

**SUNDAY**

**11th April 2021**

**Easter 2**

**Charity Number**

**SC010781**

## **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).



**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **EASTER 2 SERVICES**

9:45am Reserved Sacrament Service in St Regulus' with Lay reader Patsy

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

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

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

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **+ First Reading : Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

### + Psalm 133

How pleasant it is when we live together in peace. Alleluia!

**How pleasant it is when we live together in peace. Alleluia!**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity! It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**How pleasant it is when we live together in peace. Alleluia!**

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

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### + Second Reading : 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

### + The Holy Gospel : John 20:19-31

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!**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Give thanks to the Lord

for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**

## **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 Justice and Peace in Myanmar, Yemen and the many other troubled places in the world. For an end to nuclear armaments. 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Cn Graham T, Bp Kevin, Dr John McNS, Fr Ian B, Godwin C, Tony C, Lisa C, 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 Christopher's Chapel, Gordonstoun School. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

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

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 (funeral Monday) and Frank (funeral Thursday)...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:*

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ the Lord, who sheds glory on the universe through his resurrection.  
– *Christ, our life, hear us.*

Lord Jesus, you joined your disciples on the way to Emmaus; accompany your Church on her journey through life.  
– *Christ, our life, hear us.*

May we, your faithful, not be slow to believe; give us the courage to proclaim your victory over death.  
– *Christ, our life, hear us.*

Look upon those who have not recognized your presence in their lives; let their hearts rejoice in the knowledge of their Saviour.  
– *Christ, our life, hear us.*

You are the judge of the living and the dead; grant to the departed forgiveness of their sins.  
– *Christ, our life, hear us.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*



"O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hell, where is your victory?  
Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.  
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.  
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.  
Christ is risen, and life reigns.  
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains  
in the grave.  
For Christ, being risen from the dead, is  
become the first fruits of those who have  
fallen asleep.  
To Him be glory and dominion unto ages  
of ages."

~ St. John Chrysostom

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

Dear All,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Despite the restrictions, I believe we all enjoyed a joyful celebration of the Lord's victory over sin and death! The Paschal greeting being spoken and responded to with enthusiasm and, in St Andrew's, with bells a ringing for every mention of the A word, certainly filled my heart with rejoicing!

As is usual, after a major holy day, I was landed with a bad head cold which is still causing me grief as I write this...but hey! He is risen!

I want to thank those who have festoonificated our church buildings! The flowers have been glorious to see and smell!

I do hope we are all basking in the glory of this week...even if the lambing snows have been pretty heavy at times!

### 18 April 21 : Easter 3 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

Blessings to one and all!!!

And much love too!

Mel +

### 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

(but time varies depending on how tuckered out  
the Rector is haha)

9:00am Fridays : Celtic Morning Prayer (Via Zoom: Contact  
man@gmail.com)

Gillian for info: annegillianew-



**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!**

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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**

*Fate is fickle like the vane that turns upon the spire.  
The winds don't always blow just in the quarter you desire.*

*Learn to take with cheerfulness whatever comes your way,*

*For life is like the weather, sometimes sunny, sometimes grey.*



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# **Church Rotas**

## **St Andrew's**

### **Readers & Intercessors**

S A Jackson - J MacLennan - B Oakley - R McGhee

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**