

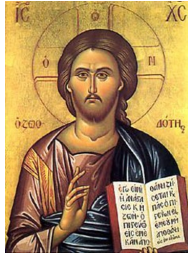
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28th August 2022
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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: 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

(Saint John's & Saint Regulus')

Collect

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, O Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING : Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ PSALM 112:1-9

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and have great delight in his commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. **Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord!**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord!

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord!

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord!

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord!

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

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+ SECOND READING : Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

◆ **THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 14:1,7-14**

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!

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(St Andrew's)

Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate, each year, the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ FIRST READING : Genesis 28:11-18

He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ PSALM 122

May Peace be within your walls.

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I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

May Peace be within your walls.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

May Peace be within your walls.

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

May Peace be within your walls.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my sisters, brothers and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

May Peace be within your walls.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

May Peace be within your walls.

+ SECOND READING : 1 Peter 2:1-10

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like new born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL : John 10:22-29

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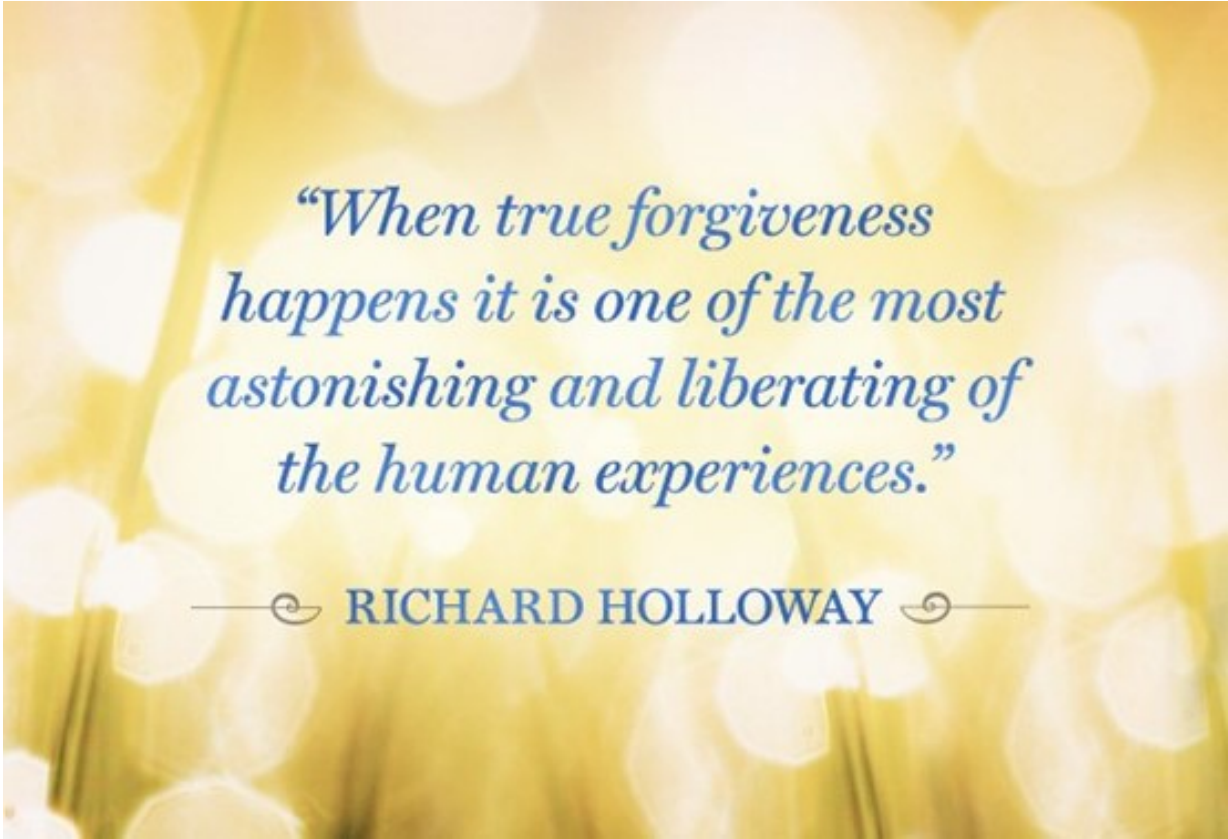
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At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

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*“When true forgiveness
happens it is one of the most
astonishing and liberating of
the human experiences.”*

— RICHARD HOLLOWAY —

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 Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Jamie C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, Maureen F, Jackies F, Robert G, 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 Cathedral, Inverness. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland (Note the change in the name of the Diocese!).

