three years of serving among you have given St John's an especially precious place in our hearts.

During my training for ministry at the Scottish Episcopal Institute (SEI), I was sent on placement among you from September 2021 to April 2022 under the supervision of the then curate, Dean Jenny Holden. Little did I know that just seventeen months later, I would return to St John's as the next curate, serving among you from 23rd September 2023 until 18th October 2026.

Looking back over these three years of ministry among you, we can only give thanks to God for all that God has done for us through you, and for all that God has enabled us to do with and among you. We are confident that St John's is in a good place today and is well placed to continue its journey into the future.

One of the highlights of our time among you has been being part of the celebration of the 175th anniversary of our present church building. That celebration reminded us that the life of a church is a journey from one generation to another. People join the journey at different points, and in time step away from it, but the journey itself continues. We are privileged to be part of St John's story for a season.

As we all look ahead to what the future holds, the encouraging words of St Paul to the people of God in Rome (Romans 8:28) continue to echo in my heart - "we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose." St John's belongs to God, and God is in charge. Therefore, as Jesus reminded us, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34).

May God bless us all, and keep us a blessing. Amen.

Shalom

Revd Godwin Chimara & family

Reverend Godwin and Family are with us for his final Services in St John's on Sunday 11th and Wednesday 14th October. Please come along on either or both of these dates to bid the Chimara Family Farewell and God Speed.

RIP 2026

Dorothy McIntosh	**18.1.26**
Trevor Donaldson	**17.2.26**
Audrey Masson	**23.2.26**
Janis Simpson	**2.5.26**
Audrey Welsh	**7.9.26**

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St John's Constitution

A new draft constitution for St John's Church was approved at the first of two successive Annual General Meetings last year. If approved at this year's AGM, it will take effect shortly afterwards. Based on the Model Constitution of the Scottish Episcopal Church, it is couched in legal language, but we can provide you with a "Lay-Person's" version which is easier to understand; please contact the Vestry Secretary at 012245823358 if you would like a copy of either version.



The Vestry

The Vestry manages the temporal affairs of St John's, looking after its property and finances; it also assists the Rector or Priest-in-Charge in matters affecting the congregation's spiritual welfare. It is made up of the following members of the congregation: the Rector (currently the Bishop during our vacancy) the Lay Representative (elected by the AGM to represent us at the Diocesan Synod), the Rector's Warden (appointed annually by the Rector), a People's Warden (elected at the AGM) and between three and six voting members (also elected at the AGM); it has a Secretary and a Treasurer appointed by Vestry. Since the Vestry acts as our Charity Trustees, anyone who is legally disqualified from this role cannot become a Vestry member.



Church Outing

Towards the end of August, St John's and St James' Churches teamed up to fill a bus and headed off to Aden Country Park near Mintlaw for an afternoon of relaxation and fun. The weather was good and everyone had a lovely time. We gathered late afternoon in St Drostan's Church, Old Deer for Evensong. Thanks to the congregation of St Drostan's for welcoming us, to Reverends Roger and Godwin for officiating and to Delight Kwan for providing the violin led music. Our sincere thanks to Bishop Anne for generously providing the funds for the bus.

Doors Open Day

Once again, on Saturday 5th September, we opened our doors to the public as part of this City Wide Scheme and in doing so welcomed almost 120 visitors into our church. It was particularly good to welcome old friends with strong family links to St John's. Thanks go to the volunteer stewards who made it possible and to Jen and Ian Thomson who designed and constructed a free-standing sandwich board to welcome visitors. Our visitors made us of the wide range of resources which gave information on St John's History, the font, arch mural and windows.

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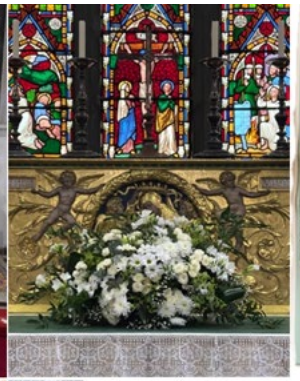
175 Celebrations May 2026

