

**SUNDAY**  
**29th May 2022**  
**Easter 7**  
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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, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### + FIRST READING : Acts 16:16-34

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### + PSALM 97

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice!**

Hear the word of the Lord.

**+ SECOND READING : Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21**

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 17:20-26**

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!**

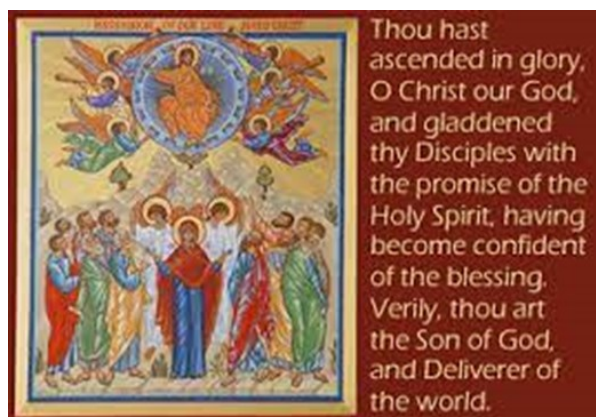
Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me

before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*With the joy of the risen and ascended One, pray with Our Lady and the Apostles for a fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit as we look toward Pentecost!*

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 United Church of South India.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Maureen F, Jackie F, Tim H, Camayo H, Ross J, Blayne P, Ferdinand vonP, Eilidh 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 Trolla at the Crask! 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:*

Blessed be Christ, the Son of God. At the Jordan the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Let us confirm our prayer to him by saying: *– Amen. Amen.*

Lord Jesus, send forth your Holy Spirit to renew the life of the Church and make her radiant with hope. *– Amen. Amen.*

May all the nations praise you as their king and Lord; bring peace to the peoples of your world. *– Amen. Amen.*

Make us generous, make us humble; let us forget our own needs in the service of others. *– Amen. Amen.*

At Pentecost you reversed the disaster of Babel, which divided and confused the family of humankind; through your Holy Spirit let all speak the same language of faith and love. *– Amen. Amen.*

May your Holy Spirit dwell within us to give life to our mortal bodies. *– Amen. Amen.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Glory be to Jesus Christ, our Risen and Ascended Lord!

Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the great Feast of the Ascension...10am in St Andrew's. Join us if you can!

**ON SUNDAY WE WILL GATHER AS A BLACK ISLE FAMILY** at 11am St John's, Arpafeelie...for Eucharist and then a Bring and Share Luncheon. **PLEASE PLAN TO BE PRESENT!!!** It has been so long since we have properly gathered! Let's all make an effort to fill St John's and celebrate together around God's Table...at long last!

Next Friday (3 June) afternoon I will be celebrating a wedding that Covid postponed from the same day in 2020! Several weddings are coming up...all of which had been postponed! Baptisms too!

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 +

## POST SUNDAY EUCHARIST HOSPITALITY AT ST ANDREW'S

Now we are back to having coffee on Sundays it would be great if folk would volunteer to help out on a rota basis. As with all rotas it's easy to swap days if necessary. Any help would be much appreciated. Please tell Joan or Alison. Thank you!



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Online...

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.  
for details)

Contact Gillian at [AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com](mailto:AnneGillianNewman@gmail.com)

Friday Afternoon: Fr Mel Celebrating a Wedding

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

Rector tying up loose ends and prepping for Sunday

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**The Holy Eucharist**

9:45am in St Regulus' with Fr Mel (a Baptism too!)

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

11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev Christine





## ***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 29th May 2022**

Joint Service in St John's—11.00am this Sunday



**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

*You have two hands, so take with one and  
with the other give.*

*That's the way that life works out and that's  
the way to live.*

*What you get and what you give must bal-  
ance up some day.*

*It's give a little, take a little, all along the  
way.*



**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, deo-  
dorant, sugar and toilet roll.

Thanks for all your ongoing generosity.



# Church Rotas

St Andrew's

**Readers & Intercessors**

Joint Service at St John's

**Sides-men**

**Servers**

**Sacristan**

**Flowers**

**Teas**

**Cleaning**

**St John's**