

**SUNDAY**  
**11th September 2022**  
**Pentecost 14**  
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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 call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### + FIRST READING : Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

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**+ PSALM 51:1-4, 7-11**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

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For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

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◆ **SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## + THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 15:1-10

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!**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

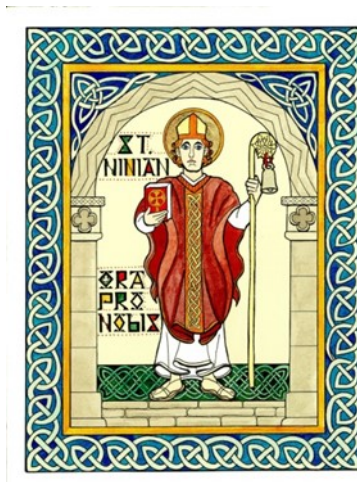
So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord!**

## THE SAINTS THIS WEEK



### **Saint Ninian of Whithorn (16 September)**

Ninian was born in about the year 360 and was the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who had himself converted to Christianity. It seems he visited Rome in his youth, where he received training in the faith. He was consecrated bishop in the year 394 and returned to Britain, where he set up a community of monks at Candida Casa from where they went out on missionary journeys as far as Perth and Sterling. Ninian died in about the year 432.

## **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 sister in Pakistan and all affected by the flooding. 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 of Bangladesh.

## **OUR DIOCESE**

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Helen R, Ross S-Y, Layra S, Stuart T, Cn Graham T, Cn Ian B, Bp Anne D, 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 Courthill Chapel, Kishorn / St Nonan's, Lochalsh / All Saints' Mission, Kinlochewe. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland.

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

For Marjorie T. For Brian O. For Barbara J. For Jeremy & Julie P. For Betty M. For Dorothy W. 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:*

I may have faith strong enough to move mountains: but if I have no love, I am nothing. With this in mind we pray:

*– Lord, grant us your love.*

Lord, sustain us as we build and grow towards you: increase our faith as we work.

*– Lord, grant us your love.*

We are assailed by doubts, and weighed down by uncertainties, release our hearts, to journey towards you with hope.

*– Lord, grant us your love.*

Love keeps no score of wrong, and does not gloat over evil: help us to delight in the truth, and rejoice in your gifts to others.

*– Lord, grant us your love.*

Confirm the pilgrim Church in the faith of the apostles: help us to encourage each other, sharing our gifts.

*– Lord, grant us your love.*

Bring those who have died in your peace to that knowledge which fulfils faith and answers hope, grant them the fullness of your love.

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*Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.*

## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Well, a busy week is shaping up. This (Tuesday) morning (via Zoom meeting) I met with The Rev'd Grace Siromony and Laura Symon who is studying for ordination. I am pleased to report that Laura will be with us over the coming year as part of her discernment and training. The Scottish Episcopal Institute requires her to spend 50 hours with us to learn how we do things and to learn about various aspects of ministry. 50 hours is not a lot of time...so we will have to make sure it is well spent! She will be with me in St John's and St Andrew's on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September if all works to plan.

While still on the topic of those preparing for ordination, let us offer congratulations to Stuart Thomson of St Regulus' who has also commenced studies for the Diocese of St Andrew's, Dunkeld & Dunblane wherein he inspires young people at Glenalmond College.

And, of course, our own dear Janet Spence will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 25 September in Edinburgh. Rev Christine and Lay reader Patsy will hold the fort to allow me to be present for the blessed event to which I look very much forward. Terry Fraser will have the honour of being one of her presenters!

On Wednesday evening we had a joint meeting of Vestry, Mission & Ministry Committee and our Ministry Team to discuss the way forward with regard to Bishop Mark's challenge to the Diocese at Synod to develop a FIVE YEAR PLAN for our Joint Charge. It was a very positive meeting with good representation from all three of our congregations and a strong sense of the Spirit's presence. We have much to do...and we all need the Spirit's enthusiasm to do it...but great things are happening! More to come!

Thursday morning we celebrated the Birthday of the Virgin Mary at the regular 10am celebration of the Eucharist. It was wonderful to have Fr Simon Scott (Priest in Charge of some of our Sutherland congregations) as our guest preacher. Plans are in place for us to have an Advent Quiet Day!

**WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUP...will resume this coming Wednesday...but, for the month of September, at 1:30pm rather than 10am. PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE.**

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...

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

Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

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**Reserved Sacrament Service**

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**Evensong**

6:30pm in St Andrew’s

## **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 Arpafeelie

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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](mailto:dchj@pm.me) )

# SHOEBOX



# APPEAL

Dear Everyone,

The meetings for our merry band of shoebox wrappers and fillers will now be weekly on Fridays between 2 - 4pm at the Seaforth Lodge, Fortrose. This will continue till the end of October, when they will be collected by Blythswood.

Please feel free to join our happy and welcoming group where instructions will be offered to wrap both ordinary & hinged boxes.

The exciting and fun time of filling will soon begin when we have enough essentials to put in them.

This month we would be very grateful for donations of hats, scarves & gloves which must all be new, and small toys which must have the CE label on them.

Our craft group is nearing completion of beautiful sewing kits for the Ladies & I will post photos when finished. Next we're going to make scarves out of new 'throws', warm and cosy fleece type.

I look forward to seeing you.

Thanking you in anticipation and in Jesus's name

Jan MacLennan



## COLOURFUL BOOK FEEDS CURIOSITY OF BOY LEARNING TO READ

**"I want you to read me this story!"**

Eight-year-old Krasimir is in the second grade at school and cannot yet read for himself. But curiosity is a powerful motive to learn and soon he persuades an older sister to read him the colourful book which he discovered in his Blythswood shoebox.

The age-old story of Sarah and Abraham is as relevant to the Roma community in central Bulgaria as it is to family life anywhere. When Abraham's faith is tested, God provides a ram to take the place of Isaac, pointing to the coming of Jesus, God's sacrifice for the sins of the world. Each year Blythswood provides a Bible story book for children, a booklet of Christian testimony for teenagers or a calendar with Bible verses for adults. In 2022 the book for children is the story of Samson, while the teens' booklet tells the story of Oana, a young Romanian who became a Christian.

Home for Krasimir is one small room which he shares with his parents and his six brothers and sisters. For families like his, every item in a Blythswood shoebox is useful and appreciated.

*Krasimir with his shoebox: home is one small room shared by nine people*



## SOMETHING NEW TAKES VILLAGE CHILDREN BY SURPRISE

**Six-year-old Masha and her brother who is eight seldom get anything new. So it was a great surprise when, on the road outside their village home in northeast Moldova, they were each presented with a box full of gifts.**

"The family lives in very poor conditions," says shoebox distributor Valentina Feodorova who makes a special effort to reach some of the poorest people in her country with your gifts. "Their father is a heavy drinker who doesn't work and their mother is having a hard time. "When we gave Christmas presents to the children they were very happy, because they had never had such toys. Thank you so much for your care for them."

**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**

*If you make listening and observation your  
occupation, you will gain much more than  
you can by talk.*



**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**

**D Hamilton-Jones / J MacLennan / L MacDonell / H Ireland**

### **Sides-men**

Bill Fraser

### **Servers**

### **Sacristan**

### **Flowers**

### **Teas**

### **Cleaning**

## **St John's**