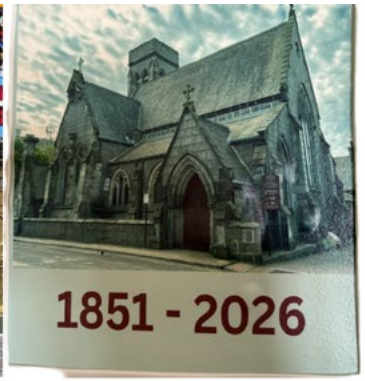


Stations of the Resurrection

1. Jesus rises from the Dead
2. Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus
3. The disciples discover the empty tomb
4. On the road to Emmaus
5. Jesus is recognised in the breaking of bread
6. Jesus appears to the community of disciples
7. The risen Lord brings peace
8. Jesus strengthens the faith of Thomas
9. Jesus has breakfast on the beach
10. Jesus asks Peter to lead the Community in Love
11. Jesus tells his friends to teach the gospel of love throughout the world
12. Jesus goes home to his family in heaven (Ascension)
13. The community of disciples gathers with Mary to wait for power from on high
14. The Holy Spirit comes to fill the community of disciples (Pentecost)





















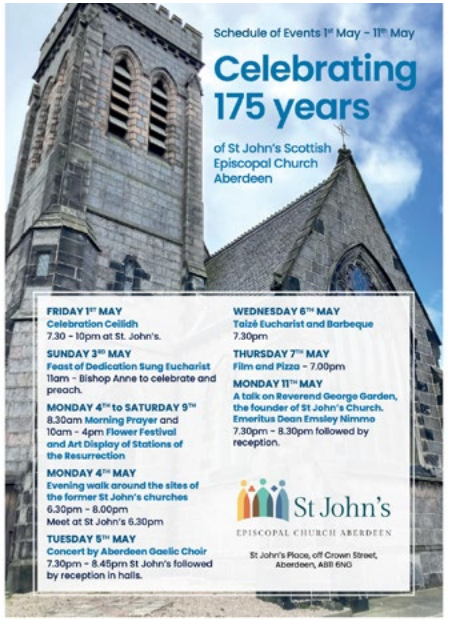
Although St John's Congregation is over 300 years old, the current place of worship has been used continuously for the past 175 years and as the 6th of May 1851 was the date of Dedication, celebrations took place around that date. Beginning on 1st May with a ceilidh with special thanks to the Melting Pot Collective and through to the 11th of May with a talk on Reverend George Garden, founder of the congregation, a series of celebratory services and events

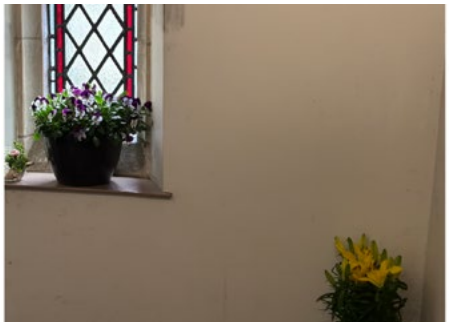
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took place. The church was splendid in its decoration with a range of floral displays and a group of volunteers who kept the church open daily following Morning Prayer allowed visitors to look around using the materials usually reserved for Doors Open Day. Following last year's exhibition of contemporary Stations of the Cross, the art fraternity of St John's which contains a huge talent, produced a wonderful set of Stations of the Resurrection. Thank you so much to the wonderful artists whose work continues to be on display.

We are very grateful to Mrs Eveline Kinnaird who allowed us to display archive material in her possession.

Tom led an evening walk around the city centre to the sites of previous St John's places of worship from the East Church of St Nicholas where the congregation traces its roots to the last building behind Golden Square from where there was a robed procession to the new church in 1851. Aberdeen Gaelic Choir gave a splendid concert to a good sized audience on the Tuesday 5th and we enjoyed a very competitive Musical Quiz Night on Thursday 7th. The main services of celebration were on Sunday 3rd May when Bishop Anne





presided at the well attended Feast of Dedication Sung Eucharist followed by a Celebration Bring and Share Lunch with the obligatory cake. The Taizé Eucharist on the 6th of May was

also well attended and followed by a celebration barbecue.

We were happy to lend an original copy of the Centenary (1951) brochure to a member of the congregation who has yet to return it. If this has jolted your memory, we would be grateful to receive it back again.

Not quite at that time but only a few weeks afterwards at the beginning of June, we welcomed back Reverend Professor Gordon Graham as Preacher on the Second Sunday in Pentecost. Professor Graham was a key figure in the Church Restoration Project of 2003-2005 and it was a great pleasure to meet up again.

