

**SUNDAY**  
**7th August 2022**  
**Pentecost 9**  
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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 has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### + FIRST READING : Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**+ Psalm 33:12-22a**

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.

**Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.**

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!  
The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

**Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.**

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth. He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works. **Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.**

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength. The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

**Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love, To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

**Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us.**

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.

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**+ SECOND READING : Hebrews 11:1-3,8-22**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

## + THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 12:32-40

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to Christ our Saviour!**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**

For our Bishops throughout the world as they prepare to gather for the Lambeth Conference.

**O good and gracious God**, we come with joyful hearts of expectation, offering prayers to you for unity, strength, and great success at the Lambeth Conference. As the bishops of your church gather to seek your direction, to share with each other, and to carry out your will, we pray, dear Lord, that you continue to fill them with the Spirit of love, and that it is manifested in the transformed lives of these shepherds, and the flock to whom they minister. And then, Lord, it is our plea, that the transformed children of your Kingdom would, through missionary zeal, seek to transform others, by your love flowing through us. These mercies we ask, in the name of the one loved us to death; Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for our sisters and brothers of the Province of the West Indies.

### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Tim H, Camayo H, Ross J, Blayne P, Ferdinand vonP, Eilidh P, Helen R, 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 John's, Forres. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

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

For Barbara J. For Jeremy & Julie. For Betty M. 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. 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:

God has established his people in hope. Nothing can break the confidence of those who love him. Let us proclaim:

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

We give you thanks, Lord God, for you have made humankind rich in all wisdom and insight.

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

Lord God, you know the hearts of all rulers: May they work for the good of the people they govern.

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

Lord, you empower humankind to glorify this world with art: make our work live with vision and true hope.

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

You do not allow us to be tempted beyond our limits: strengthen the weak, raise up the fallen.

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

Father, you have promised humanity a share in your Son's resurrection on the last day: remember all who have gone before us on the path to eternal life.

– *Father, our trust is in you.*

*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*



## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

It was so nice to gather in St Andrew's last Sunday for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Eucharist. Great singing...great food...great weather...great fun. I am glad to say I feel better than I did on Sunday...much clearer in the head...but still coughing and still tight chested. It will clear. I would ask your payers for my brother, Allen. He and my sister in law caught Covid at the same time. He spent this past Monday night in the Emergency Room having suffered a relapse...raging fever, etc and struggling to breathe. For him to admit he was ill means he was anxious...he is never ill. Covid is definitely not something to take lightly. Please, continue to be careful.

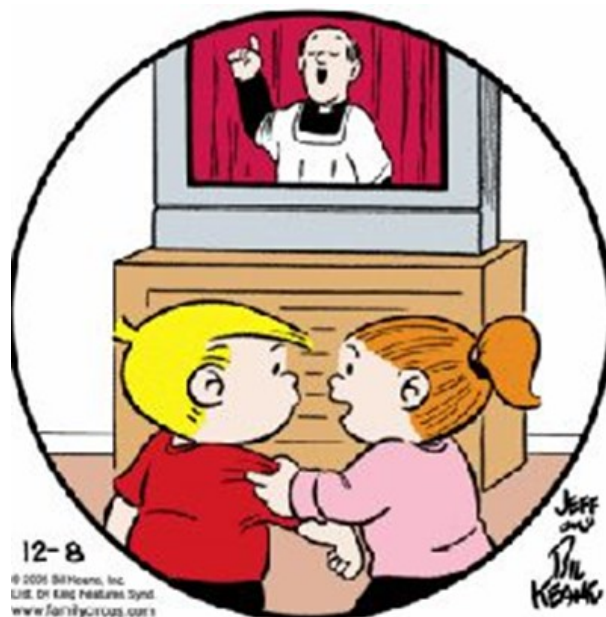
The weather is keeping nice. I do love summer. I have a wedding this coming Saturday and hope the weather does hold. Pray for Allan & Jane as they prepare to tie the knot.

Please keep the **Kyiv Classic Accordion Duo** concert in mind and encourage friends and family to be present. Those who have heard them before will know they are amazing. It is a good opportunity to show our support for Ukraine and her people. Admission is free, as always. But DONATIONS are welcome...£7 is suggested...more is always welcome!! There will be refreshments during the interval...wine, etc included...so walking to and from might be wise!!!

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 +



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**"Hear that? People in heaven have  
ever-laughing life."**

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Online...

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Rector tying up loose ends and prepping for Sunday

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##### **The Holy Eucharist**

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

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

## **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](mailto:annegillianewman@gmail.com))



# St John's Arpafeelie

Sunday 7th August



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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**

*Thought for today*

*Grief is the price we pay for love*

*Queen Elizabeth II*



**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**

S A Jackson / A Garraway / M Hulse / B Cran

### **Sides-men**

Ann McGhee

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**