

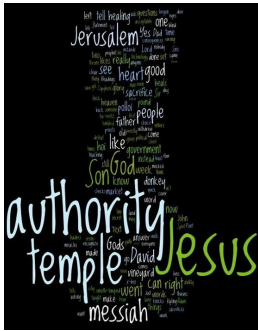
**SUNDAY**  
**27th September 2020**  
**Pentecost 17**  
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## The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: 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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples,

to the glory of your name; through 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 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + Psalm 25:1-8

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

### + Second Reading : Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### + The Holy Gospel : Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

## **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 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 Episcopal Church in Sudan : Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.

## **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 Colin P, Andrew P, Blayne P, Lesley P, Ferdinand vP, Roberta R, Louise S, 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 Paul's, Strathnairn. 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**

Through Christ we are sons and daughters of God: in him we see what we shall be when we come to the Father. With confidence we pray: – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Guide leaders and governments: give them wisdom and integrity and inspire them to make the right decisions for all their people. – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

You are the Lord and source of our freedom: bring those in captivity of mind or body to the freedom of the children of God. – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Give courage and strength to the young. Help them to choose their work, and make the right decisions for their future. – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Give patient tolerance to all who are no longer young; open the hearts of the young to accept from them understanding and love. – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Receive the departed into your eternal kingdom; sustain our hope to reign with you for ever. – *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

*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

St Regulus & West Church

Cromarty  
**Sunday  
Club**

*back on this weekend!*

**3.30  
PM**

Come and join us **OUTDOORS**  
Meet outside the West Church  
Homebaking & drinks supplied

**27  
SEP**

All things **Autumn** with games, craft & play

**FREE**  
just turn up



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In line with Scottish Government Coronavirus guidance numbers will be limited for this session.

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

Dear All,

Well, here we are again with tightening measures. With people ignoring cautions, etc., and with infections spiking, what else can be done! Frustrating but necessary. But, as our First Minister says, "Be strong, be kind and let's continue to act out of love and solidarity."

I have been arranging to have a wee holiday...not far, but some nights in Edinburgh in a hotel for R & R but that, I fear has been scuppered hahaha. One of those years. Och well!

But are we not all tired of our own four walls haha!

Wonderful plans for a Harvest Walk in Cromarty, like other events to cheer needed to be, I will say, postponed! The time will come for rejoicing! The important thing is for us to work together, trust in God and keep safe and well!

**Next Sunday is the Feast of Saint Francis...let's celebrate it and, as best as we can, harvest with it! Donations to Foodbank and Munlochy Animal Centre will be most welcome!**

Much love to all!

Mel

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"There are no ordinary people.  
You have never talked to a mere  
mortal... Next to the Blessed  
Sacrament itself, your neighbour is  
the holiest object presented to  
your senses."

~ C. S. Lewis

## **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**

### **27 September**

9:45am in St John's with Bp Mark presiding

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

11:30am in St Andrew's with Fr Mel presiding & Rev Christine preaching.

### **4 October (We will keep St Francis Day!)**

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

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**

*If the heart is young, you'll always keep your dreams.*

*Through the darkest cloud you'll catch the golden gleams.*

*If with every dawn your hopes and prayers ascend.*

*Life will be for you a summer without end.*

**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 27th 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**

J Deakin, A Garraway, M Hulse, R McGhee

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Joan Deakin

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**