

SUNDAY
16th December 2018
Advent 3
Charity Number
SC010781

The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: St Andrew's, Fortrose: St Regulus, Cromarty

The Black Isle Family of Congregations

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EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion this morning. There is no need to be a member of the Episcopal Church. Please feel free to celebrate with us.

If you are not baptised or would prefer, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing (simply come forward with hands together and head bowed as a sign to the priest).



LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLES

Jesus is the Light of the world.

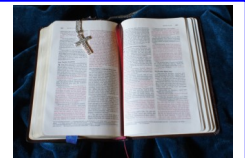
A Light no darkness can extinguish.

Sing

**A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder
and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.**

Pray

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

+ The First Reading : Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle (Isaiah 12:2-6 – Ecce Deus)

The great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour.

The great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

The great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

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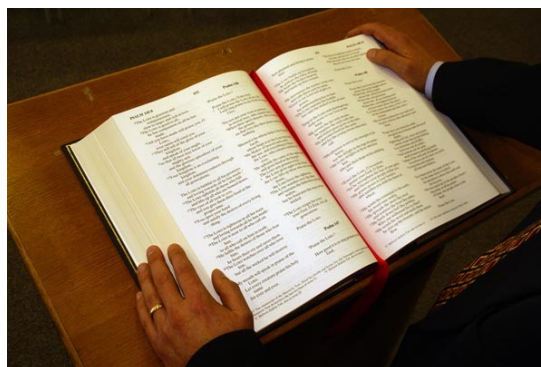
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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+ Second Reading : Philippians 4:4-7

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 3:7-18



PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray...for grace to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice, eyes & heart in the world...that we all may LIVE and BE the GOOD NEWS.

OUR WORLD

For the situation between Ukraine & Russia. For justice and peace in Yemen, the Holy Land and, indeed, the world over. For an end to hatred in all its forms. For our fellow Christians and all who are persecuted for their faith.

OUR COMMUNION

Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for our brothers and sisters of the Diocese of Kivu : Bishop Augustin Ahimana.

OUR DIOCESE

For Mark, our Bishop and for our brothers and sisters who work in & support our Foodbanks...and for all whom the benefit. For the Highlands Supports Refugees and all who help. For our brothers & sisters of St Mary's in the Fields, Culloden. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

(Those studying for ordination, layreadership & those who support them)

(16) Ordinand Harriet Oxlet, G & G (17) Ordinand Lesley Penny, Ed (18) Ordinand Kathryn Sanderson, MR&C (19) Ordinand Philip Schonken, MR&C (20) Ordinand Jean Souter, A&O (21) Ordinand Janet Spence, MR&C (22) Ordinand Gemma Stoddart, Ed

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Sine H. For June. For Roberta. For Ania & Krystian. For Fr Arthur & Julia. For Brian. For Helen. For Paul & Family. For Dorothy. For Anne Maria. For Loretta & loved ones. For Cameron M., For Diana S. For R. For Ann & Ray N. For Marjorie T. For Tom McC. For Mark W & loved ones. For Janet S as she studies for ordination. For Louise & Hayden J. For those whose relationships / marriages are struggling. Pray for our Sunday Club in St Regulus'. For our Teen Gatherings. For Karen & her family in Guatemala. For James and his work in Biblical translation in Nigeria. For all we know to be in need of our prayers.

A DAILY PRAYER for the WEEK

We pray to our Lord, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

– *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary: Son of the most High, come to claim your kingdom.

– *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

John the Baptist rejoiced to see your day: come, bring us your salvation.

– *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

Simeon acknowledged you, Light of the World: bring your light to all men of goodwill.

– *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

We look for you as watchmen look for the dawn: you are the sun that will wake the dead to new life.

– *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

In a moment of silence, call to mind the concerns of your own heart with those listed above and lift them up to God.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY

12:15pm : Eucharist in St Andrew's Cathedral

TUESDAY

3:30 – 6 : Fr Mel with Cromarty Pipers

7:00pm : Eucharist in St Regulus'

WEDNESDAY

10am : Study Group in Rectory

3:30-6pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Munlochy Pipers

10:00am-1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

7:30pm : CAROLS by CANDLIGHT in St Regulus'

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

3:30-5pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Rosemarkie Pipers

FRIDAY

7:00pm : NORTH KESSOCK CAROL SING in the North Kessock Hall

7:30pm : OCTAVOCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT in St Andrew's

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

NEXT SUNDAY : 23 DECEMBER - ADVENT 4

Eucharist

8am & 11:30am in St Andrew's

9:45am in St Regulus'