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:

The following are two prayers found in our Scottish Prayerbook...

FOR OUR JOINT CHARGE

O GOD the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, sanctify this Joint-Charge by thine abiding presence. Bless those who minister in holy things. Enlighten the minds of thy people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of ' God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. Give patience to the sick and afflicted, and make their sufferings it blessing to them. Guard from forgetfulness of thee, those who are strong and prosperous; and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. Amen.

A GENERAL INTERCESSION

BE mindful, O Lord, of thy people bowed before thee, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to thy fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Succour all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us, and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And those whom we have forgotten, do thou O Lord remember. For thou art the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. Thou, who knowest each man's need, and hast heard his prayer, grant unto each according to thy merciful loving-kindness and thy eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Well it has been one very strenuous and tear-filled week with three funerals and a fourth burial service. Two of them were suicides...heart-breaking. In my 21 years of serving the Church in Nova Scotia I never had one suicide....and in my 19 years here – 23 and every one of them a young person filled to over-flowing with promise. What can we do to change this? What is it about our Highland culture/life? Why can't we really talk about this? Support one another and not judge?

August 25 marked the 113th Anniversary of the Consecration of Saint Andrew's in 1909. It is traditional to mark the anniversary by celebrating the Feast of Dedication which we will do this coming Sunday...hence the readings, etc for Saint Andrew's being different from those at Saint John's and Saint Regulus'.

This Sunday will also see our Joint-Charge lead its first service in the Eilean Dubh Care Home in Fortrose. This will be a monthly event and will take place at 2:15pm the 4th Sunday of each month. EVERYONE is WELCOME! Thanks to Ali B for offering to play the piano...and to the St Andrew's Choir Members for planning to join us!!

Vestry, Mission & Ministry and Ministry Team members, please mark your calendars for Wednesday 7 September when we will meet to discuss our Bishop's challenge to develop a 5 year plan for our Joint-Charge!!!! It will be in the St Duthac Centre at 7:00pm that evening!!!

Janet Spence will be ordained a Deacon on 25 September in Edinburgh. Some of us are planning to be there to join in celebrating the event. If you are interested, let Fr Mel know! Please keep her and the others, mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter, in your prayers!

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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Online...

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Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

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SUNDAY 4 September

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Black Isle Charge

CAR BOOT

SALE

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

10.30 - 12.30

TO RESERVE A SPACE—CONTACT ANN MCGHEE

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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

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**St. Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church, Fortrose
Additional Choir Members**

Earlier this year a small choir was formed consisting mostly of members of the congregation. Our principal aim is to support the weekly Sunday 1130h service. Now that we have found our feet and got to know each others' voices and capabilities we have started to enhance our programme a little and have provided additional music at special services.

We hope to grow further and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Our usual choir practises take place in the church on Saturdays at 1315h for about 45 minutes and on Sundays at 1100h just prior to the service.

Please contact Diana Hamilton-Jones if you would like further information or would like to join us. We look forward to welcoming you to our choir! (dchj@pm.me)

SHOEBOX



APPEAL



Dear Everyone,

Our next meetings of the Merry Blythwood Box wrappers will be on August 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

Thank you for your friendship.

It has meant so much to me.

Thank you for your understanding, love and sympathy.

You have helped and guided me through many an anxious day.

How different life would be if you had never come my 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, deodorant, sugar and toilet roll.

Thanks for all your ongoing generosity.



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

Readers & Intercessors

R McGhee / J MacLennan / L MacDonell / A Garraway

Sides-men

Ann McGhee

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's