#### **SUNDAY**

19th September 2021

Pentecost 15

**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).



#### PENTECOST SUNDAY SERVICES

#### **EUCHARIST**

9:45am in St John's with Rev Christine 11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev Christine RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE 9:45am in St Regulus' with EM Jill & Simon

#### Collect

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

### + First Reading : Wisdom of Solomon

1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### Psalm 54

I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good. For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

I will praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

#### Second Reading: Letter of James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD - cont.

+ The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

#### Glory to Christ our Saviour!

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child

"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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 the people of Afghanistan and all who bear the scars of service there. For the People of Haiti. For the people of Ethiopia. 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 Episcopal Province of Uganda.

#### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Bp Anne D, Dr John McN S, Niccolò A, Val C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, 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 brothers & sisters of St Columba's Nairn. For our sister Dioceses (Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

# OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Jeremy. For Hayden & Louise. For those working with For the Right Reasons, 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. 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:

The will of Christ is for all men to be saved. Let us pray that his will may be done.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

Lord, by your sacrifice on the cross you redeemed us from the slavery of sin: lead us to the freedom and glory of the sons and daughters of God.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

Be with our bishop, Mark, and all the bishops of your Church: grant them courage and compassion in their ministry.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

Help those who seek the truth to find it: let them be consecrated in truth.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

We pray especially for peace in family life, and for those orphaned and widowed: comfort them in your love.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

May our departed brothers and sisters come to the heavenly city: there, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you will reign for ever.

- Draw all people to yourself, Lord.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Dear All,

I am on holiday until the 28<sup>th</sup> ...Rev Christine will be on call for any emergencies...her new phone number is: 01381 621 975.

Have a wonderful week!

#### **26 SEPTEMBER: PENTECOST 18**

EUCHARIST
9:45am in St John's with Rev Christine
11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev Christine
RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE
9:45am in St Regulus' with LR Patsy

Blessings to one and all. And much love too. Mel +

#### 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: annegilliannew-

man@gmail.com)

# St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 19th September 2021



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**EUCHARIST** 

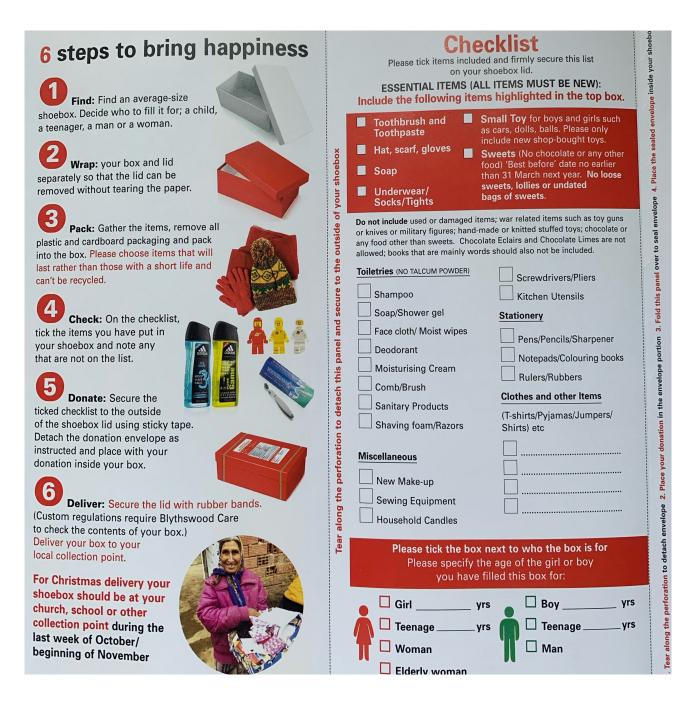
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To give this young lad and his friends a happy Christmas - go to page 8

#### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

If you would like to join us in wrapping and filling the Christmas Boxes for Blythswood, pop along to the Seaforth Lodge in Fortrose on Friday 17th Sept between 14:00 and 16:00. If you can bring scissors & sellotape that would help. Christmas wrapping and donations of gifts from the list on the leaflet would be very much appreciated too! Any questions, please feel free to ring or leave a message, God Bless You, Jan Maclennan - 07878 559 210



#### **OUR CHARITY SHOP**

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



# THE CHARITY SHOP IS NOW OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

10.00 am—1.00 pm

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

### Thought for today

Hope needs no staff to lean upon,

No helping hand, no guiding star,

Over horizons lost to view,

Outstripping dreams Hope travels far.



## 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 another you will findmore 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.



# **Church Rotas** St Andrew's **Readers & Intercessors** B Oakley / S A Jackson / J MacLennan / H Ireland Sides-men Ann McGhee / A Garraway **Servers** Sacristan **Flowers** Teas Cleaning St John's