Sea Sunday 2026

On Sunday July we were delighted to welcome Ashild Sande who is the Manager and Deacon at Aberdeen Seamen's Church, 41 Regent Quay. The Seaman's Church is a part of an independent charity called the Norwegian Seamen's Church that is headquartered in Bergen, Norway. Deacon Ashild outlined her work and preached a sermon relevant to the Sea.





Two events in December at the Mission which may be of interest are a Christmas Craft Fair on the 5th between 11 am and 3 pm and a Christmas Carol Service on Christmas Eve prior to our own Midnight Mass. More details in the next edition of St John's Tattler.

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Reverend Roger Dyer

After three years and eight months as Interim Priest, we gave thanks and bid farewell to Reverend Roger on 30th August. St John's has been incredibly fortunate to have called on Roger's services for such a time and we showed our appreciation with a presentation ceremony. Thank you, Roger for your pastoral support during your time with us. We wish you and Bishop Anne wonderful times in your next adventure. Happy twitching!



Reverend Nina Pooley

Reverend Nina, Rector of St Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, in the Diocese of West Massachusetts arrived in Aberdeen late August on a month long sabbatical focussing on links between the Scottish and US liturgies. She has worshipped, celebrated the Eucharist and led Morning Prayer at both St James' and St John' during the season of creation. She has done this with great clerical presence despite our Chausables being somewhat voluminous for someone of her physical stature. We have very much enjoyed Reverend Nina being with us and we send her and her congregation our warmest thoughts and prayers for their future together.



Lorraine Arthur: Musician and Composer

A much loved, local music teacher's legacy.

Discover the magic of a lifetime of music with 'Waterfall'—an evocative collection of piano pieces, carols, and songs by local retired music teacher, Lorraine W. Arthur. This is Lorraine's very first published book, created from her heartfelt wish to ensure her lifetime of music would never be lost, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.



A Lifetime of Melody

Lorraine was born in New Pitsligo in 1940, where her parents ran the local grocery store, Watt and Law. She started playing piano in her home at a very early age, and dedicated her life to music, playing in both St. John's churches in New Pitsligo, and Aberdeen City, as well as teaching generations of students across Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire schools, including Ferryhill, Ashley Road, New Pitsligo, Rathen, and Strichen primaries, and Ellon, Fraserburgh, Northfield, and Powis academies. Following her retirement, she poured her heart, soul, and heritage into composing.

A Beautiful Musical Legacy

Published in collaboration with the lovely Ronan Martin of RM Heritage Projects on the Isle of Skye, 'Waterfall' brings together 11 moving piano pieces and 9 personal carols and songs.

- Local and National Inspiration: Moving pieces inspired by Scottish landmarks like the River Ythan and the Trees of Inverewe, alongside pride-filled compositions such as Our Scotland.
- Heartfelt Tributes: Beautifully personal tracks, including A Sigh my Love, dedicated to her late husband Eric for their 40th wedding anniversary, and compositions for her grandchildren, Evie and Joe.
- Faith and Celebration: Uplifting spiritual works, including traditional carols, Blow Trumpet, Blow Horn, Lullaby Carol, and Easter Bells.
- Poetic Tributes: Heartfelt adaptations of poetry set to music, featuring First Christmas, written by church member John Harwood, and Broken, a moving piece based on a poem by the famous 1920s Hollywood screenwriter and Strichen native, Lorna Moon.
- Stories & Photos: Beyond the sheet music, the book features some of Lorraine's life story, her motivations, and treasured family photographs.

How to Order Your Copy

This stunning collection is a legacy designed for musicians and music lovers to enjoy for years to come. Copies have been donated to Aberdeen City, Oldmeldrum, and New Pitsligo libraries for future borrowing. To purchase your own copy of this beautiful book, please email waterfallpiano@outlook.com for further information.

New to St John's: Tai Chi

Starting on Monday 12th October, a Tai Chi class will be held in St John's Hall between 9.00 and 10.30. The class will be led by Peter Jeffels, a friend of the congregation, who has recently retired from a technical post at the University of Aberdeen.



Congratulations

To Jane Turner on her confirmation by Bishop Anne on Saturday 20th June in St James' Church.



