

Lent 2
25th February 2024



The Scottish Episcopal Church on the Black Isle
Eaglais Easbaigeach na h-Alba san Eilean Dubh

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Sunday 25th February 2024

Lent 2

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9:45am in St John's with Rev. Christine

11:30am in St Andrew's with Rev. Ellie

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9:45am in St Regulus' with LR Pat

(Readings: Gen17.1-7,15-16, Ps 22.22-30. Ro 4.13-25. Mk 8.31-38.)

+PSALM: 22. 22-30

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

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Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: "May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him. For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (26- 2 March)

MON:

TUE: 8:00pm On-line Lent Course

WED: 9:00am Celtic Morning Prayer :- to join either, please contact annegillianewman@gmail.com for the relevant Zoom link

10:00am Charity Shop

10:00am Bible Study

THU: 10:30am Service in St Andrew's

FRI: 12 noon Stations of the Cross in St Andrew's

(Followed by soup lunch in aid of Blythswood Boxes at Rev. Christine's)

SAT: 10:00am Charity Shop

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Lent 3

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9:45am in St Regulus' with Rev. Christine

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9:45am in St John's with Ann & Jean

11:30am in St Andrew's with Alison & Joan

(Readings: Ex 20.1-17. Ps 19. 1 C 1.18-25. Jn 2. 13-22)

PRAYER REQUESTS

For grace to be Jesus' hands, feet, voice, eyes, and heart in the world...that we may all **LIVE** and **Be** the **GOOD NEWS**.

OUR WORLD

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 The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For all who are studying for Ordination or Readership. For their instructors & all who support them. For Mark, our Bishop, and all priests, lay readers and eucharistic ministers, helping to maintain our cycle of worship during the interregnum. We pray for St. John, Inverness: Interim Priest: Grace Siromony & we pray for our sister Dioceses of Québec, Canada & Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Ireland.

OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY FAMILY & FRIENDS

For our three congregations, those who can join us in public worship and those joining us in spirit at home. For the Eilean Dubh care home & all care homes and for our church members who are living in them. For Laura S, Stuart T & all studying for ordination & readership. For Igor, Oleksii & Families. For all who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. Pray for our Granny in Guatemala: Santos De La Cruz Mendez. For all we know to need our prayers.

A DAILY PRAYER for the WEEK

Spend a moment in silence and call to mind any concerns... then pray:

Let us pray earnestly to Christ the Lord. He tells us to watch and pray that we may not fall into temptation.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

Lord Jesus, you promised to be with those who are gathered in your name; keep us united with you as we pray to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

Cleanse your church from every stain of sin; make her alive with hope and the power of the Spirit.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

Help us to care for our neighbour and show your love for people: through us let the light of your salvation shine in the world.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

Let your peace spread to the ends of the earth; let all people see in every place the signs of your presence.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

Bring all who have died to everlasting happiness; let glory and immortal life be theirs.

-Hear us Lord and have mercy

In a moment of silence, call to mind the concerns of your own heart with those listed above and lift them up to God. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

ONLINE LENT COURSE

This year's on-line Lent course will run on Tuesdays until 19th March 8-9pm on Zoom. It will be based on 'Jesus Stands Before Pilate' (John 18,19) from the Mapping the Gospels series by Susannah Gunner.

Week 1: "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

A weak excuse then to anti-semitism now.

Week 2: "So you are a king?"

Two different images of kingship face each other.

Week 3: "What is Truth?"

A deeply relevant question in a post-truth society.

Week 4: 'Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.'

Thoughts on torture then and now.

Week 5: "Behold the man!"

Said in derision but with eternal significance.

To join please contact

annegillianneyman@gmail.com for the relevant Zoom link.

LENT & EASTER SERVICES

+ Mark has now confirmed the clergy rota for Lent and confirmed that there will be an Easter service in each of the 3 churches on 31st March (it would normally be a 5th Sunday).

Services during Holy Week will be confirmed in due course.

