

EPIPHANY 2

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**Eaglais Easbaigeach na h-Alba san Eilean Dubh
The Scottish Episcopal Church on the Black Isle**

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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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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Readers & Intercessors

St J : Ann D / Hilary S / Susanna L / Gill P

St A : Simon S / Ann B / Alison B / Joan D

+ **First Reading : Isaiah 49:1-7**

+ **Psalm 40:1-5**

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

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I waited patiently upon the LORD;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff
and made my footing sure.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
they do not resort to evil spirits
or turn to false gods.

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Great things are they that you have done,
O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.

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+ **Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Gradual Hymn / Alleluia

+ **The Holy Gospel : John 1:29-42**

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.

OUR WORLD

For a great spirit of unity among all Christians : that despite our differences we are still brothers and sisters in Christ. For Australia and all fighting the wild fires...for all people and wildlife affected by those fires and all working to bring healing. For healing and peace among all nations. For the tensions between Iran and the US. 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 sisters and brothers of the Church in Bangladesh : Archbishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Roberta R, Louise S, Philip S, Janet S, David T, Jaime W, Rachael W, 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 of St Mary's, Colluden. For

Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For the soul of Gavin & for his loved ones. For Isaac & family. 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

God our Father leads us forward with great love towards the joyful day when we enter his rest.

– *Our hope is all in you, Lord God.*

Father, we pray for our Primus, Mark and for all who lead the churches: guide them and bless them in their work.

– *Our hope is all in you, Lord God.*

Help the sick to share their sufferings with Christ: may they know in him the fullness of life and love.

– *Our hope is all in you, Lord God.*

Lord, you found nowhere to lay your head: make us aware of the needs of the homeless today.

– *Our hope is all in you, Lord God.*

Bless those who work on the land: may we receive the fruits of the earth with thankfulness.

– *Our hope is all in you, Lord God.*

Father, have mercy on those who have died in the peace of Christ: receive them into the home you have prepared for them.

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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

No Tuesday Eucharist till further notice.

WEDNESDAY

10am : Study Group in the Rectory

10am – 1pm : Charity Shop

THURSDAY :

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

**1:30pm : Christian Unity Walk from St John's
Arpafeelie**

**7:00pm : Meditation Group
in St Andrew's Vestry**

FRIDAY

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

**10:30am : Funeral of Gavin Calderwood from
Fraser's in Inverness. Pray for him and
his loved ones.**

SATURDAY

10am – 1pm : Charity Shop

NEXT SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020 EPIPHANY 3

9:45am Eucharist in St John's

9:45am Eucharist in St Regulus'

11:30am Eucharist in St Andrew's

Readers & Intercissors

(Is 9:1-4 / Ps 27 / 1 Cor 1:10-18 / Matt 4:12-23)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!!!!!!

Hi everyone,

A great big thank you to everyone who contributed to this over the holidays! You were an amazing team and made everyone who attended feel so welcome. The food provided was fantastic and folk really enjoyed and appreciated it.

I have been talking to Monica about future planning for the project and we agreed it would be well worth anyone interested meeting together to discuss what went well and what could be done differently.

I'll try to get a date quite soon. If any of you are interested in meeting with us we'd be delighted. Let me know if you want to be involved with future planning or whether you would be happy to be asked again to volunteer or cook.

Thank you all so much for being so willing and lovely!
Susanna

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK HAS BEGUN

There will be a Unity Walk on Thursday at 1:30pm beginning at St John's, Arpafeelie and inland to Kilearnan Parish Church. Hymns, prayers and fellowship will be much enjoyed!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!

A PRAYER FOR UNITY

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope.
Amen.