

To the congregation and friends of St Ninian's Episcopal Church,  
Aberdeen

Dear People of St Ninian's

I am delighted to be called to be your new priest and look forward to beginning my work amongst you. Perhaps a note of introduction might be helpful as we begin to get to know each other.

I was born in Glasgow but have moved many times since leaving university. This included living in Papua New Guinea for over six years in the late 70s and, more recently, nine years working with the Anglican Church in Luxembourg as well as living and working in different locations of Scotland and England. I could probably write a book on "How to move house". I have 3 children and 4 grandchildren all of whom live in Scotland so it will be lovely for me to be nearer my family. My husband and I are separated and he lives in Luxembourg.

I was ordained as a priest in 2000 having trained with the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church. My working background has been in administration and training largely within the voluntary sector. I am interested in international development and I am a long term supporter of Christian Aid. I'm really keen to develop a fuller understanding of what "justice and peace" means in terms of our life of faith and witness as we follow Jesus.

I enjoy gardening and walking and try to keep fit in different ways although I will be still recovering from a foot operation when I come to Aberdeen. I read a lot and enjoy music and might even find the time to get my viola out of its case.

These next few weeks will pass very quickly as I begin to turn northwards. What I will undoubtedly miss is the much warmer weather and longer summers of East Anglia although we do get our fair share of that north-east wind.

I look forward to being with you soon.

May God's blessing be on all that we do together.

Joan Lyon

## New Appointment at St Ninian's Church, Aberdeen

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**Bishop Bob writes:**

**With great joy I have much pleasure in letting you know that The Reverend Joan Lyon has been appointed Priest in Charge of St Ninian's, Aberdeen. Joan will arrive in the north east in early September. Joan comes to us from a ministry as Team Vicar in a group of four charges in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Do please go out of your way to welcome her to the diocese.**

**The Licensing of Joan as Priest in Charge will take place at St Ninian's on 12th September at 4.00pm.**

## The Vestry of St Ninian's

Are proud to introduce The Rev Joan Lyon  
as our new Priest in charge.

We believe that Joan possesses all the qualities St Ninian's needs to move forward into a new chapter in the Episcopalian story in the North East corner of Aberdeen.

We look forward to working with, and supporting Joan as she gets to know us, and to giving her a special St Ninian's welcome at her Licensing on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Points

*Most Holy Lord, You are the One who calls and sends and reveals. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on St Ninian's, and guide us as we wait for the Priest you have chosen and sent to us. Be with Joan as she prepares to move North, and ease the way as she says her Goodbyes. As we rejoice, her congregations will be sad to lose her, and we pray for them as they enter a period of uncertainty. Amen*

## **WHAT'S ON @ St Ninian's?**

**JUNE 2015**

### **SERVICES AND EVENTS**

***Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June – Pentecost 4***

10.30am: Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Errington

***Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Craft Club Lunch***

1pm: At Brig o' Don

All members of St Ninian's and friends are welcome.

***Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June – Coffee Morning***

10am-12 noon: Usual stalls, Bring a friend!

***Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost 5***

10.30am: Holy Communion with Reserved Sacrament

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