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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafeelie: 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 Jesus Christ

is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING : Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear the word of the Lord.

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+ **PSALM 148** (selected verses)

Praise God, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

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Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. **Praise God, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise God, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together. **Praise God, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. **Praise God, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.**

+ **SECOND READING : Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 13:31-35**

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!

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to live as God's Easter people...fearlessly and to the full!

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 our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and for those standing up for justice in Russia and the world over. For a softening of Vladimir Putin's heart and those of his supporters. For peace throughout the world. 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 throughout the Communion as they pray for us today.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Louise S, Janet S, Ross S-Y, Laura S, Rachael W, Cn Graham T, Cn Ian B, 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, Tain; St Finnbar's, Dornoch; St Columba's, Brora; St Maelrubha's, Lairg & St Mary by the Cross, Tongue. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Elaine L & Family as they mourn the passing of her father, Alan. For Jeremy & Julie. For Betty. For Dorothy. For Marina, Val & Families. For Igor, Oleksii & Families. For all preparing for Marriage. For all who are ill in mind, body or spirit. For those joining in worship online. 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 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:

Rejoicing, let us pray to Christ who was buried in the heart of the earth to awake in the light of glory.
– *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for bishops, priests, deacons and all lay ministers: may they be dedicated to their ministry; grant that they may present to you a people ready for every kind of good work.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for those who serve the Church as teachers of the faith: may they always seek your truth with sincerity of heart.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

We pray for all the faithful: may they run the great race, finish the course; let them receive the crown of victory in the kingdom of heaven.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

Lord, you cancelled on the cross our sentence of damnation; free us from the darkness of our sins.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

You descended into hell and opened wide its gates; receive the faithful departed into your Father's house.

– *King of glory, hear us.*

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR



THE WORKS OF MERCY ✠ ✠ FEED THE HUNGRY ✠
CLOTHE THE NAKED ✠ GIVE DRINK TO THE
THIRSTY ✠ VISIT THE IMPRISONED ✠ CARE FOR
THE SICK ✠ BURY THE DEAD ✠ COUNSEL THE
DOUBTFUL ✠ INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT ✠
CORRECT SINNERS ✠ COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
✠ FORGIVE ALL INJURIES ✠ BEAR WRONGS WITH
PATIENCE ✠ PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD



My Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

In this Sunday's Gospel we are brought back to Maundy Thursday and the Upper Room. Jesus gives us the New Commandment – Love one another as I have loved you. To that he adds, “By this everyone will know you are my disciples...if you love one another.” Much food for thought there. There is no room for hate...treating one another without kindness...speaking ill of others...etc etc etc. If we are to be his disciples, love must fill our every word...our every deed.

Next Sunday will be Rogation Sunday and the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be the Rogation Days. In them we pray for all who work and harvest the fruits of land and seas. We are blessed in order to bless. Let's all do our best to be especially generous in our Food-bank and Community Larder support over Rogationtide as an act of gratitude to the Divine Master of every feast.

Hard to believe but those Rogation Days will lead to our celebration of the Lord's Ascension on Thursday the 26th! How time flies!

As I mentioned last week, it would be wonderful to have any who feel called to any of the many lay ministries of the church come forward! We need altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, intercessors, greeters, hospitality providers, sacristans (those who take care of the linens and the regular set up of the sacred vessels for Sunday and mid-week services)... Any questions? Feel you might like to be more involved? Speak to Fr Mel! PLEASE CONSIDER!!

If anyone would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion at home and is comfortable with me coming by in the midst of the current Covid situation, please give me a call – 01381 622 241 and we can set up a time!

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

TUE : Appointments

7:00pm Eucharist – St Regulus'

WED : 10:00am Study Group in Rectory

10:00am Charity Shop

Rector - Prep for Sunday

THU : **10:00am Eucharist – St Andrew's**

FRI : **9:00am Celtic Morning Prayer** (via Zoom. Contact Gillian at AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com for details)

RECTOR DAY OFF 2

SAT : 10:00am Charity Shop

Rector tying up loose ends and prepping for Sunday

SUNDAY 22 MAY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist

9:45am in St Regulus' Fr Val

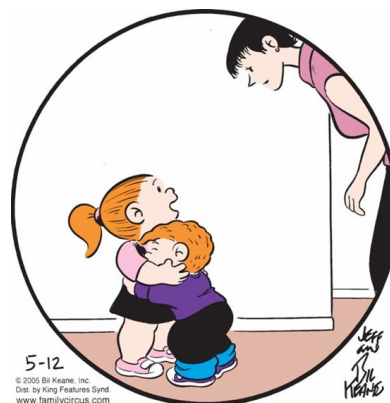
9:45am in St John's with Rev Mel

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

SUNDAY 29 MAY

Will be kept as a Fifth Sunday Celebration

With One Eucharist and a Bring and Share Luncheon in **Saint John's, Arpafeelie**. The celebration will start at **11:00am**



"Look, Mommy! We're pretending to love each other."

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Dear Everyone, thank you all for your continued support and contributions thus far for the shoeboxes.

Our next shoebox wrapping will be on May 27th between 2-4pm at the Seaforth Lodge, Fortrose. Please feel free to attend this immensely enjoyable and rewarding service to those most in need.

This month we would welcome contributions of hairbrushes and combs.
Thanking you in Jesus's name,
Jan Maclennan xxx



**Thank you for the love and joy
you bring to others**

COVID BOOSTER JAB

Re Covid Booster for local Over 75s - just in case you have not heard already - these vaccinations will be available at FORTROSE Leisure Centre, as well as Eastgate Centre, Inverness. From Wednesday 27 April, and fortnightly thereafter, they are BY APPOINTMENT. Valuable for many in our age group who have mobility or transport issues.

If anyone asks for advice, they can only be arranged by, or for, someone who has already got the appointment letter. They must ring the number on the back of the letter (NOT the surgery - it's NHS).

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 Arrafeelie

Sunday 15th May 2022



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**

Thought for today

“For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



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 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.



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

As per rota

Sides-men

As per rota

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's