

SUNDAY

9th May 2021

Easter 6

Rogation Sunday

Charity Number

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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 6 SERVICES

9.45am Eucharist in St Regulus' with Fr Mel

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

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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

+ First Reading : Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ Psalm 98

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

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Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

+ Second Reading : 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ The Holy Gospel : John 15:9-17

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!

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

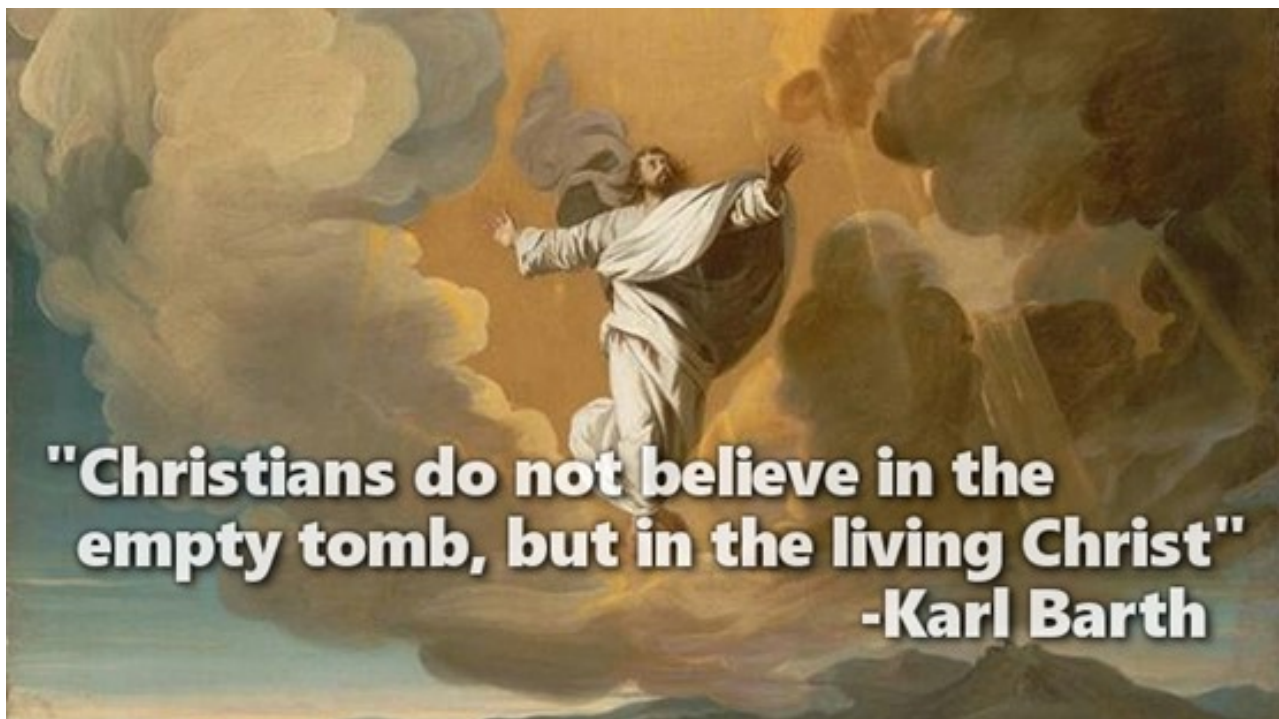
If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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 N Korea & the threatening famine. For the situation between Russia & Ukraine. For the peace of Northern Ireland. 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 Kenya.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Pat E, Ross J, Tim H, Claire N, Colin P, Andrew P, Blayne P, 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 Margaret's, Aberlour. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Andrew & Mary-Jo, Sally Ann, Jack, Jamie & Sarah and all our Black Isle Farmers & Fisherfolk on this Rogation Sunday. For Joyce who is continuing to recover at home. 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 the safe return of 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 to Christ, who by his resurrection strengthens his people in hope.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Lord Jesus, from your opened side there poured out blood and water; cleanse the Church, your bride, from every stain of sin.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Good shepherd, risen from the dead, you gave to the apostle Peter the care of your flock; may Mark & all our Scottish Bishops be ever strengthened in charity and zeal.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Beside the lake of Galilee, you directed your disciples to a great catch of fish; direct the work of your disciples today, and give them your abundant blessing.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

On the shore of the lake you prepared food for your disciples; help us to find your joy in caring for others.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Jesus, the last Adam, life-giving Spirit, conform the dead to your likeness; make their joy complete.

