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SUNDAY 31st December 2017 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)

WELCOME to the Cathedral whether you are a regular, a visitor or simply trying us out. We are delighted to have you with us.

If you are here with **CHILDREN** or **TEENAGERS**, they are most welcome to sit with you! **BEANSTALK**, our Young Church Groups are on holiday now until 14th January.

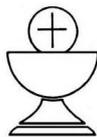
STUDENTS – It's great that you are here. We are planning get-togethers and activities for the new semester so do come back and see us again.



THIS MORNING is the **first Sunday of Christmas**, the 12 day season during which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The liturgical colour is gold – the colour of great celebration.

This **morning's service** is contained entirely in the liturgy booklet including the biblical readings which you will find at the back.

In the second half of the service, we celebrate **Holy Communion**. You are welcome to come forward and either to receive Holy Communion at this service or, if you would prefer, a blessing. If you do not hold your hands out to receive Communion, the priest will know to give a blessing instead. If you prefer simply to stay in your seat, that is fine too.



The **Choir** is on holiday today after a marathon of singing in the lead-up to Christmas and at the Christmas services themselves. **YOU** are therefore the choir this morning so do sing up, sing out and enjoy!



After the service we serve **coffee, tea and cake** at the back of church. If you have time, please join us.

There is an **Offering** to contribute to the ministry costs of the Cathedral in the middle of the service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you can **GIFTAID** your offering meaning that the Cathedral can reclaim from the government the tax you have already paid on the amount you give. To do this, please simply fill in a Gift Aid envelope which are to be found at the end of each pew or on the Gift Aid table at the back.

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IN OUR PRAYERS... peace throughout the world; places of conflict or disaster and all suffering peoples: especially those affected by recent natural disasters and terrorist attacks; all refugees; those ill or recuperating:

John Perry, Emma Overton, Russell Herbert, Nicky Hunter; those who have died recently: Stan Robertson, Edna Beswick, Isabel Brown, Mirrina Main and Mildred Rand Lines; those whose anniversaries occur at this time; those who mourn: especially this week Catriona and family, Barbara, Craig, Mark and all the Brown family; the Church: the life of the Diocese of Brechin – our Companion Dioceses of Iowa and Swaziland; Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Yola (Nigeria).

PASTORAL... For pastoral visiting or an appointment, or to discuss weddings, baptisms or funerals, please contact the church office at admin@saintpaulscathedral.net or (01382) 224486; or contact the Provost direct via the office telephone or at provost@saintpaulscathedral.net or 01382 646296 (out of hours) or 07715 868960.

CALENDAR...

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Tonight		NB There is no evening service today.
Monday 1 st to Saturday 6 th January		CATHEDRAL CLOSED – there are no weekday services this week (see below re Soup 'n' Soul)
Wed 3 rd	12 noon	Soup 'n' Soul followed by prayers
Sun 7 th <i>THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</i>	10.30am 6.15pm	PROCESSION OF THE KINGS & SUNG EUCHARIST Gate of the Year & Healing Service

NOTICES

THANK YOU to all who helped with the preparations for and hospitality at the Christmas services this year. Thanks to Stuart and the choir for the varied musical offerings over the Christmas services, to the servers and to all who helped with catering – especially all those who contributed to the fascinating variety of canapes on Christmas morning. Thanks too to the flower arrangers for the wonderful Christmas displays and to the small band that spent several hours making up nearly 100 Christingles for this service that seems to become more popular year on year. Thank you one and all! Without your contributions, we simply could not sustain what we do here year by year.

CASTLEHILL ANGEL – The Angel Christmas edition is available at the back of the Cathedral. If you don't have one already, please make sure you don't leave without one!



COPIES of the EULOGIES for **EDNA BESWICK** and **ISABEL BROWN** are available at the back of church.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the carol service last Sunday night both catering and reading and preparing the Cathedral.



READINGS NEXT WEEK... SUNG EUCHARIST

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12



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