

SUNDAY

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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

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

+ First Reading : Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ Psalm 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

+ Second Reading : 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

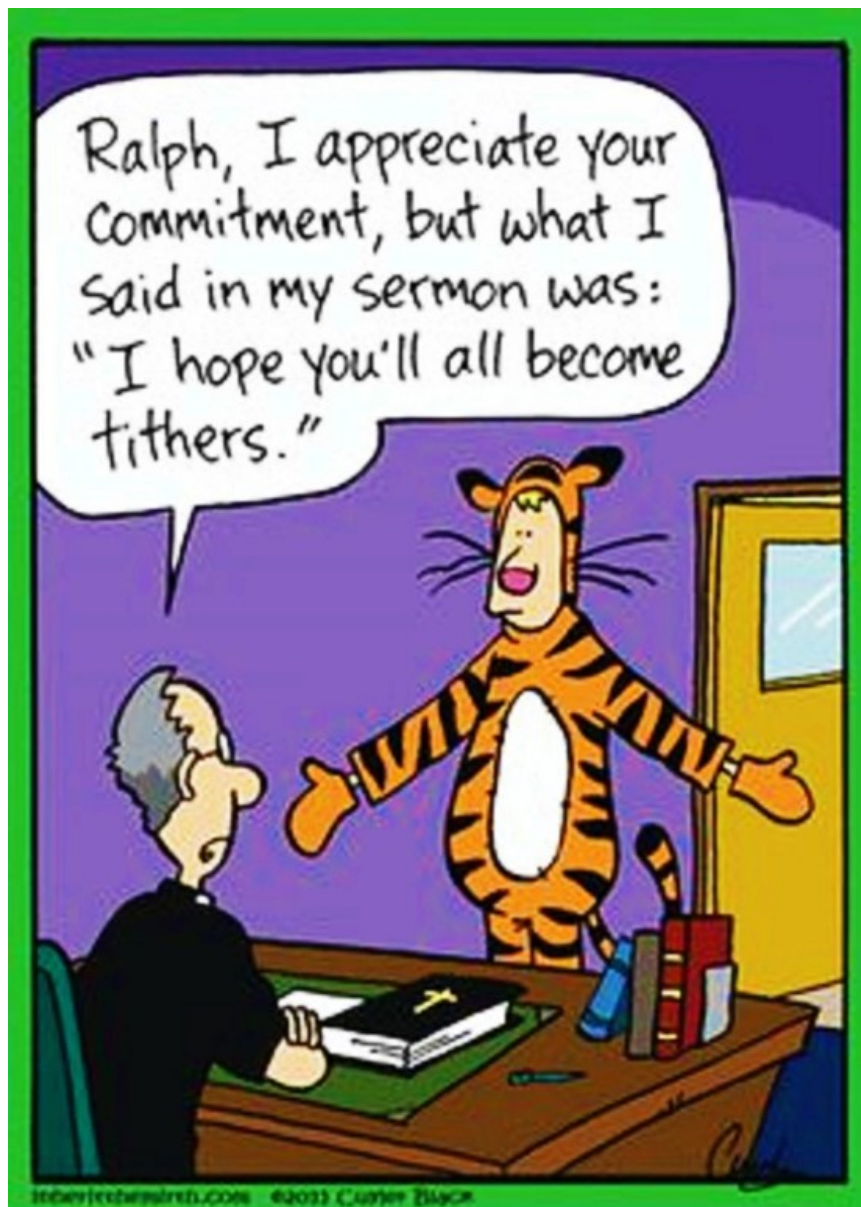
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

+ The Holy Gospel : Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



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

As we remember St Francis...let us pray for a greater love for our planet and all living things...let us work together for its healing and well being. 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 Wales : Archbishop John Davies.

