# SUNDAY 14th August 2022 Pentecost 10 SC010781

## 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 broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### + FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? Hear the word of the Lord.

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God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked?

#### Arise, O God, and rule the earth!

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked. Arise, O God, and rule the earth!

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Arise, O God, and rule the earth!

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth!

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

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#### + SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### + THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

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, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!** 

## EILEAN DUBH CARE HOME SERVICE PIANIST NEEDED

for Sunday 28 August 2:15pm when we will take the service....

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTOR

#### 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**

Pray for the peace and unity of the Church. Pray for our sisters and brothers of the Extra-Provincial Churches of the Communion.

#### **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Roberta R, Louise S, Janet S, Ross S-Y, Layra S, Rachael W, Cn Graham T, 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, Rothiemurchus & St Columba's Grantown on Spey. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland.

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

For Marjorie T. For a special intention. For Brian O. 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 is ever creative. His love renews all things and is the source of our hope. Let us turn to him in confidence: -Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We give thanks for the order of created things: you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human life. -Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We give thanks for humankind's share in your continuing work of creation: we praise you for your gifts to us of inventive skill and creative vision.

- Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We pray for all the nations of the world: may those in authority work for peace and goodwill among all peoples. -Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

We pray for all who are homeless today: we pray for families searching for a place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland. -Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

Life was your first gift to us: may those who have died come to its fullness in you.

- Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

#### A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

The wedding on Saturday past was wonderful...filled with much joy, great piping, great clarsach playing, great singing (Gaelic and English) and much peace! And the weather cleared up too!

I am pleased to report that we will have a student (preparing for priesthood) with us over the coming months. I have been asked to let them join us here in our Joint-Charge and have told the Bishop and the Provincial Authorities that they will be as welcome as the flowers of spring. You may not be aware but I also act as spiritual director / anam cara to a couple of students and colleagues.

Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> will be a big day for us! It is the Feast that celebrates the Virgin Mary's entrance into her Son's Promises and we will celebrate the Eucharist of the Feast at 10am in St Andrew's.

Monday will also see our dear friends Igor and Oleksii visit from Kyiv, Ukraine. I, and I know others, have missed them over the past couple of years. And we have kept them and their families in our prayers with all that Putin and his supporters has been doing to them. The Lads will be performing at 7:30pm in St Andrew's PLEASE COME and bring your friends! And let's all be as generous as we can in our donations...and show our love and support for the Chernobyl survivors as well as those who are suffering hardship because of the war. 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 +

St Andrew's

**7:30pm on Monday 15 August 2022** 

BE THERE!
BRING FRIENDS!



#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Online...

Daily Morning Prayer (8:30am – 8am on Sundays)

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

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KYIV CLASSIC ACCORDION DUO

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Rector tying up loose ends and prepping for Sunday

#### **SUNDAY 21 AUGUST**

#### **ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

#### The Holy Eucharist

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

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev Christine

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: annegilliannew-

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## **SHOEBOX**



## **APPEAL**



Dear Everyone,

Our next meetings of the Merry Blythswood Box wrappers will be on August 19th and 26th.

We hold these meetings at the Seaforth Lodge, Fortrose between 2- 4pm and we have a break for refreshments!!

We will soon start the filling process provided we can find the sweets that have expiry dates past April 23!!

This month we would welcome donations of sewing needles, pins, threads, tape measures, thimbles, safety pins and household candles.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Thanking you in Jesus's name, Jan Maclennan

#### **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

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.

Muhammad Ali



## 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.



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St John's

#### **Toxic Occupation**

#### Israel and the Ecological Degradation of Palestine

1.00 - 4.00 pm

Sunday 14th August

St Regulus Church

#### Cromarty

This timely exhibition of work by Palestinian photographers focuses on the ways in which the State of Israel has devastated the Palestinian environment over its 70-odd years of colonisation and militarisation.

Israel has fought several wars to seize control of the region's water resources, leaving Palestinians with access to just over 10% of available water. Israel's management and exploitation of the principal surface water systems, as well as the aquifers, exacerbated by inappropriate forms of urbanism, land use and agriculture, has left water resources across the region depleted and degraded, an impending ecological disaster.

Keren Kayemet L'Israel has spent decades damaging the unique Mediterranean scrubland ecosystem by planting forests of non-native tree species as part of its programme to demolish and erase all traces of Palestinian villages. Summer-time forest fires are becoming an increasingly common occurrence.

Ten years ago *Friends of the Earth International* reported evidence of the deliberate or negligent pollution of Palestinian agricultural land, towns and villages by Israel: Israeli industrial sites across the occupied Palestinian Territories with little or no controls on emissions; untreated sewage piped onto open land and into streams; waste mounds from decades of uncontrolled dumping; the destruction of trees, including ancient olive groves.

Despite this ongoing environmental catastrophe the Palestinian people continue to hold on tenaciously to the lands their communities have cultivated and tended for centuries.

This event will feature a talk and discussion at 1.30 pm led by Eurig Scandrett, prominent environmental activist, one of the authors of the FoEI report, 'Environmental Nakba', and a member of an SPSC fact-finding mission that visited Gaza in 2016.

Entry to the exhibition is free.

