

ADVENT I

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RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE WHO IS BAPTISED IS WELCOME

to share with us in Communion at all services.

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).

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord

In the midst of your temple.

Sing (Tune : Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;

A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.

While angels sing blessings

from heav'n's starry sky

Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

Pray

Lord, may our hearts be filled with HOPE as we hear the promises God made through the prophet Isaiah of the coming day when wars will be no more. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readers & Intercessors

St J : Alan D / Ann D / Donald G / Isla C

St A: Lois M / Joan M / Jan M / Simon S

+ **First Reading : Isaiah 2:1-5**

+ Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the LORD.

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

For my brethren and companions' sake,

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek to do you good."

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

+ **Second Reading : Romans 13:11-14**

Gradual Hymn / Alleluia

+ **The Holy Gospel : Matthew 24:36-44**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honour of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR WORLD

For an end to terrorism and 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 & sisters who are serving as missionaries and all involved in mission agencies.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Paul H, Ross J, Pauline J, Claire N, Colin P, Lesley P, Roberta R, their

families and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership...for their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop. For our brothers & sisters throughout the Diocese. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY

FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Grace to keep a Holy Advent. For Gail & Phil. For Peter & Margaret. For Matthew L & his family. For Kathleen McC. For Roberta & Family. For Ania & Krystian. For Helen. For Loretta & loved ones. For Cameron M. For Tom McC. For Louise & Hayden J. For Mark W & loved ones. For Janet S as she studies for ordination. For those whose relationships / marriages are struggling. Pray for our Granny in Guatemala: Santos De La Cruz Mendez. Pray for our Sunday Club in St Regulus'. For our Teen Gatherings. 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 Son of God is coming with great power: all mankind shall see his face and be reborn.

– *Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!*

You will bring us wisdom, fresh understanding and new vision.

– *Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!*

You will bring us good news, and power which will transform our lives.

– *Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!*

You will bring us truth, showing us the way to our Father.

– *Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!*

Born of a woman, you will open in our flesh the way to eternal life and joy.

– *Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay!*

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.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

12:15pm : Eucharist in Inverness Cathedral

TUESDAY

3:30- 6pm : Fr Mel with Cromarty Piperlings

NO 7pm EUCHARIST IN ST REGULUS

7:30pm : HIGHLAND HOSPICE : LIGHT UP THE HIGHLANDS SERVICE in St Regulus'. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!

WEDNESDAY

10:00am : Study Group in Rectory (1 Corinthians)

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

3:30-6pm : Fr Mel with Fortrose/Avoch Piperlings

THURSDAY

10:00am : Eucharist in St Andrew's.

4-5:30om : Fr Mel with Fortrose, N Kessock & Arpafeelie Piperlings

7:00pm : Silent Meditation Time – in the Vestry of St Andrew's. All are welcome!

FRIDAY

8:30am : Celtic Morning Prayer in St Regulus'

9:00am : St Nick Day visit to Cromarty Primary

11am – 4pm : Christmas Fayre in Seaforth Masonic Club

SATURDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm : Charity Shop

10:30am – 12 noon : COFFEE MORNING in Fortrose Town Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

8 DECEMBER : ADVENT II

EUCHARIST

11:00am

in St Andrew's

FOLLOWED BY THE

JOINT CHARGE

ANNUAL GENERAL

MEETING

and Luncheon!!!



READERS & INTERCESSORS

LECTIONARY YEAR A

(Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72 / Rom 15:4-13 / Matt 3:1-12)

Congregations please Provide

St J : 1st Reader & Eucharistic Minister

St R : Psalmist & Eucharistic Minister

St A : 2nd Reader / Intercessor & Servers

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

ORDER of SAINT JOHN

CAROL SERVICE

7:30pm in St Andrew's

Come and enjoy carols, lessons & the nicest mulled wine and season treats!



DATES TO PUT ON

CALENDAR

20 DEC : NORTH KESSOCK CAROLS : 7:00pm
in North Kessock Hall.

20 DEC : OCTA VOCE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
in St Andrew's at 7:30pm

22 DEC : CROMARTY CAROLS by
CANDLELIGHT in St Regulus' at 7:00pm

MANY, MANY THANKS

To my piperlings and the St Regulus gang who surprised the daylight out of me last Sunday with tunes, a parade and a beautiful luncheon to mark my 10 years in the Joint Charge. I was fighting back grateful tears. I am so blessed!!!

ALSO WOW !!!!!

What a pile of food came in last week for the Foodbank!!!!

The PreAdventReverseAdventCalendar was an amazing success!

