

SUNDAY
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Epiphany
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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 60:1-6

+ Psalm 72:1-4, 10-14

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

+ Second Reading : Ephesians 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn/Acclamation

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Matthew 2:1-12



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 in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and 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 St Andrew's, Tain ; St Finnbarr's, Dornoch ; St Maelrubha's, Lairg. Pray for our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Terry, Bill & Family on the death of Terry's sister, Anne Maria...and for the peaceful repose of Anne Maria. 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

Today the Magi knelt before our Saviour. Let us also worship him with great joy, and pray:

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

King of nations, the wise men came from the East to worship you: grant us the true spirit of adoration and submission.

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

King of glory, your people look to you for judgement: grant an abundance of peace to our world.

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

King of ages, your word is ever powerful:

may it penetrate our hearts and lives today.

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

King of justice, show your love for the poor and the powerless; strengthen those who are suffering.

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

King of heaven, hope of all who trust in you;

give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvation.

– *Lord, save us in our need.*

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

7:00pm : Eucharist in St Regulus'

WEDNESDAY

10:00am : Study Group in the Rectory

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

NEXT SUNDAY : 13 JANUARY - BAPTISM of the LORD

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 43:1-7 / Ps 29 / Acts 8:14-17 / Lk 3:15-17,21-22)

Hymns for Sunday at St Andrew's

Intro:	We Three Kings (Carol Sheet)
Gradual:	Earth hath many a noble city (48 in red book)
Offertory:	The First Nowell (Carol Sheet)
Communion:	The people that in darkness sat (52 in Red book)
Recessional:	Songs of thankfulness (53 in Red book)

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

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!

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

The Inn of Friendship

The Inn of Friendship lights the way along life's winding path.

The door stands ever open and a fire burns on the hearth.

The lamp gives forth a glow of welcome where the long road ends.

Who would fear the darkness in the company of friends?

How sweet it is when sad at heart and weary and hard pressed,

To come upon an Inn of Friendship there awhile to rest.

And be it night or be it day within its walls you find,

Bread of comfort, wine of joy; good fare for heart and mind.

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

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St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 6th January 2019 -

Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6

Diana Macdonell

Psalm 72:1-4,10-14

Susanna Leslie

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gill Pimm

Matthew 2:1-12

Prayers - Gail Sanderson



HYMNS

- Opening: 709 – We Three Kings of Orient are
Gradual: 354 - Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Offertory: 78 – Brightest and best
Communion: 716– What child is this who, laid to rest
Recessional: 631 – The holly and the ivy

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

Mothers Union campaign against domestic violence

Mothers' Union in Scotland is a member of the Scottish Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse and has been raising awareness through an exhibition of shoes entitled "Souls of Our Shoes" where each pair in the exhibition tells the story of a person affected by domestic abuse or with statements from faith communities and politicians.

The group has recently launched a film called "Walking Through Domestic Abuse" where survivors (women, men and children) talk about living through domestic abuse. The Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church welcomed the film as a tool for raising awareness of domestic abuse within the community and says "Faith communities have a vital role to play in recognising and responding to all forms of gender-based violence. Gender injustice is a significant part of the Scottish Episcopal Church's current work and concern, and through engagement with campaigns such as Side by Side, Thursdays in Black, and the Interfaith Group on Domestic Abuse, we hope to create a world where all can live lives free from abuse"

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

L Jeffery / J MacInnes / B Marshall / H Ireland

Sides-men

Bill Fraser

Servers

Martha / Alison / Terry Alison and Terry

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

ROTA UPDATE

Could whoever is responsible for the following Rotas please forward an update to me in order that I can produce the above list and, if St John's and St Regulus would like to have their Rotas produced, could you please forward them to me. Many thanks — Ramsay

Sacristan Rota

Flower Rota

THE YEAR OF GRACE 2019

Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum - the Holy Passover of the Lord:

His Last Supper, His Crucifixion and Death, His Burial, and His Rising, celebrated between the evening of the **18th of April (Maundy Thursday)** and the evening of the **21st of April (Easter Sunday)**.

Each Easter, as on each Sunday, in the celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

On the **6th of March** the holy season of Lent will begin with the penitential fast of **Ash Wednesday**.

The holy **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the **30th of May**.

The **Day of Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on Sunday the **9th of June**.

The **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity** will be celebrated on Sunday the **16th of June**.

The **Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** will be celebrated on Thursday the **20th of June**.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To that end, **The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist** will be celebrated on its Eve - **Sunday the 5th of May**.

The Feast of Saint Regulus will be celebrated on its Eve – **Wednesday 16th of October**

and **The Feast of Saint Andrew** will be celebrated on its Eve - **Friday the 29th of November**.

Sunday the **1st of December** will mark the beginning of the holy season of **Advent**

and we will begin await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

as we prepare to celebrate his holy Birth...to Him be glory no and for ever. Amen.