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Waiting with Hope

It sometimes seems as if life is all about waiting. Certainly that's how it has felt to all of us in the diocese since we bade farewell to Bishop Nigel almost six months ago.

However, I'm pleased to report that the process for choosing a new bishop is proceeding on schedule (we still plan to hold an election in February).

The winter months involve a lot of waiting. We wait for better weather, for sure, but we also wait in different ways. The time just past around Remembrance Sunday asks us to wait – wait for the suffering and sorrow of many years to reveal the glory of the communion of saints. Then comes Advent – the season par excellence of waiting, waiting for the wonder of Christmas. And Christmas, too, asks us to wait – to see who this baby in the manger really will be, if we have the patience to let him be born in our lives and grow in stature in our hearts.

But waiting is hard. Waiting involves trust. Waiting involves hoping without seeing. It involves patience. In the dark months of the year, we are often painfully aware of not knowing what will happen to us as one year ends and another begins. So it's important to see these waiting times as ones in which we are invited to stand right on the edge of our vision and imagination and accept that God is greater than all things, and that the future belongs to him – whether it's a personal matter or whether it's a matter that affects us all, such as the election of a bishop.

But waiting patiently comes hard to us. We're not naturally patient. And as we try to peer into the future, it becomes even harder. Yet at this time of year, just when we think we know the baby in the manger so well, there is much more of the mystery of God-made-flesh that awaits us, much more of mercy and love that we don't yet know. Much more for us to discover about Christ beyond the manger than our limited, reasonable lives can embrace all at once.

Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Francis Bridger

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St James Church, Stonhaven

Book Browse

Saturday 2nd December 10am–3pm

Over 2,500 books on sale, all arranged making it easy to find what you may be looking for. Fiction, crime, cooking, biographies, history etc

Books cost £1.00 each or 5 books for £4.00

Entry is free and with refreshments

All welcome





Holy Rood Church
Carnoustie
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December 2017

within the Philip Hall,
Carnoustie

10.00am

Coffee, Festive Fayre and the usual stalls.

All welcome

Holy Trinity Church,
Monifieth
Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December 2017

10.00am—12noon

Tea/Coffee, mince pies, tombola, raffle and Christmas items.

Chocolate tomobla

All welcome

Holy Trinity Church
Monifieth
Burns Night Ceildh

Ceildh due to be held on the 1st December will now take place on Friday 26th January 2018

at 7.30pm

All tickets bought for the 1st December can be transferred to the 26th January

Tickets £5.00

All Welcome

St James Church, Stonehaven
Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December 2017

10.00am—11.30am

Stalls include raffle, tombola, books, Home baking, hand knitting, scarves etc £2.50 entrance to include tea/coffee, mince pies and shortbread
All welcome



St Martin's, Church,
Dundee
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 9th December 2017

11.00am - 1pm

Admission including refreshments £2.00,

Children free

All welcome

St Martin's, Church Hall,
Dundee

Tea and Bletcher Club

Saturday 27th January 2018

11.00am - 12.30pm

Free entry with Donations Welcome

St Martin's, Prize Bingo

Wednesday 31st January 2018

at 1.30pm

Admission 50p includes refreshments and free raffle. All Welcome

