

**SUNDAY**  
**9th December 2018**  
**Advent 2**  
**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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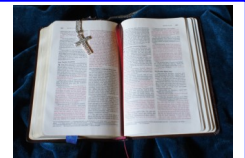


EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED is welcome to share with us in Communion this morning. There is no need to be a member of the Episcopal Church. Please feel free to celebrate with us.

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 Peace;  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

### *Pray*

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

+ **The First Reading : Baruch 5:1-9**

+ **Canticle (Luke 1:68-79 - Benedictus)**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.**

+ **Second Reading : Philipians 1:3-11**

**Gradual Hymn/Acclamation**

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 3:1-6**

## **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 Church on the Falkland Islands : Bishop Timothy Thornton.

## **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 throughout the Diocese as today, they remember us. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

## **THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE**

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

(9) Ordinand Peter Fraser, A & O (10) Ordinand Donald Grant, M R & C (11) Ordinand Susan Henderson, URC (12) Ordinand Jennifer Holden, A & O (13) Ordinand Annie Hughes StA D & D (14) Ordinand Clare Nicholson, Edin (15) Ordinand Katrina O'Neill, M R & C.

## **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

For the soul of Jenny Fyfe & for her family & loved ones. 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**

The Lord God said: 'I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong.'

– *Lord our God, come to save us.*

Lord God, you made us and sustain us with your love:

help us to recognize that you are in our midst.

– *Lord our God, come to save us.*

You are close to each one of us: open our hearts to love you.

– *Lord our God, come to save us.*

We pray for those who find their lives a burden too heavy to bear: Lord, be their strength and their hope.

– *Lord our God, come to save us.*

You are Life, and the enemy of death: rescue us and all the faithful departed from eternal darkness.

– *Lord our God, come to save us.*

*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**

1:30pm : Funeral of Dr Janet Fyfe from St Regulus'

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

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

### **THURSDAY**

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's( St Lucy)

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

### **SATURDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm : CHARITY SHOP

## **NEXT SUNDAY : 16 DECEMBER - ADVENT 3 + GAUDETE SUNDAY**

### **Eucharist**

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

9:45am in St John's

### **Reserved Sacrament**

9:45am in St Regulus'

### **Evensong**

4:30pm in St Andrew's

(Zeph 3:14-20 / Cantic: Is 12:2-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:7-18)

### **READERS & INTERCESSORS NEXT WEEK**

St And : Joan D / Alison G / Alison B / Dorothy W

St Jn : Family / Family / Family / Gill P

## **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

**STARTING SUNDAY 11 NOV... until 2 DEC.....**on Sunday the 2 Dec, bring what you have collected so we can bless your gifts and pass them on to the Food Bank for distribution. A list of suggested goodies is available in the emailed newsletter and a printed version in the back of the church

**MANY THANKS!**

## Hymns for Sunday at St Andrew's

**Intro:**

**Gradual:**

**Offertory:**

**Communion:**

**Recessional:**

### SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sun 2 Dec – 7:00pm in St Andrew's : The Order of Saint John Scotland **CAROL SERVICE**

Tue 4 Dec – 7:30pm in St Regulus' : Highland Hospice **"LIGHT UP THE HIGHLANDS"** Service

Fri 7 Dec – 10am – 4pm : **BLACK ISLE CHARGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE** - Seaforth Masonic Club, Station Square, Fortrose.

Wed 19 Dec – 7:30pm in St Regulus' : **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Fri 21 Dec – 7:30pm in St Andrew's : **OCTAVOCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Fri 21 Dec – 7:00pm in North Kessock Community Centre : **COMMUNITY CAROL SING**

## 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

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| <b>Monday Jan 7th</b>             | "The Man in the White Suit" |
| <b>Monday Feb 4th</b>             | "Millions Like Us"          |
| <b>Monday Mar 4th</b>             | "The Story of Ruth"         |
| <b>Monday Apr 1st</b>             | "Bridge on the River Kwai"  |
| <b>Monday May 6th</b>             | "Becoming Jane"             |
| <b>Monday Jun 3rd</b>             | "You Were Never Lovelier"   |
| <b>Monday July 1<sup>st</sup></b> | "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](mailto: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**

*Round the gates of winter  
When the fogs come thick and grey;  
The lovely late chrysanthemums  
Their gorgeous blooms display.  
Nature, ever provident,  
Has paused to scatter here,  
Flowers for the burial  
Of the departing year.*

**NEW CHARGE WEBSITE**  
**[episcopalblackisle.scot](http://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 -  
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**HYMNS**



**JOINT SERVICE AND AGM IN ST ANDREWS**

## **BOTTLE STALL**

Gillian Pimm would be pleased to receive bottles of any description for the  
Bottle Stall at the Christmas Fayre -

Please leave the bottles at the rear of the three churches and Gill will arrange  
collection





A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky filled with stars. In the center, a manger is illuminated from within, with the infant Jesus lying in it. Mary is seated to the left, and Joseph is to the right. A donkey and an ox are also present. To the left, three camels are shown, and to the right, a line of figures representing the three wise men leads towards the manger. In the background, a small town is visible on a hillside. The overall scene is lit with a warm, golden glow from the manger.

## North Kessock Community Carol Service

Where? North Kessock Village Hall

When? Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Time? 7pm

Cost? Free

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

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

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/jyo1rhuuqhrp84t/Diocesan%20News%20December%202018.pdf?dl=0>

## ***GIFT TRAYS***

Margaret and Linda will be selling a selection of gift trays at the Joint Charge Christmas Fair on 7th December.

If you can't make it to the fair they can be bought directly from us. We have Seville Marmalade, Raspberry, Blackcurrant, and Damson jam. Red currant and Rowan jelly. Apple and Date Chutney, individual cheeses oatcakes and sweet treats.

Any combination of your choice can be made up and cost between £5.50 and £10.50. Individual gift wrapped jams or jellies etc can also be done. Just tell us what you want. We also have a selection of knitted items. Aran children's jumpers, hats, gloves and socks.



***Black Isle Charge***

***Christmas Fayre***

***Friday 7th December 2018***

***10.00 am till 4.00 pm***

***Seaforth Masonic Club, Station Square, Fortrose***

***Morning Coffee - Soup Lunch - Afternoon Tea***

***Donations of Baking will be most graciously received***



**Church Rotas**

**St Andrew's**

**Readers & Intercessors**

**Sides-men**

**Servers**

**Sacristan**

**Flowers**

**Teas**

*Order of St John Scotland - Highland*



**St John**  
Scotland

*Sincere thanks to all those who supported the  
Carol Service*

*A total of £420 was raised for the Eye Hospital in  
Jerusalem*

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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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**

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