

SUNDAY
23rd December 2018
Advent 4
Charity Number
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The Scottish Episcopal Church

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

The Black Isle Family of Congregations

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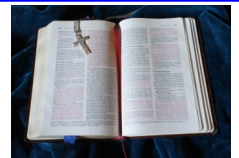


EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion this morning. There is no need to be a member of the Episcopal Church. Please feel free to celebrate with us.

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 Love;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.**

Pray

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

+ The First Reading : Micah 5:2-5a

+ Psalm 80:1-7

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

Stir up your strength, O Lord, and come.

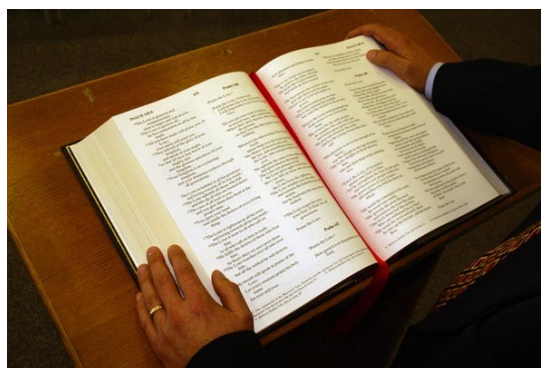
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+ Second Reading : Hebrews 10:5-10

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 1:39-55



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 Kubwa, Nigeria : Bishop Duke Akamisoko.

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 John's & St Michael's, Inverness. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

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OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

Let us turn in prayer to Christ who emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. He was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin. – *Save us through your birth.*

Coming into our world, Lord Jesus, you open the new age which the prophets foretold. In every age, may the Church come again to new birth. – *Save us through your birth.*

You took on our human weakness. Be the eyes of the blind, the strength of the weak, the friend of the lonely. – *Save us through your birth.*

Lord, you were born among the poor: show them your love.

– *Save us through your birth.*

Your birth brings eternal life within man's reach; comfort the dying with hope of new life in heaven.

– *Save us through your birth.*

Gather the departed to yourself; and make them radiant in your glory.

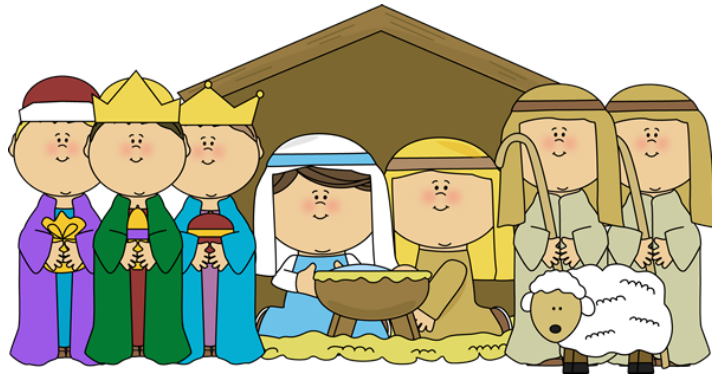
– *Save us through your birth.*

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

THIS WEEK - CHRISTMAS SERVICES



MONDAY - Christmas Eve

5:30pm : Crib Service in St John's

11:15pm : Carolling & Midnight Mass in St Andrew's

TUESDAY - Christmas Day

8am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

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

9:45am : Eucharist in St Regulus'

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

9:45am : Eucharist in St John's

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

11:30am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

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

WEDNESDAY St Stephen's Day

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

THURSDAY St John's Day

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

FRIDAY Holy Innocents' Day

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's



NEXT SUNDAY : 30 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS 1 / THE HOLY FAMILY

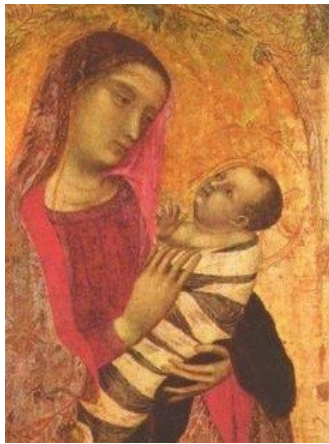
Eucharist

11:30am in St Andrew's (Fr Mel)

9:45am in St Regulus' (Rev Moira)

9:45am in St John's (Bp Mark)

(1 Sam 2:18-20,26 / Ps 148 / Col 3:12-17 / Lk 2:41-52)



Gracious and loving God,
cut through the tinsel
and glitter of Christmas
to remind us of this -
The most precious gift
that we can be given
will never be wrapped
in anything more lavish
than swaddling bands.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Congratulations -

Fine Articles in the Chatterbox by our own Tom Leslie & Graham Law as well as Diana Hamilton-Jones & Betty Marshall

Hymns for Sunday at St Andrew's

Intro:	23 :	Creator of the Starry Height
Gradual:	311 :	Virgin Born we Bow
Offertory:	360 :	For Mary Mother of the Lord
Communion:	263 :	Lord Enthroned
Recessional:	484 :	Long Ago Prophets Knew

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/iyo1rhuughrp84t/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.

+MacR Moray: Pinner

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

*They came that night to Bethlehem, the simple and the wise,
The Shepherds and the magi saw the glory in the skies,
And sought the holy manger bed, that place of mystery
Where God Himself had broken in upon humanity.
The greatest men who walk the earth can offer us today,
No diviner revelation, this, then, is The Way.
Though to knowledge high and vast the human mind may soar
Every man must come at last unto the stable door.*

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 23rd December 2018 -
Advent 4**

**Micah 5:2-5a
Ann Danson**

**Psalm 80 verses
Isla Cruden**

**Hebrews 10:5-10
Bridie Graham**

Luke 1:39-55

Prayers - Donald Graham



HYMNS

Opening:	249 –	Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes
Gradual:	400 –	Long ago, prophets knew
Offertory:	364–	How lovely on the mountains
Communion:	644 -	There is a redeemer
Recessional:	612 –	Tell out my soul

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Isaiah 52:7-10
Finlay Graham**

**Psalm 9
Alan Danson**

**Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
Caitriana Graham**

John 1:1-14

Prayers Ann Danson

Opening:	468 –	O come, all ye faithful
Gradual:	687 –	Unto us a boy is born
Offertory:	626 –	The first Nowell
Communion:	716 –	What child is this
Recessional:	250 –	Hark the herald angels sing

Readers/Intercessor dates January to March to Alan asap St John's congregation

Crib Service Monday at 5.30 all welcome especially children.



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

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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Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

A Fairrie / M Hulse / A Gierus/ S Spence

Sides-men

Iain Brown

Servers

Matthew / Elin / Tomas Joan and Terry

Sacristan

Anne Balfour

Flowers

Teas

Anne Balfour



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*