

**SUNDAY**

**22nd May 2022**

**Rogation**

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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 of Easter 6**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Collect of Rogationtide**

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## FIRST READING : Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

### + PSALM 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

+ **SECOND READING : Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 14:23-29**

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!**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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 of the Province of South East Asia.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Bp Anne, Rev Dr John McNS, Niccolò A, Val C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, 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 our Diocese as they remember us today! For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

## **OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS**

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

My Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Well, here we are! Rogation Sunday and the Rogation Days before Ascension Day are upon us! Let us ask God's blessing upon land and sea and all who labour upon them to provide us with every food need!

If anyone has any seeds or seedlings, etc they might like blessed for planting, bring them on Sunday and it shall be done!

Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>) is **Ascension Day**. Eucharist will be offered, as usual, at 10am (in St Andrew's) that morning and we will sing some of our Feast Day favourites and, perhaps enjoy a cuppa and some tasty treats!

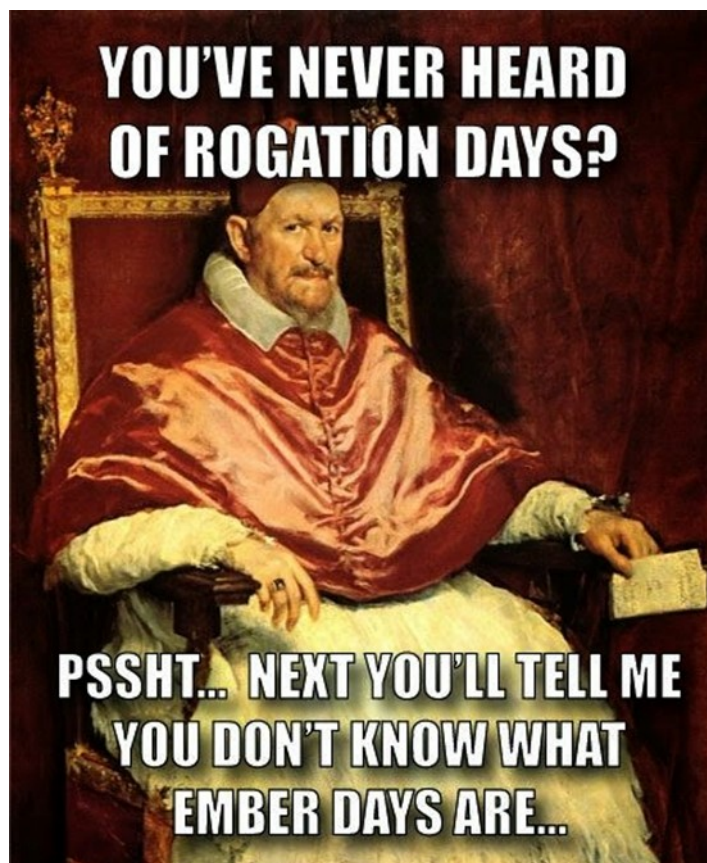
**SUNDAY the 29<sup>th</sup> is a FIFTH SUNDAY!**

**Let's see if we can fill St John's at 11am for a joyful Eucharist and follow it with a Bring and Share Luncheon...and enjoy one another's company!!!!**

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 ASCENSION DAY**

**Eucharist – St Andrew's**

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

RECTOR DAY OFF 2

**SAT** : 10:00am Charity Shop

Rector tying up loose ends and prepping for Sunday

**SUNDAY 29 MAY**

**SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION / EASTER 7**

**The Holy Eucharist**

**11:00am** in St John's , Arpafeelie

Bring and share Luncheon to follow!

COME ONE AND ALL!!!!

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**The Holy Eucharist**

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

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

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

## ***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**

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## **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: [annegillianne-man@gmail.com](mailto:annegillianne-man@gmail.com))



# **St John's Arrafeelie**

**Sunday 22nd 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**

*The positive force of love can create anything good, increase the good things, and change anything negative in your life.*

*Rhonda Byrne*



**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**