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Pentecost 24

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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: St Andrew's, Fortrose: St Regulus, Cromarty

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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).



Collect

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

+ First Reading : 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Hear the word of the Lord

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; while I have my being. Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

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+ Second Reading : Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ The Holy Gospel : Mark 12:38-44

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!

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 COP 26 gathering in Glasgow and that sincere, generous, loving care for our planet may result from 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 for our sisters and brothers of the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Niccoló A, Val C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, Maureen, F, Jackie F, 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 Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Jeremy. 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. 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 God who never deserts those who trust in him.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pour out your Spirit on the Church; let all see in her the greatness of your loving kindness.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Be with the priests and ministers of your Church: what they preach to others, may they practise in their lives.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Teach us to understand one another more deeply: by your presence, free us from prejudice and fear.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give married couples constancy and mutual understanding: may their challenges help to deepen the love they have for each other.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pardon the sins of all our departed brothers and sisters: may they enjoy new life in the company of your saints.

– Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

Well, we had a joyful celebration of All Saints Last Sunday...even without the post celebration feast. It would have been nice to see more of us gathered there but there were a lot of things going on...and Covid spiking! Next time?

We also had lovely and prayerful Requiem Masses as we remembered and named our loved ones who have gone on before us. So many remembered!!!

On Saturday I will be presiding at the Funeral of Jack Anderson of Cloy Farm. 11am Burial in Fortrose Cemetery and then Memorial Service at the Dingwall Highland Mart at 1:00pm. Please say a wee prayer for Jack...and for his daughter, Mary-Jo, Andrew and the children.

As we continue in this month of remembering, some of us, I am sure, will keep prayerful silence at 11am on the 11th...I know I will be with Cromarty Primary at the memorial there on Thursday... and on the 14th we will keep Remembrance Sunday. I will be leading the observance at the Cromarty Memorial but will be back to preside at the Eucharist in St Andrew's at 11:30am. Note, there will be special readings, etc.

Covid seems to be spiking again here on the Isle... Always good to be careful... mask... sanitise, etc. And please keep everyone in prayer!

COP 26 is still going strong and that is certainly something to keep in prayer too! I will include the same prayers as last week...you might find them helpful.

Have a wonderful week.

Blessings to one and all. And much love too.

Mel +

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Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am)

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SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Eucharist

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

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)

PRAYER FOR THE COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

COP 26 INTERCESSIONS

As the United Nations climate conference, COP26, begins in Glasgow, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for Pope Francis (Keeping in mind that representatives from across the Christian denominations, both Sunni and Shi'a Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism and Jainism – representing a broad range of faith leaders have joined leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion, who called on people to pray for world leaders ahead of COP26) as he visits COP26 that his call for the care for our common home may illuminate the hearts and minds of all his fellow participants, and that God may grant them wisdom to make decisions which respect the earth and all who live in it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church: may we speak and act together as we urgently work towards good stewardship of your creation and your presence in all living things. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world; the interdependence of all living things; the beauty and flourishing of the planet plundered and misused for generations by human activity; may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good. Lord, in your mercy...

O God, who calls all people to justice and care for the earth, hear and grant these prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

OR as the Summit continues...

As the United Nations climate conference, COP26, continues in Glasgow, let us bring our prayers to God, who created the earth and all within it.

We pray for world leaders: that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all who live within it. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the Church: may we discern our roles and tasks arising from the decisions taken at COP26 and take action to achieve them. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for the world; that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards. Lord, in your mercy...

We pray for our parish and local community: that decisions taken in our parish life will help us live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the earth and all life within it. Lord, in your mercy...

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During the period of COP26 there will be a number of additional special services that will be broadcast by the Scottish Episcopal Church. The normal Sunday worship will continue with worship from the Diocese of Brechin on Sunday 31 October, and the Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane on Sunday 7 November.

And in addition to the Sunday worship there will be a service of Compline every day at 8pm held via Zoom and live streamed on the SEC channels.

SEI students have designated Monday 1 November as a day of prayer and fasting, focusing their attention on COP26 and the well-being of God's creation.

From 6am till 9pm ordinands and Lay Reader candidates across the Province will hold brief times of prayer on each hour using a virtual prayer room set up on Moodle, their on-line learning management system. These short acts of worship will be punctuated by four longer Offices: Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline. At each, the climate bell will be rung for alarm, for justice and for praise.

Students have set up a rota for leading these times of prayer, each of which will focus specifically upon one of the issues driving the Conference's ambition and action, as listed in the COP26 Presidency Programme e.g. 'transition to Global net zero', 'keeping 1.5 degrees in reach', and 'protecting communities'.

SEI's Eco-Congregation Scotland representative, second year Lay Reader candidate Patricia Ellison from the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, and one of the students organising the day, said: "Together we will weave a seamless ribbon of prayer to encircle our fragile planet whilst we hold all her forever children in our hearts."

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REMEMBRANCE CROSSES

If anyone would like a wooden poppy cross to be placed at Fortrose Cathedral on Remembrance Day, please contact Diana Hamilton-Jones. A donation of £5 each should be made to the local Poppy Collection

Alternatively, if anyone wishes a Poppy Cross for their own use, please contact Ramsay McGhee, Area Poppy Convenor for the Black Isle.



Harvest Half Hour

Sunday 7th November

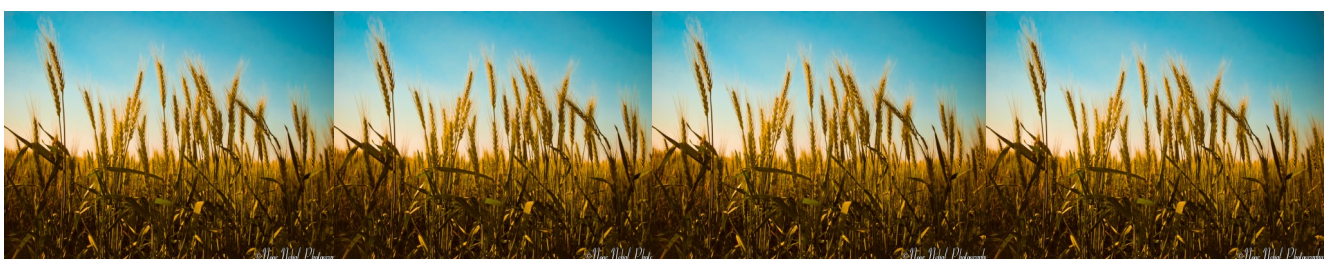
at 9.45

St. Regulus Church



**All Ages
Very
Welcome**

**Music
Thanksgiving
Refreshments**



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.



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 find 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

**When "I"
is replaced by "WE"
even
"Illness"
Becomes
"Wellness"**



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

J Deakin / A Garraway / M Hulse / J Deakin

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

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