

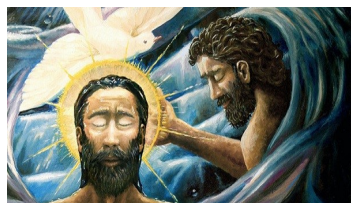
**SUNDAY**  
**13th December 2019**  
**The Baptism of our Lord**  
**Charity Number**  
**SC010781**

## 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).



### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

+ **The First Reading : Isaiah 43:1-7**

+ **Psalm 29**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendour.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

+ **Second Reading : Acts 8:14-17**

**Gradual Hymn/Acclamation**

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 3:15-17,21-22**



## **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 of Australia : Archbishop Philip Leslie Freier, Primate.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For all who are studying for Ordination or Readership...for their instructors & all who support them. 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 Gordonstoun School. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

## **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 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 pray to our Redeemer who humbled himself to receive baptism at the hands of John.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Christ, servant of the Father and pleasing to him, send forth your Spirit among us.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

Chosen One of God, you did not break the crushed reed nor quench the wavering flame: let all people know your compassion for our world of weakness.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You were anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our Saviour; lead everyone to believe in you and so come to eternal life.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are God's light to the nations; open the eyes of the blind in the baptismal waters of the new covenant.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

You are the hope of all peoples; receive the faithful departed into your heavenly kingdom.

– *Lord, send us your Spirit.*

*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.*

## *Black Isle Charge Diary*

### **MONDAY**

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

### **TUESDAY**

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Cromarty children

7:00pm : Eucharist in St Regulus'

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:00am : Study Group in the Rectory

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Avoch and Munloch children

### **THURSDAY**

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

3:30pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Rosemarkie children

### **SATURDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

### **NEXT SUNDAY : 20 JANUARY - EPIPHANY 2**

#### **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

(Is 62:1-5 / Ps 36 / 1 Cor 12:1-11 / Jn 2:1-11)

The Investment Committee is responsible for the administration of the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) Unit Trust Pool (UTP). This includes setting the investment strategy and liaising with professional fund managers regarding its implementation. In order to provide greater flexibility and cost efficiencies, the Committee wishes to make changes to the strategy which would have implications for the SEC's Ethical Investment Policy. The Committee is aware that there will be a range of views throughout the SEC in relation to the proposed change and recognises that the issue should be discussed by General Synod later this year. To help inform both the Committee's thinking on the issue and General Synod's discussion of it the Committee will shortly be contacting vestries and others within the SEC providing more information about the proposed change and inviting comment on it. The Committee would welcome contributions from any members of the SEC. The information, including a link to the online survey, will shortly be made on the SEC website

## Hymns for Sunday at St Andrew's

<b>Intro:</b>	53 : Songs of Thankfulness
<b>Gradual:</b>	98 : From all that Dwell
<b>Offertory:</b>	51 : As with Gladness
<b>Communion:</b>	255 : Jesu, thou joy
<b>Recessional:</b>	39 : Angels from the Realms

## 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**

## 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

<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!**

**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**

*Believe in the future though dark be the sky.  
The storm will pass over. The clouds will roll by.  
Believe in the best though it's hidden from view  
For this is the faith that will carry you through.*

## **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 13th January 2019 -  
The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Alan Danson  
Psalm 29  
Ann Danson

Acts 8:14-17  
Bridie Graham

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Prayers - Isla Cruden



## HYMNS

Opening: 21 – All over the world

Gradual: 513 – On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Offertory: 102 – Come down, O Love Divine

Communion: 132 – Do not be afraid

Recessional: 506 – The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

**St John's next Congregational Meeting is 27th January, items for agenda to Alan by 13th please.**

The Winter 2018/19 volume of the Scottish Episcopal Institute Journal is now available on-line

The Journal is a vehicle for debate on current issues in the Anglican Communion and beyond. It invites dialogue on what it means to think as an Episcopalian in Scotland in the twenty-first century.

The Scottish Episcopal Institute hopes the Journal to be a catalyst for prayer and theological reflection at the heart of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

The Journal – peer-reviewed, electronic and free-of-cost – welcomes previously unpublished contributions. Each issue of the Journal is in two sections: Articles of 2,000 to 5,000 words (including citations) that offer a focused contribution to the life of the church on any level (allowing for articles beyond 5,000 words to appear in parts); and Book Reviews of 500 to 1,500 words that appraise and discuss contemporary theological, liturgical, pastoral and ministerial works.

For further information please contact the Rev Dr Michael Hull, Director of Studies for the Scottish Episcopal Institute, at [DoS@scotland.anglican.org](mailto:DoS@scotland.anglican.org)

# Church Rotas

## St Andrew's

### Readers & Intercessors

L MacDonell / J MacLennan / H Ireland / J Deakin

### Sides-men

Iain Brown

### Servers

Martha / Terry / Jan

Joan and Terry

### Sacristan

Helen Graham

### Flowers

Heather Ireland

### Teas

Joan

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

## STUFF TO PONDER

### GODPARENT (*Presenter*) PROMISES

Godparents & Parents, as those who will love

and care for \_\_\_\_\_, and you three, yourselves,

will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

***Presenter(s):* With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed (example), serving Christ in all people?

***Presenter(s):* With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work for justice and peace,

honouring God in all Creation?

***Presenter(s):* With the help of God, I will.**

*The president addresses the whole congregation*

This is the task of the Church.

***ALL:* This is our task:  
to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

### PRAYER FOR ONE'S GODCHILD

Heavenly Father,

thank you for the gift of [child's name]

and for all the joy she/he brings us.

Be with her/him on her/his Christian journey

so she/he may come to know our Lord Jesus Christ

as Saviour and friend. Amen.

### A THANKSGIVING FOR BEING A GODPARENT

God of light and love, thank you for the joy of being a godparent, and the opportunities it gives us to journey with our godchildren as they grow in faith. Keep us faithful to the promises we have made to pray for them, and to encourage them to deepen their relationship with you.

Help us to be a prayerful, supportive and loving presence in the lives of our godchildren, and to model to them a life rooted in you, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.