Reverend Chris Dodson, priested on Saturday 29th August in Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City. Chris worshipped in St John's between 2013 and 2016 while studying at the University of Aberdeen.

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St John's Walkers

St John's Walkers have been hiking over the North East of Scotland for 23 years. We have been on over 140 walks (somer several times) and this year we have climbed hills with interesting summits and views. Above we see the Maule Monument on the Hill of Rowan, Glen Esk and on the right is one of the Balmoral Cairns, with a view from the cairn in the middle. Both walks were in excellent weather. Also this year we have climbed the Tappie Tower in Kirkhill Forest, Scolty near Banchory and Ben Newe in Strathdon. We plan to fit at least two more walks before the end of the year, the latest in Glen Tanar, see below. All are welcome. We usually walk on a Monday.



The Trout Loch in Glen Tanar and the Haiku it inspired (below).

Water so calm makes
What is up and what is down
No longer matter.

Thanks to Graeme Roberts for allowing this item to be included.



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St John's Garden

Replanted and rededicated in 2023 following the cloister project, our garden has now matured and is being cared for by a small but dedicated team of members. The plants have a biblical theme and as is expected, some have flourished while others have struggled in the recent warm summers.





St John's Autumn Fair: Save the Date

We didn't have a Fair last year as our halls were unavailable. This year we are back with a bang and a desire to do twice as well as previous years. Once again the Guide Dogs for the Blind will be present with a stall as well as the Melting Pot Collective with musical Entertainment. Can you help make the Fair a huge success by:

- selling tickets for the Fair?
- coming along with friends and family?
- donating goods for our stalls and prizes?
- helping to set up stalls the afternoon before the Fair?
- manning stalls on the day?
- joining our amazing kitchen and serving team?



Autumnal Blessing

Fair Autumn her russet veil enshrouds,
Amber leaves beneath the clouds.
On she goes, the stones aglow,
Thither where the peatlands lie low;

Beneath the trees where sunbeams play,
The pumpkins she gathers on her way;
Through verdant glades and ferny trails,
The land she weaves in radiant veils.

From fallen branches, saplings rise anew,
New life awakens, fresh with morning dew;
O Lord, all Thy gifts we adore:
Earth, golden harvest and autumn splendour.

Leony Santoso

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News from the Organ Loft

Dear all,

It is my pleasure to announce two special services of remembrance taking place at St John's and St James', Holburn Street, in early November.

All Souls' Day – Service of Evensong

Sunday 1st November, 6pm – St John's

Featuring St John's Choir

We will begin this season of remembrance with a special service of Evensong for All Souls' Day at St John's. The service will provide an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we have loved and lost, in the beautiful and reflective setting of choral Evensong. Further details of the music for this service will be announced shortly.

Fauré Requiem – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November, 4pm – St James', Holburn Street

The following Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, musicians from across the musical landscape of the Aberdeen Diocese will come together for a performance of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, in a joint collaboration between St John's and other churches across the diocese.

The performance will include Kamil Mika on organ and Colin Brockie singing the bass solo.

Fauré's Requiem is a deeply moving masterpiece, particularly suited to the quiet reflection of Remembrance Sunday. Rather than dwelling upon fear and judgement, Fauré's vision of death is one of peace, consolation and gentle release — a return to rest and the hope of eternal light.

Together, these two services offer different but complementary opportunities for remembrance: the intimate reflection of All Souls' Day at St John's, followed the following week by Fauré's profound musical meditation on death, remembrance and peace at St James'.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at both occasions as we come together to remember, reflect and give thanks.

