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Advent
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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).



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ First Reading : Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the word of the Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ PSALM 25:1-9

Remember your compassion and love.

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Remember your compassion and love.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. **Remember your compassion and love.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

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Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your compassion and love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

Remember your compassion and love.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Remember your compassion and love.

+ Second Reading : 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

+ The Holy Gospel : Luke 21:25-36

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to Christ our Saviour!

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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For grace to keep a holy, rich and prayerful Advent...that our hearts and minds may be ready to celebrate the Holy Birth. 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 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 Anglican Church of Brasil.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Cn Ian B, Bp Anne, Dr John McNS, Niccolò A, Val C, Godwin C, Tony 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 brothers & sisters of St Peter & Holy Rood, Thurso; St John's, Wick; Freswick Castle Chapel. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pray for the peaceful repose of Johnny McCarney...for Terry & Bill F and all who mourn and for their brother-in-law Iain as he draws near to the end of this life. Pray for our schools and all who study, teach and work within them...especially in the midst of the Covid Pandemic. Pray for those who are infected with Covid 19. 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:

We pray to our Lord, who is the way, the truth, and the life. – *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary: Son of the most High, come to claim your kingdom. – *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

John the Baptist rejoiced to see your day: come, bring us your salvation. – *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

Simeon acknowledged you, Light of the World: bring your light to all men of goodwill. – *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

We look for you as watchmen look for the dawn: you are the sun that will wake the dead to new life. – *Come, and remain with us, Lord.*

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

LIFE IS SHORT
AND WE DO NOT HAVE
MUCH TIME TO
GLADDEN
THE HEARTS
OF THOSE WHO
TRAVEL WITH US
SO BE SWIFT TO LOVE
MAKE HASTE TO BE KIND
AND GO IN PEACE
TO LOVE AND SERVE
THE LORD
ALAN - FREDERIC AMIEL

**BLACK ISLE CHARGE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Charge will take place, by Zoom, at 19.00 hours on Wednesday 8th December.

All members of the three Congregations are encouraged to attend to assist in the business of the evening.

A link to attend the meeting will be circulated in due course along with the Agenda and annual accounts.

W R McGhee
Vestry Secretary
17th November 2021

NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

Happy New Year!!! Happy Advent Sunday! This Sunday we embark on a whole new year of Grace! Let's all commit to doing at least one kind thing per day throughout the Season of Advent...and perhaps throughout the coming year! Why not!

I will be including the Sunday Advent Candle Lighting devotions in the Newsletter. Please make use of it at home and let the lighting of the candles and daily prayer be a focus of this holy season.

Saint Andrew's Day...on the heels of Advent Sunday! We will celebrate Eucharist for our National Patron, that of our Diocese and our Feast of Title at **7pm on Tuesday the 30th** in St Andrew's.

During Advent there will be several special things happening:

On the 3rd of Dec from 10am till 12 noon, there will be a **Coffee Morning** in aid of For the Right Reasons. In Lodge Seaforth Clubrooms.. Books...sales tables as well!

On the 5th at 7:00pm the Order of St John will keep their Festival of 9 **Lessons & Carols** in St Andrew's.

On the 17th at 7:30pm **Octa Voce** will again host a Christmas Concert in St Andrew's

Also on the 17th, at 7:00pm St John's will be hosting an evening of **Carols and readings in the North Kessock Hall.**

All being well we will return to our study of the Book of Genesis on Wed the 1st of Dec....10am in the Rectory...till mid December.

Our AGM will take place via Zoom on Wednesday the 8th. Ramsay will be sending the link information nearer the date. Please join us for the meeting...and/ or...keep us in prayer?

Covid continues to be a concern for us all. Many of us will have had our booster jag...but it is still important to be careful...and to take good care of one another.

Have a wonderful week.

Blessings to one and all. And much love too!

Mel +

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am)

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

Mon: Rector's Day Off #1

Tues: 3:30pm Piping lessons

Wed: 10:00am Study Group in the Rectory

3:30pm piping lessons

Thu: 10am Eucharist in St Andrew's

Fri: Rector's Day off #2

Sat: Prepping for Sunday & Catching up

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Lectionary changes to Year C)

Eucharist

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

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

An Advent Half Hour

Story Telling and Treats for children of all ages

9:45am in St Regulus'



First Sunday of Advent

Keep awake! Be watchful! The Son of Man is coming with power and great glory.

Hold your heads high, for your salvation is near.

We light the first Advent candle, reminding us how God's promised Messiah will break into our time and space to show us the way of salvation.

May we stay alert for his coming.

Light the first candle.

Sing...(Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of **Hope** in November's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent

Upon hearing the news that his son would be a prophet of the Most High Zechariah broke into a song of praise.

“And you, child, will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.”

We light the second Advent candle as an act of praise that by God's mercy, the Messiah will come to give light to those in darkness, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Light the second candle.

Sing...(Tune: Away in a Manger) /

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A candle is burning, a candle of **Peace**;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent

The prophet reminds us that we are to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

**The Messiah is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
and all flesh shall see his glory.**

We light the third Advent candle in preparation for the coming of God's Messiah. We prepare by repenting of our sins, and living lives devoted to loving God and serving our neighbour.

Light the third (rose) candle.

Sing...(Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a candle of **Joy**;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Good news, God is filling the hungry with good things!

Good news, God is lifting up the lowly!

Good news, God is about to do his mightiest work!

He will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth from all nations.

We light the fourth Advent candle remembering that God's Promised One comes to comfort all who are afflicted and to afflict all who might be too comfortable.

Light the fourth candle.

Sing...(Tune: Away in a Manger)

A candle is burning, a candle of **Love**;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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)



CROMARTY SUNDAY CLUB, THE
WEST CHURCH AND ST REGULUS

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

**JOIN US AT THE COURTHOUSE
COMMUNITY GARDEN AT 3PM
FOR AN AFTERNOON AROUND
THE FIREPIT.**

**COME AND MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT
WREATH, LISTEN TO STORIES, TOAST
MARSHMALLOWS AND PERHAPS WE'LL
HAVE A SURPRISE VISITOR.**

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FREE EVENT

ALL

WELCOME!

St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 28th November 2021

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Lectionary changes to Year C)



Eucharist

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel

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

COFFEE MORNING

In the Lodge Seaforth Clubrooms

Friday 3rd December - 10.00 till Noon

Books for Sale / Sales Table

In aid of "For the Right Reasons"

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

May your day be filled
with good thoughts,
kind people, and
happy moments.



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

J MacLennan / A Garraway / S A Jackson / H Ireland

Sides-men

Alison Garraway and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's