

SUNDAY

5th December 2021

Advent 2

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).



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ First Reading : Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

This is the word of the Lord.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ CANTICLE : Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us!

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us!

He promised to show mercy to our forebears and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us!

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us!

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us!

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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+ Second Reading : Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

+ The Holy Gospel : Luke 3:1-6

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!

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!



The Lord is coming, always coming.
When you have ears to hear and
eyes to see, you will recognize him
at any moment of your life. Life is
Advent; life is recognizing the
coming of the Lord

— Henri Nouwen —

AZ QUOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 all affected by Covid 19 and the new variant, Omicron. For all researchers and all working to protect and heal. 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 Burundi.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Patricia E, Maureen F, Jackie F, Tim H, Camayo H, Ross J, 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 brothers & sisters of St Paul's, Strathnairn. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland).

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Iain. 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:

Let us pray to God the Father who is Lord and Ruler of all. – *Come and visit your people!*

Come as the shepherd to tend your flock; gather all people into the unity of the Church.

– *Come and visit your people!*

Lord, remember all the sons and daughters of Abraham, and all who await your promise in faith.

– *Come and visit your people!*

We pray for those who seek to escape from life; Lord, give them hope to live by and courage to persevere.

– *Come and visit your people!*

Remember those who have died; show them the glory your Son has gained for them.

– *Come and visit your people!*

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

7:30pm St Regulus' Advent Study via Zoom...All Welcome! Contact Gillian for details (AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com)

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Sat: Prepping for Sunday & Catching up

NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

After a lovely bit of snow and very chilly temps last weekend, we have a happy and blessed entrance into the Holy Season of Advent!

On Tuesday evening we enjoyed a smaller and quieter celebration of St Andrew's Day with Eucharist in the church followed by a wee libation in the Rectory.

This Friday and Sunday, please be mindful of the following:

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

On Sunday the 5th at 7:00pm

the Order of St John will keep their Festival of 9 **Lessons & Carols** in St Andrew's.

Then...Covid permitting, 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.**

On Tuesdays you will notice St Regulus' is hosting an Advent Study via Zoom...Details and info can be got from Gillian at : AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com

Wednesday Study Group – in the face of uncertainty concerning Covid and Omicron, it was decided to hold off meeting just now...until we know more.

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?

Have a wonderful week.

Blessings to one and all - and much love too!

Mel +



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: annegillianewman@gmail.com)

St John's Arpafeelie

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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

Someday you'll recall how nothing went the way you planned and everything seemed cloaked in hopefulness.

But looking back, you'll find it was a Providential hand that guided you to ultimate success



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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'

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

Eucharist

9:45am in St Regulus'

with Fr Mel

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

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



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

M Hulse / J Deakin / A Garraway / J Deakin

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Alison Garraway

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's