David Ferguson

St John's Organist and Musical Director

DAY	DATE	CALENDAR	TIME	SERVICE / EVENT	CELEBRANT /OFFICIANT
FRIDAY	2nd OCT	Week C	8.30	Morning Prayer	Tom Ferguson
SATURDAY	3rd	Week C	9.00	Morning Prayer with focus on Priest Search	
SUNDAY	4th	Pentecost 19	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST and HARVEST THANKSGIVING followed by Bring and Share Lunch	Bishop Anne Dyer
TUESDAY	6th		10.00	St John's Café until 12 Noon	
WEDNESDAY	7th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	Reverend Godwin
THURSDAY	8th		18.30	St John's Home Group	
FRIDAY	9th	Week D	8.30	Morning Prayer	Peter Mantle
SUNDAY	11th	Trinity 19	9.30	Holy Communion (1970)	Reverend Godwin
SUNDAY	11th	Pentecost 20	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	Reverend Godwin
WEDNESDAY	14th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	16th	Week A	8.30	Morning Prayer	Reverend Godwin
SUNDAY	18th	Pentecost 21	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	
TUESDAY	20th		10.00	St John's Café until 12 Noon	
WEDNESDAY	21st		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	23rd	Week B (James of Jerusalem)	8.30	Morning Prayer	Tom Ferguson
SATURDAY	24th		10.00	Autumn Fair	
SUNDAY	25th	Pentecost 22	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	
MONDAY	26th		10.30	St John's Walkers	
WEDNESDAY	28th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	30th	Week C	8.30	Morning Prayer	Peter Mantle
SUNDAY	1st NOV	All Saints	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	Reverend Ferdinand von Prondzynski
SUNDAY	1st	All Souls	18.00	Sung Evensong Names of the departed to be read out.	
TUESDAY	3rd		10.00	St John's Café until 12 Noon	
WEDNESDAY	4th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	6th	Week D	8.30	Morning Prayer	Tom Ferguson
SATURDAY	7th	Week D	9.00	Morning Prayer with focus on Priest Search	
SUNDAY	8th	Remembrance Sunday	**10.50**	SUNG EUCHARIST followed by Bring and Share Lunch	
SUNDAY	8th	St James' and St John's	16.00	Faure's Requiem N.B. at St James'	
WEDNESDAY	11th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	13th	Week A	8.30	Morning Prayer	Peter Mantle
SUNDAY	15th	Trinity 24	9.30	Holy Communion (1970)	
SUNDAY	15th	Pentecost 25	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	
TUESDAY	17th		10.00	St John's Café until 12 Noon	
WEDNESDAY	18th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
THURSDAY	19th		18.30	St John's Home Group	
FRIDAY	20th	Week B	8.30	Morning Prayer	Tom Ferguson
SUNDAY	22nd	Christ the King	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST followed by AGM	Bishop Anne Dyer
WEDNESDAY	25th		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	27th	Week C	8.30	Morning Prayer	Peter Mantle
SUNDAY	29th	Advent Sunday	11.00	SUNG EUCHARIST	
MONDAY	30th		10.30	St John's Walkers	
WEDNESDAY	2nd DEC		19.30	Taizé Eucharist	
FRIDAY	4th	Week D	8.30	Morning Prayer	
SATURDAY	5th	Week D	8.30	Morning Prayer with focus on Priest Search	

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DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	COMMUNICANTS
1st July	Taizé Eucharist	19	18
3rd July	Morning Prayer	7	-
5th July	Morning Prayer (SPB)	3	-
5th July	Sung Eucharist	25	25
8th July	Taizé Eucharist	25	23
10th July	Morning Prayer	6	-
12th July	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
12th July	Service of the Word	22	-
15th July	Taizé Eucharist	16	14
17th July	Morning Prayer	3	-
19th July	Holy Communion (1970)	4	4
19th July	Sung Eucharist	21	21
22nd July	Taizé Eucharist	27	25
24th July	Morning Prayer	5	-
26th July	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
26th July	Sung Eucharist	25	25
29th July	Taizé Eucharist	27	24
31st July	Morning Prayer	7	-
2nd August	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
2nd August	Sung Eucharist	26	26
5th August	Taizé Eucharist	22	19
7th August	Morning Prayer	6	-
9th August	Holy Communion (1970)	4	4
9th August	Sung Eucharist	34	31
12th August	Taizé Eucharist	22	20
14th August	Morning Prayer	9	-
16th August	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
16th August	Service of the Word	21	-
19th August	Taizé Eucharist	22	20
21st August	Morning Prayer	4	-
23rd August	Morning Prayer (SPB)	3	-
23rd August	Sung Eucharist	37	35
26th August	Taizé Eucharist	31	28
28th August	Morning Prayer	7	-
30th August	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
30th August	Sung Eucharist	36	36
2nd September	Taizé Eucharist	34	31
4th September	Morning Prayer	6	-
6th September	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
6th September	Sung Eucharist	31	31
9th September	Taizé Eucharist	22	20
11th September	Morning Prayer	4	-
13th September	Holy Communion (1970)	3	3
13th September	Sung Eucharist	20	20
16th September	Taizé Eucharist	21	18
18th September	Morning Prayer	5	-
19th September	Funeral: Audrey Welsh	45	-
20th September	Morning Prayer (SPB)	2	-
20th September	Sung Eucharist	30	30
23rd September	Taizé Eucharist	22	20
25th September	Morning Prayer	6	-
27th September	Morning Prayer (SPB)	3	-
27th September	Sung Eucharist	32	30
30th September	Taizé Eucharist	19	18