JOINT PRAYER MEETING FOR THE BLACK ISLE CHARGE



The next prayer meeting will be on **4th March** at 7pm at Rev. Christine's house.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (& Blythwood fundraiser)

We will walk the Stations of the Cross **every Friday in Lent at 12.00 noon in St Andrew's** - followed by a soup lunch at Rev Christine's house. The lunch is a fund-raiser for our Blythwood Christmas Shoebox project. Everyone welcome. **If only coming for lunch - about 12.45pm.**



AN IDEA FOR ACTION IN LENT

Forty Days - Forty Items

Wednesday 14th February is the first day of Lent.

We have a challenge for you!

Each day of Lent remove 1 item from your wardrobe that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag.

At the end of the forty days donate this bag to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them.

OPERATION SHOEBOX APPEAL

How would you like to join us, wrapping boxes for the Blythwood Christmas Shoebox appeal? We meet in the Seaforth Lodge at Fortrose and within two hours, have a lot of fun whilst wrapping the shoeboxes in such lovely, jolly, festive paper. We have kindly been given a lot of wrapping paper from Fortrose Post

Office, but if you have any spare, that would be good to bring along too.

I supply the sellotape, and scissors, and if you'd like to learn how to wrap hinged boxes, I have clothes pegs too! We are a very friendly bunch, and have refreshments and cakes/biscuits at 3pm too. Our next meeting will take place on the Friday 23rd February. If you are ever near a shoe shop, and could collect a few boxes, that would be amazing. This month, we would welcome donations of bars of soap. I look forward to seeing you there. God Bless, and thank you.

Jan Maclellan

CHURCH WALK

Postponed from 18th January (snow), our annual walk between St John's Arpafeelie and Killearnan Church of Scotland will now take place on **Thurs 29th February**. We start at St John's at 2pm with a hymn and prayer and then walk to Killearnan where, after a cup of tea, those who left their cars at St John's will get a lift back to collect their vehicles.

RECRUITMENT OF RECTOR

The Vestry met last week and we are now advertising for a new Rector. The advert is below and will be in the Church Times and on the Scottish Episcopal website from later this week. Please hold us, and any interested parties, in your prayers as we move forward & if you know of someone who might be interested do send them a copy of the advert.



SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE DIOCESE OF MORAY, ROSS, & CAITHNESS



Black Isle Charge

RECTOR

Will you come and share in our vision to develop and grow in faith as we worship, share together in fellowship and reach out into our communities?

The Bishop and Vestry are looking to appoint a Rector for this Charge in Rural Ross-shire.

The Charge consists of three congregations spread along the Black Isle with the Rectory situated in the centre at Fortrose.

The Rector will be working with small but dedicated congregations, committed to the maintenance and development of the Episcopal presence in the Highlands of Scotland.

Applicants must be a priest of the Anglican Communion or of a church in full communion with the Scottish Episcopal Church. Enhanced disclosure will be required.

Closing date for applications: 22nd March 2024

Those interested are invited to contact the Bishop
(bishop@moray.anglican.org) for further information.


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FROM BLYTHSWOOD FOODBANK

See the poster for preferred donations for February.

For the more IT savvy, there is now an App which can tell you in 'real time' which donations are needed urgently. It will also link you to your nearest food drop off point. This is the weblink for further information.

<http://www.bankthefood.org/whatisbankthefood/>



can you help?

Items we're shorter of
Jan/Feb 2024


- Cartons of long life juice
- Diluting juice (small)
- Teabags
- Jars of instant coffee
- Oatcakes/crackers
- Tins of ham/corned beef
- UHT milk
- Shower gel
- Deodorant

Emergency Food for local people in crisis.

Please donate an item or two from the list

Thank You!

01463 717630
foodbank.admin@blythswood.org
Registered Charity in Scotland 048001
Company Number 583493



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's theme is Palestine, and our service will be at St Regulus at **3pm on Friday 1st March**. Further information can be found at <http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk> or locally, from Helen Robinson.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

A reminder to send any information you want included to me by email by **noon on Tuesday each week**. For the FB page, information about St Regulus' activities should go to Stuart Thomson, St Andrew's, to Alison Garraway & St John's to me.

If anyone is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or simply a visit, please contact a member of the Ministry team of your local church who will be happy to arrange.

Jean (jeanmedavis@gmail.com)