

**SUNDAY**  
**20th September 2020**  
**Pentecost 16**  
**Charity Number**  
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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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 : Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + Psalm 145:1-8

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

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I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your Name for ever and ever.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds. The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

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### + Second Reading : Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## + The Holy Gospel : Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



## **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 Sudan : Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For Dcn Donald Grant to be ordained Priest on 3 Oct in our Cathedral. For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Godwin C, Tony C, Lisa C, Pat E, Ross J, Tim H, Claire N, 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 Peter's, Thurso / St John's, Wick. 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 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 light shines out in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. Let us thank our Lord for bringing his light to our lives. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

Word of God, you have brought the light of eternity to the darkened world: may it open the minds and hearts of all the children of the Church. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

Show your care for all who dedicate their lives to the service of others: may your grace inspire their actions and sustain them to the end. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

Lord, you healed the paralytic and forgave him his sins: pardon all our guilt, and heal the wounds of our sins. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

As we follow the light to new knowledge and discovery: may we use your gifts to serve the whole human family, and so give glory to you. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

Lead the dead from darkness into your own wonderful light; in your mercy show them the radiance of your glory. *– Lord Jesus Christ, you are our light.*

*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.*



The 90 kg of Rice has now been ordered and should be with me fairly soon. At the present time I have pledged to buy 54 kg so there is still plenty available for anyone who has not yet ordered or who wants to order more.

Each bag of rice will cost £3.25 which I'll collect when I deliver the rice to you. There will be several options for payment - cash, cheque or BACS. I'll explain those as we go.

Anyone wishing to order rice should just drop me an email and I'll take it from there.

In addition to the rice there will be literature suitable for Sunday Services which I hope we'll be able to utilise in the three churches.

Ramsay

## **Treasurer's Finance Report**

As we are now fast approaching the end of the financial year, it is now appropriate that I should provide you with an update of our current financial position.

I am pleased to report that thanks to tremendous support of congregation members at all three churches I am able to report a satisfactory situation. We have of course had no fund raising income from the Charity Shop nor our other fund raising activities during the summer. However, with good housekeeping, most members now contributing by standing order, together with three generous donations, we have covered all our costs and expect to report an overall surplus of about £3,000. Our cash balance at the year end should be around £10,500.

For the next six months as the pandemic continues through the winter, I am not expecting any significant fundraising income from the Charity Shop or other sources but we should have sufficient cash resources to carry us through provided the levels of congregational giving is maintained. If we should need additional income then we do have the cushion of our investments in the SEC Unit Trusts to draw upon which happily have increased in value during the past year.

Other good news is that in the last few weeks we have received a legacy from the family of Kathleen Armstrong which will enable our planned storage shed to be provided in the oil compound area at St Andrews. We hope to get this completed by mid November.

We have not of course ignored other needy organisations during the last six months. The Vestry Committee has approved tithing payments of £200 to the Highland Foodbanks from Charity Shop income received earlier this year. We have also responded to an urgent appeal by Christian Aid for support for cocoa farmers in Nicaragua by donating £100 from general funds.

Thank you all for the invaluable help given to me during this past six months which has enabled me to keep the accounts ticking over. I hope it will not be too long before Jane and I are able to re-commence attending Church Services.

Peter Furniss

Treasurer

16 September 2020

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

Dear All,

It has been another interesting week of Primary assemblies (Cromarty this time), dear Dorrie's funeral....and a Covid test (I picked up a cold last week but as it passed I picked up a very different and very hard, dry cough. Sooo a drive through test was recommended by the Surgery and the NHS. The Wednesday experience was painless and worked like a well oiled machine! Am waiting on the results just now...But I am confident it is just a cough!.....Thursday update....The test proved NEGATIVE!!! YAY!!)

Normally we would be prepping for Harvest celebrations and for the Blessing of Animals at the Munlochy Animal Aid Centre. Sadly...two more happy events will fall prey to Covid 19. Perhaps we might all consider making a good donation, as usual, to the Foodbank....and perhaps one for the Centre as our event there usually raises their good work more than a few £££ and I am sure they are all feeling the pinch.

Please all keep safe and sound. I have to say my being sent for a Covid test woke me up!

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

#### 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

#### 27 September

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

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

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

The little old-world cottages along the village street,

Look so warm and snug beneath their thatches, thick and neat.

And when the autumn creepers drape the windows and the walls,

They look like dear old grannies muffled up in crimson shawls.

**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 20th 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**

R McGhee, J MacLennan, B Oakley, H Ireland

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Alison Garraway

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**