Caption Competition

Please hand in your answers to anyone on duty at St John's Church by the end of November. The winner will receive a nice Christmas present.

The Tattler 20 years ago: September 2006

A look back through the Tattler from the 'noughties' gives us an insight into life at St John's immediately after the major restoration of the church. Fundraising played a prominent role with a Lotto scheme, Home Barbecue, Musical Evening, Nearly New and Table Top sales as well as old favourites such as the Gallowgate Festival, Burns Night and Quiz Night events.

A vision for 2020, 14 years away but a show of confidence in the future attracted a lot of volunteer talents. Twelve people had signed up for a peripatetic home group initiative. The Deeside Choristers held a Memorial Concert for their Founder, Dr Malcolm Love, who had died after a long illness earlier that year. This was held in St Machar's Cathedral and raised almost £700 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. (Incidentally, Mrs Muriel Love, widow of the Founder died earlier this year aged 99.) St John's Church were very supportive of this Choir following their departure from St Devenick's Church in Bieldside in 1983.

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Our 2026 initiative in introducing special prayers for the arrival of a new Rector, mirrors an attempt in 2006 for Thursday lunchtime prayers following the publication of the Windsor Report, set up after the election of Gene Robinson, an openly gay priest, as an American Bishop. The Scottish Episcopal Church rejected the report in 2012 after a lot of deliberation.

Just for a Laugh

Q. What did the priest say, just before dinner, when they saw a caterpillar crawling on their salad dish?

A. "Lettuce prey!"

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In What Year Ending with a Six?

1. ….did Engand win the World Cup?

2.….did William of Normandy land in Hastings?

3.….was the Great Fire of London?

4.….did the dissolution of monasteries in England begin?

5.….was Pluto reclassified as a dwarf planet?

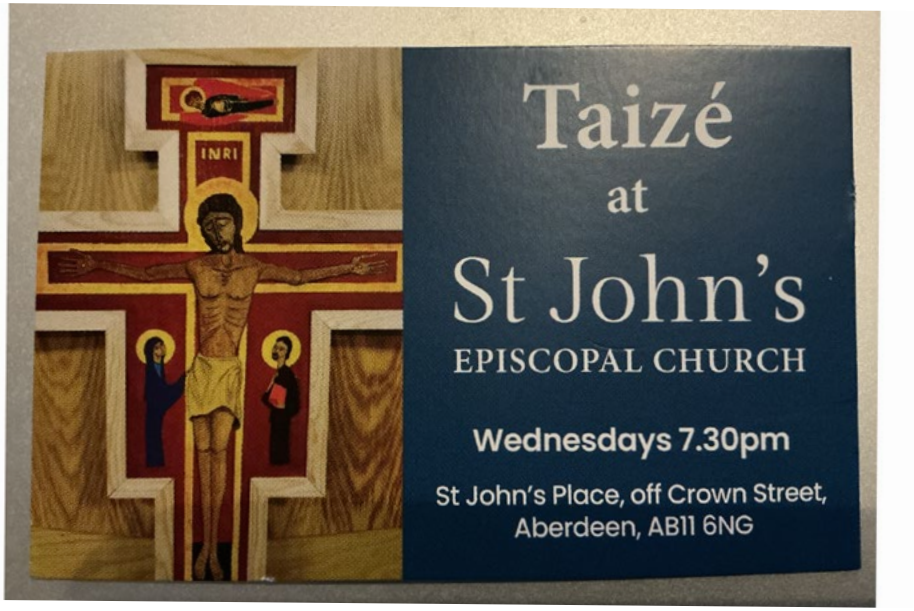
Answers

1. 1966 2. 1066 3. 1666 4. 1536 5. 2006

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