OUR DIOCESE

For all our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Philip S, Rachael W, Sandra W, Fr Graham, Bp Kevin, Dr John, Fr Ian, 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, Culloden. 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. Pray for all undergoing tests, awaiting results and undergoing treatment. Pray for Robbie and all who are finding Covid restrictions difficult. 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 - *In a moment of silence, call to mind the concerns of your own heart with those listed above and lift them up to God.*

Let us give thanks to Christ our Lord who loves and cherishes his Church.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

Lord Jesus grant that all people may be saved, and come to knowledge of the truth.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

Guard, guide and protect Mark our Bishop and Primus: help him and all our bishops, Lord, in your strength and mercy.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

Support those who meet with difficulty and disappointment: renew their confidence and sense of purpose.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

Christ our loving Lord, in your kindness be with the sick and the poor, the weak and the dying: bring them your comfort.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

We commend to you all those who, in their lifetime, shared in the sacred ministry: let them and all the departed praise you for ever in heaven.

– Be near us, Lord, always.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Dear All,

Well here I am home and back at it! It was good to have a wee break....would have been better to be able to escape to some distant place but, hey, we are living in interesting times and together we shall get through them!

I did manage a couple of quiet nights in Kinlochbervie.....no phone....no wifi.....beautiful! I knew I was on holiday.....it never stopped raining! Haha!

It is good to be back and resuming our online streaming of Morning and Evening Prayer. Midweek Eucharist will resume next week via Facebook Messenger.

ALL SOULS' DAY will be on Monday the 2nd of November. I will live stream the Requiem for All Souls from St Andrew's at 7pm that evening and the service will be shared via email like the Sunday Eucharist. IF YOU HAVE ANY LOVED ONES you'd like remembered at that Mass, please get them to me by Fri 30th Oct?

Much love to all!

Mel +

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

25 October :

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel

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

1 November : ALL SAINTS DAY

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

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

2 Nov : ALL SOULS' DAY

Live stream Requiem Mass for our departed loved ones at 7:00pm

Please get any names of loved ones you'd like remembered to Fr Mel by Fri 30 Oct!!!!

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!

Some time ago, I submitted a Notice on a Booklet written by Bishop E Luscombe and Stuart Donaldson on 'The Life and Times of Robert Lyon', Priest, Rebel & Martyr.

Elizabeth (Betty) Marshall wrote a short review.

We have discussed together the most informative Booklet on Bishop Duncan MacInnes described below. *Julie*

A new Booklet has been compiled, printed and ready for distribution. The authors have collected stories on 'The Life and Times of Bishop Duncan MacInnes', Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness from 1953 - 1970.

Duncan MacInnes was born in Ballachulish in 1897 and attended St John's Church - my home village and church. During his ministry, he became the Rector of St Mary's Church, Glencoe.

Importantly, as Remembrance Sunday draws near, Duncan, as a young man, served in the 7th Battalion Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders as a Chaplain. For his outstanding service, he was awarded the Military Cross.

In his funeral oration 'Soraidh Leibh - Farewell', in St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, Bishop Moncrieff said of Duncan, that "few Dioceses can have had a more faithful or devoted pastor. He was called upon to exercise his episcopate at a time when what are called 'the winds of change' were blowing more vigorously than they had done for four hundred years." Bishop Duncan was the last native Gaelic speaking Bishop in the Scottish Episcopal Church—I have a recording of him taking a Gaelic service in St John's Church in 1954.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the booklet, I have been offered the print price of £5.

Please send to:

The Rt. Rev'd. Dr. L. E. Luscombe,
"Woodville",
Kirkton of Tealing,
Dundee.



Cromarty Sunday Club

Come join us **OUTDOORS** this weekend

We are looking for Cromarty Saints on a **scavenger hunt**
and have **stories & marshmallows** round the **campfire**

Meet outside St Regulus Church
Sunday 25 October 2020 @ 3.30pm

FREE
just turn up

For more info
contact Carsten
07958 550333
carsten@mylittlecampfire.com

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



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



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 sun is fickle and uncertain going in and out.

But we can make a little bit of sun to spread about.

By friendliness and cheery words, bright looks and merry ways,

To hearten and to help each other through the sunless days.

The Books and cards normally on sale at the back of St Andrew's are not available during the present restrictions.

St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 25th October - 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 Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

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