SUNDAY 1st November 2020 All Saints Day Charity Number SC010781

The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: 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, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God for ever and ever.

+ First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ Psalm 34:1-10

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!

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I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the LORD; let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt his Name together.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him! Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

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+ Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord

+ The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 Church in West Africa: Archbishop Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart.

OUR DIOCESE

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 James', Dongwall; St Anne's, Strathpeffer & St Mary's, Alness. 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 Patricia Wheelan. 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.

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God the Father, have mercy on us.

God the Son, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, have mercy on us

By the greatness of your love, good Lord, deliver us.

By your coming in the flesh, good Lord, deliver us.

By your dying for your people, good Lord, deliver us.

By your rising to new life, good Lord, deliver us.

By your gift of the Spirit, good Lord, deliver us.

By the prayers of the whole company of Heaven, draw us to vourself.

As you called Mary to be the Mother of the Lord, sanctify our wills.

As you called Andrew to be the first of your Apostles, call us to your service.

As you were glorified in Ninian, bringer of good tidings, lighten our darkness.

As you empowered Columba, apostle of our land, strengthen our weakness.

As you received the worship of Kentigern, Mungo the loved one, deepen our love.

As you advanced your kingdom through the work of Margaret, Mother and Queen, fill us with zeal.

As you built up this church by the witness of St Moluag, St Finnbarr, St Donan, St Marnan, St Kessog, St Curidan Boniface, St Maelrubha, St Fergus, St Duthac, St Gilbert, and the witness of countless of your servants in many generations **renew us in faith.**

Guide and protect your Church, fill us with love and truth and grant us that unity which is your will. Lord, hear our prayer.

Make us bold to preach the Gospel in all the world and to make disciples of all the nations. Lord, hear our prayer.

Enlighten your bishops, priests, deacons, lay ministers and all the faithful with love, patience and understanding **Lord**, hear our prayer.

Make us instruments of your peace, proclaimers of your truth, bearers of your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May all hear and receive your word and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Uphold the weak raise up those who fall and strengthen us all by your power. Lord, hear our prayer.

Thanks and glory be to you, O holy Trinity, for calling us to your service to a heritage so great, a life so rich, a salvation so dearly bought.

All glory be to you, O Lord.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Dear All,

This afternoon (Wednesday) Bishop Mark and I will be recording the Eucharist for this Sunday's Provincial Service. It will be recorded in St Andrew's, Fortrose this time! We will be celebrating All Saints' Day which falls on Sunday this year! Through technological knowhow of others, it will, by time of broadcast, include participants from all over Scotland! I will make a point of sharing the link, together with our regular Sunday Eucharist, on Sunday!

All Souls' Day will be celebrated with a Requiem Eucharist on Monday and our loved ones will be remembered by name at that celebration. It will be recorded and the link sent around as usual. I have been sent a good many names...but if there are any others, please get them to me by Fri 30 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

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 November: 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!!!!

8 November : Remembrance Sunday

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel

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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe you are truly present
in this Most Holy Sacrament
of your Body and Blood,
and since I cannot, at this time, receive you in
Holy Communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you
with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you.
In whose Name I pray.
Amen.

OR Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, cleanse me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Never let me be separated from Thee.

From the milicious enemy, defend me.

At the hour of death, call me.

And bid me come to Thee.

That with Thy saints I may praise Thee,
forever and ever. Amen.

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.



Remembrance Day 2020 - Paying our Respects from Home

Last year several of you generously gave towards Poppy Scotland by purchasing a poppy cross which was laid down at Fortrose Cathedral. Later I brought them home, as I had promised you I would, to keep them safe for this year. Unfortunately, due to restrictions in place due to Covid-19, we cannot do this again this year collectively. I am very willing to lay them down on your behalf, if you are happy for me to do so, in the same format which was used last year and at an appropriate time which adheres to the COVID-19 restrictions, probably before 11th November. If, however, you would prefer to do this yourself please contact me to arrange collection of your poppy cross so that you can lay it down yourself at a time when no one else is present.

Raising funds for Poppy Scotland has been more difficult than usual this year, but the need for funds is more crucial than ever. If you would like to make a donation to Poppy Scotland please do so through the following official link whereby your donation will be credited to the Black Isle collection:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ao-fortrose

Observance of this historic date remains as important as ever; the work of Poppy Scotland remains as vital as ever. As with so much this year we will have to show our support and pay our respects from the safety of our own homes.

Thank you.

Diana Hamilton-Jones

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Have you tried knitting? Then enter our knitting competition!

Win a prize in our knitting competition for all children on the Black Isle.

Please send a photograph of your knitted item with your name, age and school to kyrie@ibnetworks.net by 21 December 2020. The prizes are funded by the Karen Napier Fund and the categories are:

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for children aged seven years and under;

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for children aged eight years up to 11 years of age.

We also have a prize for best adult beginner too, for those who started knitting in 2020. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel based on technique, creativity and colour. Good luck!

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

I believe in the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Amen

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 1st November - 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 be 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 / J MacLennan / B Oakley / R McGhee Sides-men Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser **Servers** Sacristan **Flowers Teas** Cleaning St John's