

SUNDAY

16th January 2022

Epiphany 2

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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

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING : Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD cont.

+ Psalm 35:5-10

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

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Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O LORD.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

With you, O Lord, is the well of Life.

♦ SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 2:1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

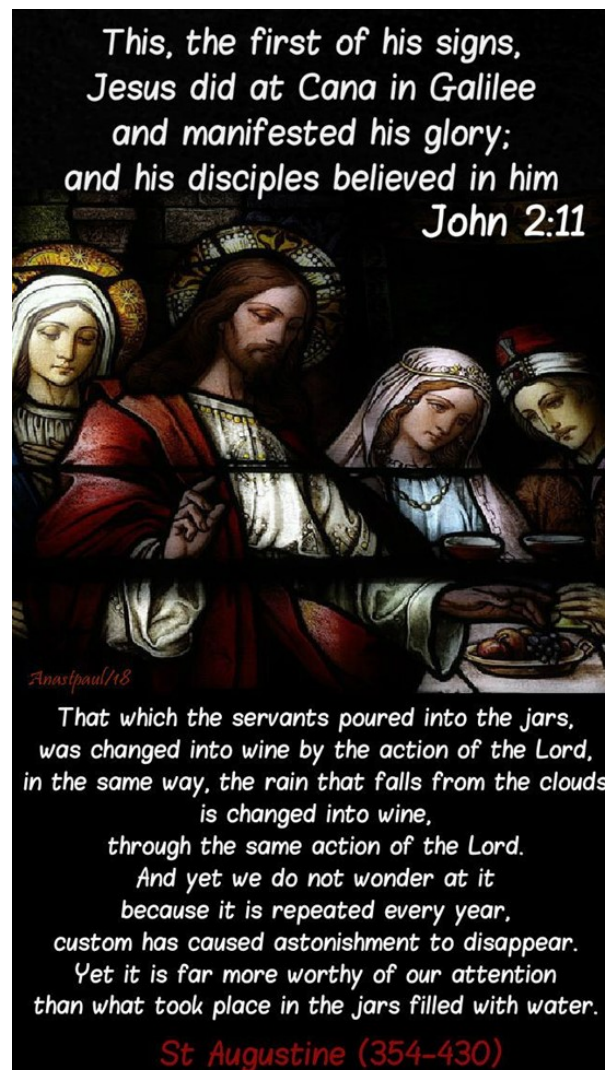
Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John:

Glory to Christ our Saviour!

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!



PRAYER REQUESTS

For God's Grace to live lives in keeping with our Baptismal promises. 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 Church of England.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Janet S, Ross S-Y, Laura S, Rachael W, Cn Graham T, Cn Ian B, Bp Anne D, 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 Mary in the Fields, Culloden. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For those in our charge and within the Black Isle who have contracted Covid...and for speedy and full recovery. For Bouke & Family. For Iain. Pray for our schools and all who study, teach and work within them...especially in the midst of the Covid Pandemic. 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. 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:

Christ is the shepherd of his flock: he loves and cares for his people. We turn to him in trust and say: *– Lord, we need your care.*

Christ our Lord, you are pastor of all the ages, protect our Bishop, **Mark**, and all the priests, deacons, lay-readers and other lay ministers of your Church. *– Lord, we need your care.*

Be with those who are persecuted for their faith, and those cut off from the support of the Church: Good Shepherd, in their pain and isolation may they know your care.

– Lord, we need your care.

Bring healing to the sick; give nourishment to the hungry. *– Lord, we need your care.*

We remember those who make our laws and those who apply them: Lord, give them wisdom and discernment, compassion and mercy. *– Lord, we need your care.*

Gather the flock for which you laid down your life: bring home to their Father's house all who have died in your peace. *– Lord, we need your care.*

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All,

This coming Sunday we will explore the third of the Great Epiphanies – our Lord's first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Again water will figure prominently...and we will ponder what He Himself can do with the, seemingly, most ordinary of things.

On Tuesday the 18th we enter the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Details for a Unity Walk (on the 20th) are elsewhere in this Newsletter...Many of us enjoyed the walk in 2020...Consider joining us this year? Or, perhaps if you don't feel up to the stroll, join in either the opening or closing services (or both)...or say a wee prayer for us at home! I will also include some appropriate prayers in this Newsletter!

