

**SUNDAY**  
**4th April 2021**  
**Easter 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).



Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel

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

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

(11:30am will be live streamed and the link emailed asap)

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin

and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

### + First Reading : Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord.

### ◆ Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

### + The Holy Gospel : John 20:1-18

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John:

**Glory to Christ our Saviour!**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**That the joy of our Easter celebrations, restricted though they may be, may fill us with hope!** That the UK Government may end its support of the Saudi aggression against Yemen. 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 patience in the face of this Pandemic. That we may truly look out for one another and especially the most vulnerable among us. For all suffering with Covid 19, for all our healthcare workers, for all shop workers, lorry drivers, and all on whom we depend for our safety, health and protection. 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 for our sisters and brothers of the Holy City of Jerusalem...and for her peace.

### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Blayne P, Lesley P, Ferdinand vonP, Roberta R, Louise S, Philip S, Rachael W, their families and all who are studying for Ordination or Readership. For their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop, and for our sisters & brothers of St. Mary the Virgin, Ullapool; St. Gilbert's Kinlochbervie; St. Gilbert's Lochinver; St. Boniface Achiltibuie; St. Mary by the Cross, Tongue. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

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

For the soul of our sister, Ann George (of St Andrew's) who entered the Fullness of Life Thursday morning...for Allan & Family. For Marsaili & Ben who will be married on 10 April. For Ann, Alan D & Family and for the peaceful repose of Ann's mother, Dorothy. For Terry & Bill F on the passing of Terry's brothers Tom and Frank...May they rest in peace. For Joyce. For Hayden & Louise. For those working with Samaritans, Mikey's Line & other help groups seeking to be there for those who are struggling. For those joining in worship online. Pray for all undergoing tests, awaiting results and undergoing treatment. Pray for all living with OCD, Asperger's, Autism and other conditions that make Covid restrictions particularly 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 Teens and 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

*Spend a moment in silence and call to mind any particular concerns...then pray:*

Let us pray with joy to Christ the Lord. He rose from the dead and is living now to intercede for us.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

Christ, you are the light of the world and the salvation of nations; set us on fire with your Spirit as we proclaim the wonder of your resurrection.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

Let Israel recognize in you the Messiah it has longed for; fill us all with the knowledge of your glory.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

Be present in your risen glory with all who are sick in mind, body or spirit, with the distressed and all who are nearing the end of this life; strengthen, comfort and sustain them.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

Keep us united in the communion of saints; may we find rest with them, when life's work is done.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

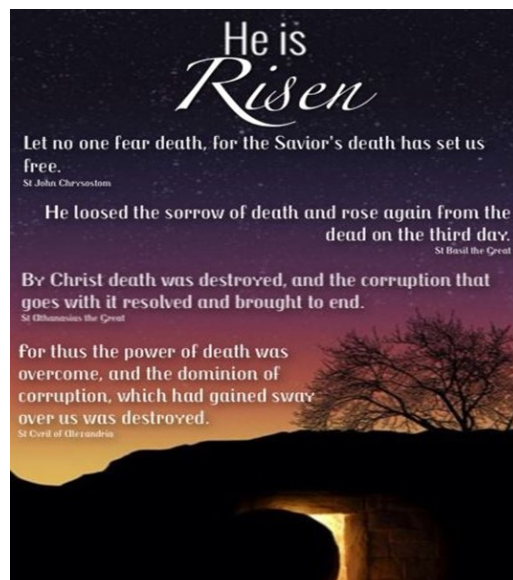
You have overcome death, the last enemy of humankind; destroy everything in us that is at enmity with God.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

Christ, our Saviour, you became obedient to death, but God raised you to the heights; receive our brothers and sisters into the kingdom of your glory.

– *Victorious king, hear us.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*



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

Dear All,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

With a big smile I can hear you responding with, “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

I am writing this on Wednesday, right in the middle of Holy Week. It seems strange to be even thinking the Paschal greeting just yet...but we are in the midst, still, of this strange time and the greeting does fill us with hope as it has Christians for the past 2000 years...and so many of them under circumstances far more challenging than what we have been facing over the past year.

Love led Jesus to the Cross. Love raised him from the dead. Love holds us in his embrace everywhere and in all circumstances. God IS love!

### 11 April 21 : Easter 2 Eucharist

9:45am in St Regulus' with Layreader Patsy

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

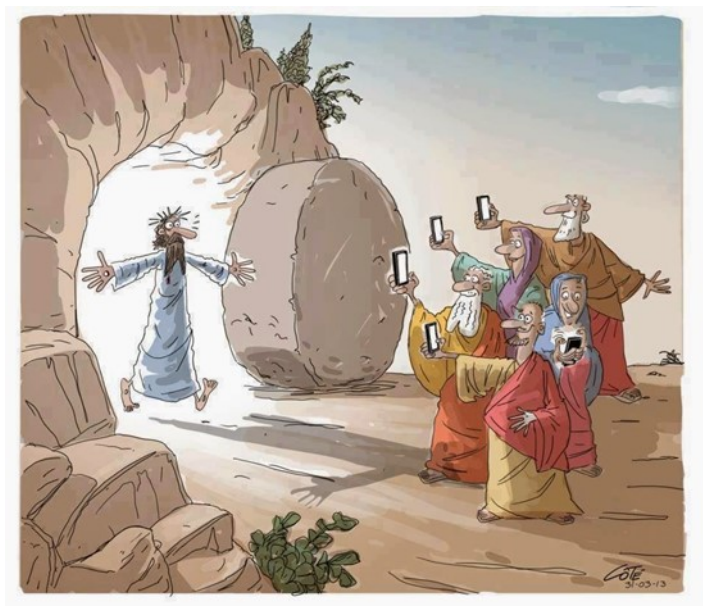
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Blessings to one and all!!!

And much love too!

Mel +

**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!**



**DAILY PRAYER - I will be offering these prayers at:**

7 am : Invitatory & Office of Readings

8:30am : Morning Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

6 pm : Evening Prayer (Facebook Live Stream)

10 pm : Night Prayer aka Compline

9:00am Fridays : Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact Gillian for info: anne-gillianneyman@gmail.com)

12 noon Fridays : Stations of the Cross during Lent (live streamed and link emailed)

**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 malicious 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.

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



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

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



**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**

The food bank team are always very appreciative of our donations, but at the moment they have excess pasta, tinned soup and tinned beans, so won't be accepting more of these at present.

The items on our list are still things that they need more of, also individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, sugar and toilet roll.

Thanks for all your ongoing generosity.



### **Thought for today**

*It is possible to know the ethics of Christianity from A to Z, and yet miss the point of the whole thing. You may know all the answers intellectually and theologically, but unless those answers have been worked out in terms of personal experience such knowledge is superficial and your religion a sham. Nothing is true until you have lived it.*

*From The Kingdom Within*



# **St John's Arrafeelie**

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# **Church Rotas**

## **St Andrew's**

### **Readers & Intercessors**

J Deakin - M Hulse - H Ireland - A Garraway

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

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