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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: 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

Collect

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, O Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

+ First Reading : Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ Psalm 119:33-40

I shall keep your Law with all my heart.

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Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

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Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

I shall keep your Law with all my heart.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways. Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

I shall keep your Law with all my heart.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good. Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

I shall keep your Law with all my heart.

+ Second Reading : Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

+ The Holy Gospel : Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

PRAYER REQUESTS

For a greater love for our Lord in the Eucharist and for Grace to remember that the Presence of Christ we receive in every Communion must be carried forth into the world and lived in love. 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 all places where Covid 19 and other diseases are on the rise. For all in leadership in health care and government and for the Spirit's guidance re the ending of lockdown. For all suffering with Covid 19, for all our healthcare workers, for all working for a cure, for all shop workers, lorry drivers, all we are depending on for our safety, health and protection and all living in fear of it. For healing and peace among all nations. 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 our brothers and sisters of the Church in Southern Africa : Archbishop Thabo Makgoba.

OUR DIOCESE

For Fife, Aberdeen and all areas where Covid 19 is spiking. For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Colin P, Lesley P, Roberta R, Louise S, Philip S, Janet S, David Todd, 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 Maelrhubha, Poolewe; Courthill Chapel, Kishorn; St Donan, Lochalsh. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For our three congregations, those who are able to join us in public worship and those joining us in spirit from home. For one another as we live through this challenging time...especially those who are experiencing a profound loneliness. For the good health and safety of all. 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

Christ comforted the widow who had lost her only son: let us pray to him, who will come at the last to wipe away every tear from our eyes. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Lord Jesus, you consoled especially the poor and troubled: look with mercy on those in any kind of need. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The angel brought you the Father's comfort on the eve of your passion: we pray that your comfort may strengthen those who are dying. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Let all exiles know your care for them; may they find their homelands once more, and come one day in joy to the Father's house. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Look in love on all whose sins have separated them from you: reconcile them to yourself and to your Church. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The dead suffered the pain and loss of human life: give them the fullness of life and joy in heaven. – *Come, Lord Jesus.*

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.

AS THE CHURCH DEPLOYED - LET US UNITE IN PRAYER FROM OUR HOMES

Dear All,

I have to say it was wonderful to gather with those who made their way to St Andrew's and St John's last Sunday. Despite masks being worn, social distancing, no singing and other necessary (but temporary) measures, I think it did us all much good. I look forward to us gathering at St Regulus' this Sunday as well!!!

THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard to get our church buildings ready and in order for public worship...you have all done amazing work! Thank you, especially to our vestry secretary, Ramsay, for making sure we all followed the guidelines as laid out!

I know many are feeling pained as they do not yet feel comfortable joining in public worship...several have rung me. Please do not feel guilty in any way, shape or form. Safety first! Better to have you joining in worship from home that to be sitting on uncomfy seat and worrying. God is with us, as he promised, in all places and at all times!

Much love to all!

Mel +

RE DAILY PRAYER...

I will be offering these prayers at:

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

9 am : Morning Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

6 pm : Evening Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline

7 pm Eucharist on Tuesdays (Facebook Messenger*)

10 am Eucharist on Thursdays (Facebook Messenger*)

* If you'd like to be added to the Tues and Thurs Eucharists via Facebook Messenger, let me know. But you will have to be in FB and Messenger for that to work.

9:30am Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact Richard for info: richard@nesscottage.scot)

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

6 September

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel presiding

9:45am in St John's with Rev Christine presiding

11:30am in St Andrew's with Fr Mel presiding.

13 September

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel presiding

9:45am in St John's with Fr Arthur presiding

11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev Christine presiding.

If you need anything or just a friendly voice, ring me at 01381 622 241 (or 07780 512 990)...and I will do my utmost!

OUR CHARITY SHOP
in Saint Andrew's Hall :
Wednesdays & Saturdays,
10am -1pm.



Please help local people in Crisis

Tins of ham

Tins of corned beef

Tins of mince/stew

Tins of Potato

Tins of custard

Soap powder (small)

Washing up liquid (small)

Shaving foam/razors

TINNED VEGETABLES

Highland Foodbank

Thought for today

**SATURDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND CHARITY SHOP
BOTH CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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 - 09.45



Diocesan Prayer Cycle -

Porvoo Cycle -

Notices

Visitor Details

Should you have any visitors attending your church you need to get their details for the Track and Trace list. You need to get their Name, Phone Number, and note the date of their visit and email this, ALONG with the regular congregation's names who were in attendance, every Sunday after the service to Ramsay.

This allows Ramsay to be the point of contact for the Track and Trace system for The Charge should any member be unfortunate enough to get the disease.

For those attending church during the Covid outbreak we have an information sheet for you to assess your personal risk with an explanation attached. This is used within the NHS and other Churches. We DO NOT want to know your personal score but would ask that you confirm either by email or in writing that you have received and read the form. Spare copies will be available in church for visitors etc.

Stewards and Co-ordinators need to ensure that details of everyone who attended the service are passed to the Vestry Secretary by email by each Sunday night. This needs to be undertaken to meet the Track and Trace section of the legislation.

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

Sides-men

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's