9:45am in St John's

Evensong

4:30pm in St Andrew's

(Mic 5:2-5a / Ps 80:1-7 / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-55)

READERS & INTERCESSORS NEXT WEEK

St And : Angus F / Michael H / Anna G / Simon S

St Jn : Ann D / Isla C / Bridie G / Donald G



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE CRIB SERVICE 5:30pm in Saint John's

CAROLLING 11:15pm in Saint Andrew's
11:30pm MIDNIGHT MASS begins
(Is 9:2-7 / Ps 96 / Tit 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-7)

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am : Mass of the Dawn in St Andrew's

(Is 9:2-7 / Tit 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14)

9:45am : Carolling & Eucharist in St Regulus'

(Is 62:6-12 / Ps (7) / Tit 3:4-7 / Lk 2:1-14)

9:45am : Carolling & Eucharist in St John's

(Is 52:7-10 / Ps 9s / Heb 1:1-4 (5-12) / Jn 1:1-14)

11:30am : Carolling & Eucharist in St Andrew's

(Is 52:7-10 / Ps 9s / Heb 1:1-4 (5-12) / Jn 1:1-14)



Saturday Coffee Mornings

The Saturday morning coffee mornings provide a wonderful outreach facility for the Charge and also generate a steady income for the Charge. However, this can only be sustained if a reasonable number of volunteers come forward to provide the service. Volunteers are urgently needed - if you can help for a couple of hours once a month or so, please contact Helen Graham - many thanks

Hymns for Sunday at St Andrew's

Intro:	26 – O Come O Come
Gradual:	30 – Hark the glad sound
Offertory:	459 – Give me Joy
Communion:	266 - We hail thy presence
Recessional:	Joy to the World the Lord is Come

Please use the following link to get all the Christmas News from the Diocese

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/iy01rhuughrp84t/Diocesan%20News%20December%202018.pdf?dl=0>

Classic Film Club

2 till 4pm - **First MONDAY** of the month

At The Old Mill, 1, Marine Terrace, Rosemarkie, IV10 8UL

Details from Helen Robinson 01381620243 07889181529

Monday Jan 7th	“The Man in the White Suit”
Monday Feb 4th	“Millions Like Us”
Monday Mar 4th	“The Story of Ruth”
Monday Apr 1st	“Bridge on the River Kwai”
Monday May 6th	“Becoming Jane”
Monday Jun 3rd	“You Were Never Lovelier”
Monday July 1st	“ The Magnet”

Come and enjoy a cuppa and the film in pleasant company!

To all congregations in the Scottish Episcopal Church

It's my great pleasure to write to you about an important and long-standing partnership with a Scottish children's charity; one which is especially close to my heart. I write this not just on my own behalf but on behalf of the College of Bishops.

As you may know, Aberlour Childcare Trust, as it's known today, was established in 1875 by Canon Jupp, one of my predecessors as Rector of St Margaret's, Aberlour. It was originally The Aberlour Orphanage but moved away from that work to become one of the foremost providers of children's support and development in Scotland. I have seen first hand the work of Aberlour and have met with many of the young people they work with and care for. I'm proud to say that we, as a church, have an association with Aberlour.

One way to help with this work is to find ways of raising the profile of Aberlour and to also find ways of supporting them. During Advent and Christmas many of our congregations will be organising Services of Light or Christingle services. Christingle was brought to the UK from Germany fifty years ago by The Children's Society, which supports children in England. Since then, members of the Church of England have raised millions of pounds for children through Christingle events. I know from experience that many children and families look forward eagerly to Christingle as one of their main Advent services.

Sadly though, many children and families in our communities around Scotland are facing a very difficult festive season. Aberlour has developed over 40 specialised services around the country to support them. Aberlour continues to provide loving homes for children through residential and fostering services; they give babies a brighter future by building confidence in their parents; they offer support to make life easier for families where a child has a disability and they help parents to recover from drug and alcohol misuse, poor mental health and domestic abuse, so their children can thrive. I believe it would be wonderful for our congregations to support such important work and that's why I'm suggesting we do so through our services this Christmas.

In recognition of the work that Aberlour does in our communities and in honour of 50 years since Christingle came to these shores, perhaps your congregation might consider supporting this wonderful Scottish charity, especially by fundraising through Christmas services.

The staff at Aberlour have said that they would be delighted to visit your congregations if you would like to hear more about the work they do. Just give them a call on 01786 450 335 or email hello@aberlour.org.uk

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

+Mar Moray: Primus

OUR CHARITY SHOP
in Saint Andrew's Hall :
Wednesdays & Saturdays,
10am - 1pm.



