

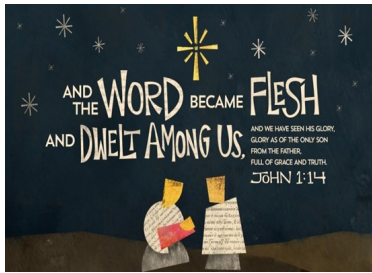
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2nd January 2022
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The Scottish Episcopal Church

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).



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect

God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING : Sirach 24:1-12

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: 'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.

Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting-place; in whose territory should I abide?

'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent.

He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance."

Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion.

Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Hear the word of the Lord.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ CANTICLE : Wisdom 10 (assorted verses)

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

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A holy people and blameless race wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors.

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

She gave to holy people the reward of their labours; she guided them along a marvellous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

She brought them over the Red Sea, and led them through deep waters.

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

They sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name, and praised with one accord your defending hand; for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute, and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.

We praise your Holy Name, O Lord.

+ SECOND READING : Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 1:1-18

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!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!



READERS and INTERCESSORS

I'll be making up the rota for Readers and Intercessors in St Andrew's from January to May. If you are not currently on the rota but would like to be - please drop me an email in the next few days so that I can include you in the new rota

Ramsay

PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to live the joy of the Incarnation. 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

For the soul of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Church and the people of South Africa. Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for our sisters and brothers of the Église Anglicane du Congo (The Anglican Church of the Congo).

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Val C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, Maureen F, Jackie F, Tim H, Camayo H, 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 throughout the Diocese. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For a Happy and Holy 12 days of Christmas that fills us with a deeper awareness of God's love for us! 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:

At Christ's birth the angels proclaimed peace to the world. Let us praise him with joy and ask his favour:

– Let your birth bring peace to all.

Lord, fill your Church with all blessings: strengthen her by the mystery of your birth.

– Let your birth bring peace to all.

You are Lord of human history: may we learn to see your presence in the daily events and experiences of life.

- Let your birth bring peace to all.

In you God's promise is fulfilled: reveal yourself to those who yet await their Saviour.

– Let your birth bring peace to all.

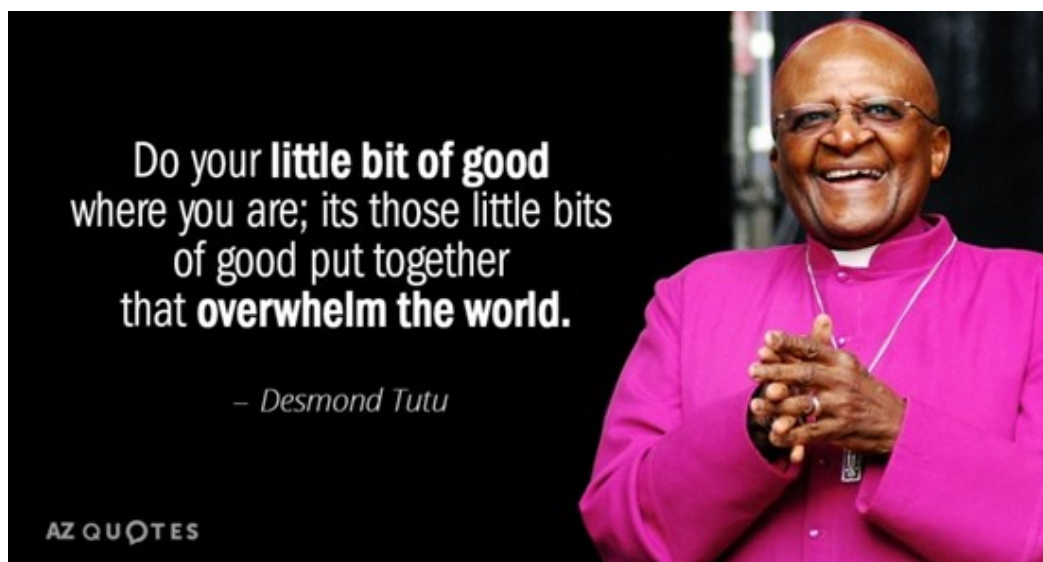
You came to bring life to the world: may all people be born of God through the waters of baptism.

– Let your birth bring peace to all.

By taking mortal flesh you raised it from the dead: restore the faithful departed to the fullness of your glory.

– Let your birth bring peace to all.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.



A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

Greetings all! I hope these days of Christmas are continuing to fill you with much joy and hope! From the bottom of my heart I want to thank all of you for the abundance of lovely cards and gifts that have been quietly arriving at my door! Bless you!

Here we are at day 5 already (I am writing on Wednesday!) The weather is a bit dreary today but we have had some glorious, if pretty chilly, days and nights. This Sunday we will keep the Second Sunday after Christmas and hear once again the great Prologue of John's Gospel...and the wonderful reflection given by St Paul in Ephesians 1. We will also be reminded of our Lord Jesus' beautiful and very feminine title of Holy Wisdom...and be challenged by all the above!

It was sad to hear of the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu...such an amazing human, holy priest and lover of all people. I have the fondest of memories of dancing down the aisle of Trinity Church, Wall St, NYC with his Grace. And even a wee blether on the phone back in the day! May he rest in peace with the Saints and may he, with them, ever pray for us!

EPIPHANY falls on this coming Thursday (Wednesday will be 12th Night!). we will keep the Feast at the 10am Eucharist in St Andrew's...and continue to do so as we enter the Great Feast of our Lord's Baptism next Sunday (the 9th!).

Covid/Omicron is rampant among us. I know more people infected and affected by it just now than I have known since the pandemic first began. Please take every precaution...masks, sanitizer, social distance... But remember, at the same time, we trust in the Lord and we will not only make it through this challenging time, we will triumph over it!

Continued Christmas best wishes...those for the New Year...and, soon, Epiphany, to all!

Blessings to one and all and much love too!

Mel +



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am – 8am on Sundays)

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

Mon: Rector's Day Off #1

Wed: Prep for Sunday

Thu: 10am Eucharist in St Andrew's

Fri: Rector's Day off #2

9:00am Celtic Morning Prayer via Zoom

Contact Gillian for details (AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com)

Sat: Prepping for Sunday & Catching up

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



10am in St Andrew's

Thursday the 6th of January

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

EUCCHARIST

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

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

“PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE”

I am delighted to let you know that the application made by Diana Hamilton-Jones and me to the Woodland Trust has been successful and we are to receive, in March, 30 trees - 10

Silver Birch, 10 Rowan and 10 Wild Cherry all of which will be planted around the grounds of the Church to replace the diseased trees that were taken down and in so doing to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 - Ramsay



Silver Birch



Rowan



Wild Cherry

Looking for a few Volunteers in March to help plant the trees and care for them until well established.

Ramsay

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)

St John's Arrafeelie

Sunday 2nd January 2022



SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

EUCCHARIST

9.45am in St John's with Fr Mel

11.45am in St Andrew's with Fr Mel

FAMILY CELEBRATION

9.45am in St Regulus' with Lay Reader Patsy & Co

Feast of Epiphany

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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

*I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving
for my friends, old and new*

Emerson



A Half Hour Step on a Christmas Journey

Sunday 2nd January at 9.45 in St. Regulus Church.

Peace Love
Sharing Forgiving



Being Kind

All Ages Very Welcome



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

A Garraway / M Hulse / J Deakin / J Deakin

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's