

**SUNDAY**  
**13th September 2020**  
**Pentecost 15**  
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## The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: St Andrew's, Fortrose: St Regulus, Cromarty

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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

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### + First Reading : Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + Psalm 103:8-13

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The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

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He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

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As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

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### + Second Reading : Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

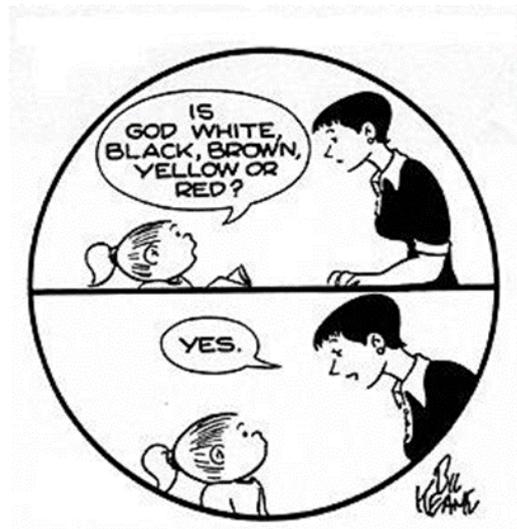
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## + The Holy Gospel : Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."



## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

### 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.

### 20 September

9:45am in St Regulus' with Patsy presiding

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

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

## **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 South America : Archbishop Gregory James Venables.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For Dcn Donald Grant to be ordained Priest on 3 Oct in our Cathedral. For Fife, Aberdeen and all areas where Covid 19 is spiking. For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Jaime W, Rachael W, Sandra W, Bp Kevin, Dr John, Fr Ian, Valerie C, 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 All Saints' Mission, Kinlochewe. For Inverness Street Pastors. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

## **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS**

For our sister Dorrie Robertson who passed into the Fullness of Life on Tuesday night (Funeral from Crem on 17 Sept...Covid 19 restrictions in place) and for her family and loved ones. For our three congregations, those who are able to join us in public worship and those joining us in spirit from home. 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 /**

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Mark our Bishop, for all bishops, priests, deacons, religious and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence - The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence - The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*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,

Well, that was fun! Different but fun! I just had my first “virtual” Assembly with Avoch Primary School! So strange not being able to interact...ask questions...listen to the children...But it was fun nevertheless! Great learning curve when it comes to technology and making it all work!

As you will note among our weekly prayers, our dear sister Dorrie Robertson of St Andrew's, Fortrose entered the Fullness of Life on Tuesday past. Her funeral will take place with the current Covid 19 restrictions on Thursday the 17 of Sept. The family hope we can celebrate her life more fully once the pandemic is history.

It was wonderful to gather in St Regulus' last Sunday...together with services in St John's and St Andrew's. Lovely to hear some happy tunes on piano and organ too! How nice it was to have a couple, who had been joining our online Sunday Eucharist all through the spring and summer, join us in St Andrew's. They are up from England!

I look forward to seeing those who gather this Sunday! But, again, feel no obligation because the health and wellbeing of all our people is more important than sitting on padding free pews! Soon this will all be over!

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)

**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

*Out of evil good must come for only thus can we progress -*

*Wresting wisdom from disaster, blessings from unhappiness.*

*Out of things calamitous the heart through dire experience -*

*Must turn all evil into that which serves the ends of Providence.*

**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 13th September - 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**

H Ireland, M Hulse, J Deakin, A Garraway

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Alison Garraway

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**