– Ever-living Christ, hear us.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

SOME SUGGESTED PRAYERS FOR ROGATIONTIDE

ROGATION MONDAY

(For Fruitful Seasons)

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

ROGATION TUESDAY

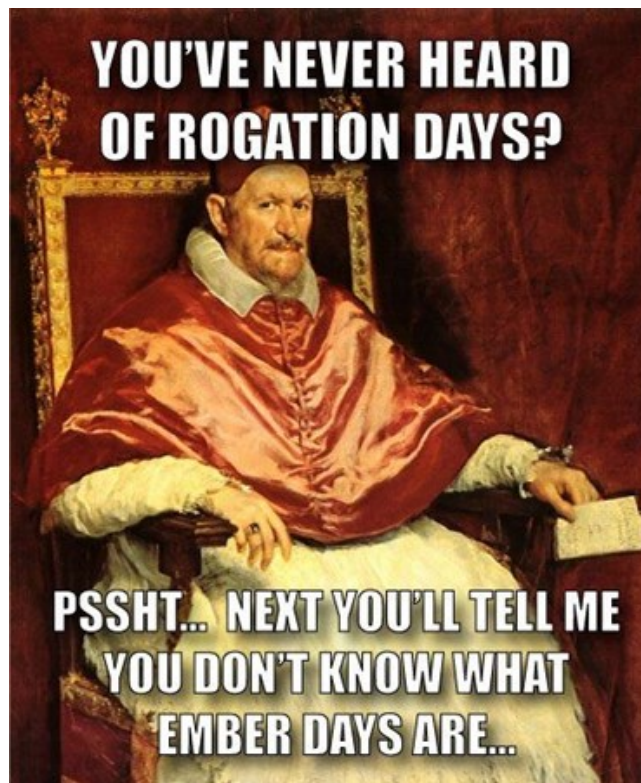
(for commerce and industry)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labour: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labour; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

ROGATION WEDNESDAY

(for stewardship of creation)

O Merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.



GOOD SCOTTISH PRAYER BOOK STUFF !!

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

Dear All,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Well, here we are, **Rogation Sunday** already! The Sunday and Monday – Wednesday, which precede Ascension Day, the Church invites us to keep our Farmers, Crofters and Fisher-folk in prayer and to ask God's blessings upon them and all things related to their work...as well, of course, we pray for a fine season and wonderful harvest when it comes!

Thursday is **Ascension Day** and we will celebrate with Eucharist at 10am in St Andrew's. Perhaps, if it is a nice day, we might share a socially distanced, but equally friendly and celebratory, refreshment out on the lawn?

It is wonderful to have the **Charity Shop** up and running again! Thank you Ann for heading that up! **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE VERY WELCOME – CONTACT ANN MCGHEE.**

FOODBANK DONATIONS - 363kgs

have been collected so far this year. That is over 800 lbs...over 57 stones. Well done everyone.

And that is with other options available to us to help...community larders, etc! **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

WHAT NEXT! This past week has seen me visited by an old ailment that hasn't hit this hard since 2015! Diverticulitis....Doc Sally Martin gave me a good going over and prescribed an antibiotic...Recovery is going well! The Joys!!!

ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 13 May 21

10am Eucharist in St Andrew's

(The Sunday covid restrictions in place)

16 May : Easter 7 / Sunday after the Ascension

Reserved Sacrament

9:45am in St Regulus' with Layreader Patsy

Holy Eucharist

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

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

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 - 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.

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: annegillianne-man@gmail.com)

Connecting Scotland – supporting everyone in Scotland to get online

Earlier this year, I made application to Connecting Scotland for 6 i-pads for use by members of the charge who have no way of connecting to the internet to receive newsletters or get downloads from services.

The Charge were successful in being awarded the six devices, four of which have been deployed. I still have two that have not been deployed due to change in circumstances.

It is important that we make use of the devices or they will have to be returned.

If anyone would like one of the two remaining devices, please get in touch with me. Training on how to use the devices will be given.

This is a golden opportunity to get connected if you haven't already done so.

Ramsay



Contact me on either 01381 620 110 or 07770 37 37 72

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

Wallflowers in the cottage gardens. Hawthorn in the lane.

Bluebells in the dappled woods and buttercups again.

*Apple blossom in the orchards. Swallows on the wing.
Could Heaven be more beautiful than England in the Spring?*

St John's Arrpafeelie

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Join thousands of people making a difference this Christian Aid Week. :



Christian Aid Week is coming:

10 - 16 May 2021

Once again, thanks to Covid-19, the usual activities we would see in connection with Christian Aid week, have been cancelled. However, you can still help with a donation, large or small, every penny counts.

If you can, please put your donation in an envelope, clearly marked - **Christian Aid Week** - and leave it in the collection plate in any one of our three churches or alternatively send a cheque to our Treasurer, Peter Furniss at 62 Feddon Hill, Fortrose, IV10 8SP.

Cheques should be made out to the Church account - "Black Isle Charge" - alternatively, payments can be made by Bank Transfer into the Church account - Sort code 80-06-83 - Account No 00600410 - Ref. Christian Aid.

Please note that we have not been notified of a Bishop's Lenten Appeal this year, presumably because of Covid. It was agreed by the Vestry that, as an alternative, we would focus on supporting Christian Aid.

Many thanks for your support.

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

A Garraway / M Hulse / H Ireland / R McGhee

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's