

SUNDAY
18th September 2022
Pentecost 15
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The Scottish Episcopal Church

St John's, Arpafelie: 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, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 : Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds

Hear the word of the Lord.

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+ Psalm 113

Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

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Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the Name of the LORD. Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the Name of the LORD be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

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He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people. He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

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+ SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 16:1-13

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 the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!

THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Adomnán of Iona (23 September)

Adomnán of Iona, also known as Saint Adomnán or Adamnan, lived from 627 or 628 to (probably) 23 September 704. He was the Abbot of Iona from 679 to 704, and is best known as the author of *Life of Columba* and the promoter of the hugely influential *Law of Adomnán*. Adomnán was a descendant of a cousin of Saint Columba, Colmán mac Sétna. He is thought to have been born into a noble family in what is now County Donegal in Ireland, probably as a younger son. Some historians believe he attained his obviously high level of education studying at Durrow Abbey, one of Ireland's most important early Christian monasteries. The truth is that little is known for certain: merely that he became a monk at a Columban monastery in Ireland in about 640, and then, at some later point, transferred to Iona Abbey. Opinions again differ about the date of his move to Iona, ranging from about 650, during the abbacy of Ségéne, to about 670, after the accession of Abbot Failbe.



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 Igreja Episcopal do Brasil (Episcopal Church of Brasil).

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Dr John McH S, Jamie C, Godwin C, Tony C, Patricia E, Maureen F, Jackie F, 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 Peter & Holy Rood, Thurso; St John the Evangelist, Wick; Freswick Castle Chapel. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For Laura S as she joins us as part of her preparing for ordination. For Janet S as she prepares to be ordained Deacon next Sunday. For Stuart T & all studying for ordination & readership. 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:

God our Father has bound himself to us in an everlasting covenant. In thankfulness and faith, we pray to him:

– Lord, bless your people!

In Christ you have given a new covenant to your people: may all know the greatness which they have inherited.

– Lord, bless your people!

Gather into one all who bear the name of Christian, that the world may believe in the Christ you have sent.

– Lord, bless your people!

Pour out your love on our friends, and on all whom we know; may they carry with them the gentleness of Christ.

– Lord, bless your people!

Comfort the dying; may they know your saving love.

– Lord, bless your people!

Show your mercy to the dead; may they find their rest in Christ.

– Lord, bless your people!

Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

A PRAYER for use on the DEATH of the MONARCH

Almighty and eternal God, you uphold and govern all things both in heaven and on earth, and by your grace alone kings and queens do reign. We thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us through our late sovereign lady, Queen Elizabeth, whom you have called from this life in recent days. We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace, for the care and devotion with which she served her people, for the example of her gracious life. We pray that you would fill our hearts with gratitude for all these good things, and give us grace that we may use the memory of them as a perpetual call to live according to your will, for the good of all the world, and the glory of your great name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER for the REPOSE of the DECEASED MONARCH

Eternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Shed forth upon your faithful servant, Queen Elizabeth, the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort; And grant that she, and we with her, may at length enter into the joys of your eternal kingdom; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER for the ACCESSION of HIS MAJESTY, KING CHARLES III

O God, you govern your people by your creative love: we hold before you your servant Charles, our King, praying that, guided by your Spirit, under him this nation may be wisely and justly governed, and your Church proclaim your Gospel in peace; may he be dedicated to you in heart, and mind, and soul, persevering in good works to the end, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

So very much has happened over the past week...

Deep sadness filled the nations of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the world upon the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. Some of us gathered on Friday morning in St Andrew's to offer a Requiem for her peaceful repose and we again remembered her on Sunday as well as offering prayers for King Charles III. For many of us it was strange to sing God Save the King for the first time. So much has been covered on the television and the service from St Giles' was beautiful and so reverent. Wasn't it good to see our dear Bishop having a part in that celebration. We continue to pray and to remember a life that has touched us all over these past 70 years.

On Tuesday I got the call to Raigmore Hospital where our dear Betty Marshall was nearing the end of this life. I had the honour of administering Last Rites and earlier this (Wednesday) evening I got word that she has entered the Fullness of Life. Pray for her and her loved ones. Funeral details will follow.

This Sunday St John's and St Andrew's will have the pleasure of meeting Ms Laura Symon who is preparing for ordination. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, she will be working with us this year as part of her training. Please keep her in your good prayers.

On Sunday the 2nd of October we will be marking the Season of Creation and that afternoon the annual **BLESSING OF PETS and ANIMALS** will take place at the Munlochy Animal Aid Centre. Please plan to join us for this brief service. Bring friends...human or animal...and donations toward the fine work of the Centre.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING will be kept on Sunday the 9th of October. Donations of fresh fruit and veg will be especially welcome and I have made arrangements for it to go to the Eilean Dubh Care Home. Other donations of the usual Food-bank goods are also most welcome. Lets see if we can all really celebrate our many blessings this year and express it with generosity toward those in need.

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 +

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Online...

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Daily Evening Prayer (6:00pm)

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(Fr Mel attending Janet’s ordination in Edinburgh)

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Evensong

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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: annegillianne-newman@gmail.com)

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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)

CHURCH CLEANERS — St Andrew's

Volunteers are required to assist in the cleaning of St Andrews. At present there are only two volunteers left on the rota - if you can assist, please contact Ann McGhee on 01831 620110



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 Blythwood.

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 Blythwood 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 Blythwood 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 Blythwood 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**



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.

Thought for today

If you want to be the best, you have to do things that other people aren't willing to do.



Church Rotas

St Andrew's

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L MacDonell / A Garraway / D Hamilton-Jones / J Deakin

Sides-men

Ann McGhee

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

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