

SUNDAY
25th September 2022
Pentecost 16
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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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through 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 8:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

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Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

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+ SECOND READING : 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL : Luke 16:19-31

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, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Give thanks to the Lord for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord!

Saint Vincent de Paul (27 September)

Born in 1581 at Ranquine in Gascony, Vincent was educated by the Franciscans and was ordained at the age of nineteen. He was something of a token priest until his conversion in 1609, when he resolved to devote himself and all he owned to works of charity. He founded communities for men and, with Louise de Marillac, helped to begin the Sisters of Charity, the first community of women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to caring for the poor and sick. Vincent worked for the relief of galley slaves, victims of war, convicts and many other groups of needy people. He became a legend in his own lifetime and died on this day in the year 1660.



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 Anglican Church of Burindi.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. Robert G, Enza G, Tim H, Camayo H, Anne Macd, Blayne P, Ferdinand vonP, 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 Paul's, Strathnairn. For our sister Dioceses of Quebec, Canada & Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For the soul of Betty Marshall and for all who mourn her passing. For the soul of Ruth Elizabeth MacGregor and all who mourn her passing. For Janet S as she prepares to be ordained Deacon this Sunday in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. For Laura S, Stuart T & all studying for ordination & readership. For Marjorie T. For Brian O. For Barbara J. For Jeremy & Julie P. 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 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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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)

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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 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

“The struggle you’re in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. Don’t give up.”

– Robert Tew



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 / H Ireland / J Deakin / A Garraway

Sides-men

Ann McGhee

Servers

Sacristan

Flowers

Teas

Cleaning

St John's