FOOD BANK APPEAL

All contributions gratefully received - please leave tins in the basket provided at the back of the Church. Things we need:

NEW REQUIREMENTS for the NEXT 2 MONTHS

long grain rice,
tinned tomatoes,
corn beef, and
cat and dog food



Thought for today

*Everything matters: the trivial act that hardly seems worthwhile.
The word that sends the stranger on his journey with a smile.
The tiny gift that gives such pleasure to a lonely heart.
The thought that helps an erring soul to play a nobler part.
Everything matters: the little blunder and the big mistake.
The way you do your daily job; the trouble that you take.
In the crucial things of life and in the small things too -
You leave your mark for good or ill in all you say and do.*

NEW CHARGE WEBSITE

episcopalblackisle.scot

BOOKS

by Elizabeth Sutherland

A wide selection of books written by our own Betty Marshall are available at the back of the Church.

- donations should be placed in the box on the back pew.

CARDS –

by Hayden Jeffery

Hayden Jeffery has designed and produced a selection of multifunctional cards - they can be found at the back of the Church and cost £1 each

- donations should be placed in the box on the back pew.

St John's Arpafeelie

**Sunday 9th December 2018 -
Advent 3 - Gaudete**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20
Family Reader**

**Canticle Isaiah 12:2-6
Family Reader**

**Philippians 4:4-7
Family Reader**

Luke 3:7-18

Prayers - Gill Pimm



HYMNS

Opening: 469 – O come, O come, Emmanuel

Gradual: 790 – Wait for the Lord

Offertory: 280 — Joy to the world

Communion: 395 – Like a mighty river flowing

Recessional: 683 – To God be the glory

North Kessock Community Carol Service



Where? North Kessock Village Hall

When? Friday 21st December

Time? 7pm

Cost? Free

Everyone welcome, come and join the local churches and the Community in Carol singing. Light Refreshments to follow.



A CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH OCTAVOCE

An atmospheric hour of Christmas choral music with award-winning acapella ensemble

Octavoce

FRI 21 DEC, 7.30pm - St Andrew's Church, Fortrose

SAT 22 DEC, 7.30pm - Morningside United Church, Edinburgh

SUN 23 DEC, 7.30pm - City Chambers, Edinburgh

TICKETS: £10/£8 concession (by donation in Fortrose)

Buy in advance via the Octavoce website or on the door

Advent Calendar 2018

The Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) introduces a series of videos for Advent 2018, which starts tomorrow morning. There will be a new 'window' every morning throughout Advent with contributions from diverse voices in the SEC and associated organisations.

The theme of the calendar is 'Our Place, Our World', focussing on the many different communities within and outwith the SEC.

The Calendar will be published on social media and on our website: www.scotland.anglican.org/advent-calendar-2018

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

J Deakin / A Garraway / A Brough / D Williams

Sides-men

Julie Gamble

Servers

Martha / Alison / Matthew

Alison and Janet

Sacristan

Ann McGhee

Flowers

Teas

Helen Graham



Black Isle Charge Christmas Fayre



*Grateful thanks to all those who contributed in any way to the
success of the Christmas Fayre*

*The Fund Raising Committee are delighted to announce that £1060
was raised for the funds of the Black Isle Charge*

The Diocesan Youth Group is holding a Wee Sleep Out to raise funds to assist Social Bite in addressing rough sleeping in Scotland.

We will be sleeping in the cathedral with minimal luxuries to have a partial experience of what it is to rough-sleep in Scotland. We will also be learning about homelessness, the experience of rough-sleepers and what we can do to address this issue.

This will be on 29th December. Amongst all the celebrations and festivities we want to have a firm reminder of the true Christmas story, of a family forced to take shelter in a stable when no one had room for them.

We are trying to raise as much as possible for Social Bite who take a very hands on approach to addressing homelessness in Scotland.

If you feel that you can donate to this cause to support our Youth Group then you can use the link here

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pageId=987996>

Alternatively if you wish to give in another way, if you have any questions or if you wish to participate with the experience then please get in touch with myself. You can call 07930810518 or email leyanne.forsyth@gmail.com

Thank you for all of your support

Kind Regards,

Ley-Anne Forsyth

Youth Officer

Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness

Come and Enjoy

**An Afternoon with
Norman Wisdom**

By popular request

the Classic Film Club is holding an extra film afternoon over the festive season on

Friday Dec 28th 2.00 - 4.30pm

at

The Old Mill, 1, Marine Terrace, Rosemarkie,

IV10 8UL

starting with a cup of tea and chat and festive fayre,

followed by a wonderfully funny film

Come and bring your friends!

RSVP

Helen Robinson

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