

## after Michaelmas

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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

11.50 am **Halloween: the threshold of the Holy**

The Festival of All Hallows is preceded by Halloween. The Holy and Unholy live in close proximity to each other. How can we understand this?

Talk by Rev. Luke Barr

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

11.50 am **Rituals Around Death**

Death The phenomenon of death is an experience that leaves no one untouched. Rituals help us to live into an understanding of what dying actually is.

Talk with Rev. Luke Barr

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

4 pm to 6 pm (NOT Friday 11<sup>th</sup>!)

St. Martin's Lantern walk with story, music and shared refreshments.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

11.50 am **Experiences Around Death**

A conversation leading on from the previous week.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November

11.50 am **Alfred Bergel: Sketches of a Forgotten Life**

Alfred Bergel was a friend of the young Karl König. He died in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Anne Weise of the Karl König Archive has published a book in Germany about his path through life and his influence on Dr. König

Talk by Dr. Anne-Kathrin Weise

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### Regular Events

**Seedlings – Parent-child play group**  
every Monday and Tuesday 10 am–12.30 noon  
contact: Thora Wendland 01224 310055

**Gospel Study**  
Mondays 4.45 pm (new time!). Please contact Luke Barr

**House and Garden Day**  
December 24, 10-12 only, preparing the church for Christmas  
Please enquire with Stuart Probart or Luke Barr

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### Recent special Sacraments:

#### Silver Wedding

Joan and Simon van Holsteijn 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Funeral – Gerda Holbek \*18:6:30 +15:10:16

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## ADVENT

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November *1<sup>st</sup> Advent*

11.50 am **Spiral and Labyrinth**

Before the Advent Spiral Garden, we look at the Archetype of the Spiral, and also the Labyrinth.

Talk with Rev. Luke Barr

3:30pm **Advent Garden** with stories, singing and the Spiral. For children up to the age of 15

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Advent Market at Newton Dee**

As every year now, we have a stall with home-made crafts and goods on sale. All proceeds go to the church

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December *2<sup>nd</sup> Advent*

11.50 am **Advent: The Mysteries of Birth and Awakening from Death**

In this talk we explore the themes of Birth and Death in conjunction with Advent. Talk with Rev. Luke Barr

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December *3<sup>rd</sup> Advent*

11.50 am **Raphael's Madonna**

As Advent proceeds, we come closer to the Mystery of Christmas. We will study the picture of Raphael's Sistine Madonna to see what it may reveal. With Rev. Luke Barr

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December *4<sup>th</sup> Advent*

11.50 am **Pictures of the Nativity** We will immerse ourselves in the portrayal of the Christmas Event over the centuries. A talk with slides

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## CHRISTMAS

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December *Christmas Day*

### The Christmas Services

0.00 am **The Act of Consecration: at midnight**

8.00 am **The Act of Consecration: at dawn**

9.30 am **Christmas Service for Children**

10.30 am **The Act of Consecration: in the day**

**26<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Daily Act of Consecration of Man during the Twelve Days of Christmas at 10 am, except on: Sunday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30 am. After the service at 11.50: **The Sacrificial Song** Listening to the Seasonal Prayer, what may it tell us? Conversation with Rev. Luke Barr

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## EPIPHANY

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January *Epiphany*

10.00 am **The Act of Consecration of Man at the church**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January

11.50 am **Son of God and Son of Man** In the season of Epiphany we strive to understand the idea of the god in the man. How may we understand Son of God, Son of Man? What is the difference? A talk by Luke Barr

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January

11.50 pm **Exploring the Physical and Spiritual properties of Pannanich Wells**

At Ballater, these old wells have been used for centuries. Many people are convinced of the spiritual properties of certain springs. A talk by Abco Enters

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

11.50 am **In silver darkness: Eduard Lenz**

Lenz was a founder member of The Christian Community. A Life researched by Ellen Huidekoper A talk by Marianne Braesen

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

11.50 am **Manichaeism** A path that was denied Christianity. Manichaeism spread throughout the world in the first Millennium but was ferociously countered at every turn. What was it, and what relevance has it today? A talk by Luke Barr

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

11.50 am **The Farm as a centre of Community**

A church should be a provider of spiritual nourishment in the community. The farm also has a task to provide the basis for being able to receive spiritual nourishment. John is a local Bio-Dynamic Farmer. A talk by John Fraser

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

11.50 am **Tao: Cosmic Balance in the Chinese World**

A look at the Chinese concept of Tao, of Yin/Yang, and the balance of the earthly and the heavenly. Chris is a lecturer in Curative Education and has been running seminars in China in recent years.

A talk by Chris Walter

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

11.50 am **Judas: the Mystery of betrayal** Interest in the enigmatic destiny of Judas has proliferated since the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Perhaps of all the disciples, we have the clearest picture of him, we understand him, and can sympathise with him. What may this mean? A talk by Rev. Luke Barr

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## Gospel Readings

Sunday, October 30.....Revelation 1:10-20  
Sunday, November 6.....Revelation 14:1-20  
Sunday, November 13.....Revelation 15:1-8  
Sunday, November 20.....Revelation 21:1-27

## Advent

Sunday, November 27.....Luke 21:25-36  
Sunday, December 4.....Luke 21:25-36  
Sunday, December 11.....Luke 21:25-36  
Sunday, December 18.....Luke 21:25-36

## Christmas

Sunday, December 25  
Midnight.....Matthew 1:1-25  
Dawn.....Luke 2:1-20  
Morning.....John 21:15-25

## Epiphany

Friday, January 6.....Matthew 2:1-12  
Sunday, January 8.....Matthew 2:1-12  
Sunday, January 15.....Luke 2:41-52  
Sunday, January 22.....John 2:1-11  
Sunday, January 29.....Luke 5:17-26

Sunday, February 5.....John 5:1-18  
Sunday, February 12.....Matthew 20:1-16  
Sunday, February 19.....Luke 8:1-18

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**Visit to Forres:** Nov 26; Dec 10; Jan 14; Feb 11  
As changes are possible please confirm with:  
Martin Kutternik

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Priest:

Rev. Luke Barr

*Baptisms, weddings, funerals  
and membership preparation  
as well as consultations  
by arrangement*

## Aberdeen Congregation

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# THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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## All Hallows Christmas Epiphany 2016-2017

### Services

**The Act of Consecration of Man**  
**Sundays 10.30 am**

*and Wednesdays 7.00 am at the church  
(not on Dec 27; Jan 4; Feb 22)*

*and*

9.00 am at Newton Dee Chapel  
(on Nov 3 & 17; Dec 1 & 15; Jan 19; Feb 2 & 16)

10.30 am in St. Martin's Room in Merrick  
Cairnlee, Bieldside  
(on Nov 10 & 24; Dec 8 & 22; Jan 12 & 26; Feb 9)

### Family Gathering

*on Sundays at 9.30 am  
every week, followed by*

The Sunday Service for Children (age 7-14)

**Please be aware of possible changes in times or  
dates of events. To subscribe to email updates  
please contact Luke Barr.**

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