Covid continues to be very present here on the Black Isle and I hear of fresh cases almost daily. This makes me very nervous about visiting and bringing Holy Communion, etc. I would not be able to live with myself if I thought I had carried it into anyone's home. If, however, you would like me to bring the Sacrament, do not hesitate to ring and invite me...or even if you'd just like a friendly blether on the phone!

Blessings to one and all and much love too.

Mel +

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18 – 25 January

UNITY WALK

Once again, on **Thursday 20 January**, we will be joining our sisters and brothers of Killearnan & Knockbain Church of Scotland Parish for a stroll over the hill from St John's Arpafeelie to Killearnan Parish Church.

We will begin at 1pm with a short prayer service in St John's and then set off up the path. We should be arriving at **Killearnan Parish Church by 3pm where another brief service will bring the event to a close.** Christian Unity is dear to our Saviour's heart and, therefore, must be dear to our own. Please join us for the afternoon...**Walk if you are up to it...OR at least join in one or the other (1pm or 3pm) services...**or both...(or keep prayer time with us at home?) enjoy some fellowship...with Covid regulations in place and, with our Lord pray, "May they all be one!"



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

1:00pm **CHRISTIAN UNITY WALK**

Start in St John's & end 3pm in Killearnan Parish Church...details elsewhere in newsletter.

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

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

EUCCHARIST

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

PRAYERS for CHRISTIAN UNITY

By Bl Paul Couturier, an Apostle of Unity

Lord, for the low importance we have given to those words that came from your Heart: "I have other sheep not from this fold. I must also bring them; they too shall hear my voice":

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

For our disagreements with our Christian brothers and sisters, sometimes full of irony, or narrowness of spirit, or exaggeration; for our intransigence and harsh judgments about other Christians and Churches:

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

For all acts of violence or unkindness against our fellow Christians; for all in the past and sustained to this day for which we are to blame:

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

For all attitudes of pride and self-sufficiency that our Churches may have shown across the ages to other Christians, and for all our failures of awareness or understanding towards each other:

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

For the bad examples in our conduct, which have slowed down, diminished or destroyed the effects of grace in the souls of others:

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

For forgetting to offer prayer, frequent, friendly, fervent, on behalf of our fellow Christians:

We ask you to forgive us, Lord.

Above the frontiers of language, race and nation, through all our rich difference and diversity:

Unite us, Jesus.

With Christians who are persecuted and in need, with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters across the world and in our midst:

Unite us, Jesus.

Above our ignorance, our prejudices, or any unconscious hostility, through better understanding and ever closer communion:

Unite us, Jesus.

Above our different spiritual and theological traditions, in one spirit, one Bread and one Body:

Unite us, Jesus.

O God, for the increase of your glory:

Gather your scattered people.

O God, for the triumph of good and of truth:

Gather your scattered people.

O God, that there may be but one fold and one Shepherd:

Gather your scattered people.

O God, that justice and peace may finally reign in the world:

Gather your scattered people.

O God, to bring fullness of joy to the heart of your Son:

Gather your scattered people.

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to You for the unity of Christians, according to Your will, according to Your means.

May Your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

From the SCOTTISH PRAYERBOOK

O GOD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all enmity and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where any thing is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make it whole again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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-newman@gmail.com)

St John's Arrafeelie

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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

Tackle something truly great and aim at something high.

You don't know what you can achieve until you really try.

Do not be content to take life's joys and pull no weight.

Man was made for enterprises glorious and great.





Some members of the Sunday Club bringing brightness through the dark days

Despite ongoing restrictions, the Cromarty Sunday Club have managed to meet up on a monthly basis for most of the year. An overall theme in 2021 has been Climate Change and looking after god's creation. We have gone from being a club that met indoors to one that now meets outdoors and we hope to continue that in 2022. It is a popular move with the children and adds a new dimension to storytelling and craftmaking when it is outside.

We usually meet the last Sunday of the month from 3pm until about 5pm depending on what we are up to. We would love to see some new faces, so if you fancy coming along keep an eye out for the posters that go out in the school newsletters, post office and shops or contact Carsten Flieger at carsten@mylittlecampfire.com - all children are welcome!

Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

M Hulse / J Deakin / A Garraway / R McGhee

Sides-men

Ann McGhee and Bill Fraser

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's