

ADVENT 1
1st December 2024



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

Charity Number SC010781

St Regulus' Cromarty + St John's, Arpafeelie + St Andrew's,
Fortrose

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A wee reminder for each church to contact their rota'd presider ahead of the service and if there are any issues to contact our Interim Rector +Mark.

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent 1

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9.45am in St Regulus with Revs Ruth & Peter Walker

11.30am in St Andrew's with Rev. Christine

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9.45am in St John's with Ann & Isla

(Readings. Jer 33.14-16, Ps 25.1-10, 1 Th 3.9-13, Lk 21.25-36)

WEEK AT A GLANCE 2nd Dec – 7th Dec)

MON: 7pm Joint Prayer Meeting

TUE:

WED: 9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer (Online)

10.00am Bible Study

10:00am Charity Shop

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

FRI:

SAT: 10:00am Charity Shop

Sunday 8th December 2024

Advent 2

THE HOLY EUCHARIST at St Andrews to be followed by Annual General Meeting

11.00am in St Andrew's with Rev. Christine

To be followed by the Charge AGM

(Readings. Mal 3.1-4 Canticle: Lk 1.68-79 Phil 1.3-11

Lk 3.1-6)

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS ONLY ONE SERVICE IN THE CHARGE ON 8TH DECEMBER & PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME OF 11AM

+PSALM: 25. 1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your Name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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 and for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

OUR DIOCESE

For our brothers & sisters in the Porvoo Communion of Churches. For Stuart T & 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 the congregation of St. Maelrhubha, Poolewe; Heather Widdows. & 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 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.

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER

Celtic morning prayer takes place every Wednesday morning at 9am via Zoom for about 30 mins. To add your name, contact Gillian Newman. annegillianneyman@gmail.com

ADVENT COURSE

This year rather than selecting a book the Wednesday morning bible study group will be following the Church in Wales Advent Course online. For anyone interested who may want to study at home, here is the link.

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/evangelism/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-course-2024/>

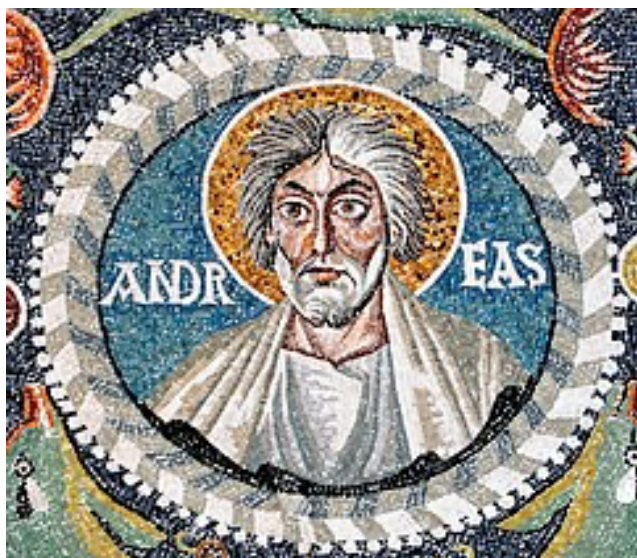
For those in Cromarty. St Regulus are offering a discussion group on Monday evenings.

NORTH KESSECK COMMUNITY MARKET

St John's have a table at the community market on 30th November from 10-12:30 at North Kessock Hall. Please pop along and say hello. There may be home baking for sale! 😊

FEAST OF ST ANDREW

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Nov 30th for the feast of St Andrew in St Andrew's, Fortrose, at 7.00pm followed by a social gathering at Chapter Cottage (drinks and nibbles). Everyone welcome, no need to book.



Andrew the Apostle, detail of the mosaic in the [Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna](#), 6th century

NOMINATE A CHARITY

I have been asked to include this in the newsletter. It is a charitable prize draw supported by Ecclesiastical Insurance. There are a number of prize draws in December for a possible £1000. I have nominated The Black Isle Charge (Charity Number SC010781). You may wish to do so also (or nominate another charity of your choice). Just click on or paste the link for further details.

<https://secure.campaigner.com/csb/Public/show/ggno-57gv8--hgh5-2maspc9>

or, if we are your choice, click here to nominate The Black Isle Charge.

<https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=SC010781&ct=church#nominateACharity>

The first draw takes place on December 5th and the last on December 20th with 10 charities drawn every weekday.

Nominations are open until 23:59 on December 19th 2024.

JOINT PRAYER MEETING FOR THE BLACK ISLE CHARGE



The next prayer meeting will be on 2nd December at 7pm at Christine's house

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

 **BLACK ISLE CHARGE –
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Black Isle Charge – Scottish Episcopal Church - SC010781

Christmas Coffee Morning

To be held in the Seaforth Masonic Club

Station Square, Fortrose

10.30 am to 12 noon on

Friday 6th December 2024

**Teas, Coffee and cake along with all the
Christmas Stalls**



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Coffee and Croissants?

Women's Breakfast

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER, 9.30 – 11am

Fortrose Free Church

If you are a Christian woman living in Avoch, Rosemarkie or Fortrose or anywhere on the Black Isle, we'd love you to come along for breakfast and a blether on Saturday 7th December.

There will be a short talk about the BLYSTHWOOD CHRISTMAS BOXES and plenty of opportunity to share our experiences and encourage one another.

A quick email to alisongarraway@yahoo.com would be helpful (but not essential) to give us an idea of numbers.



OCTAVOCE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Message from Octavoce with a date for your diary. Note unreserved seating this year so get it in your diary and come early - it's always busy!!!

'We're excited to announce that we will be back for our **annual Candlelit Christmas Concert on Friday 20th December!**

7.30pm, St Andrew's Church Fortrose. Entry by donation (suggested £14/£12). Seating is unreserved. If you haven't heard of us before, we are an acapella vocal ensemble based in Edinburgh but performing across the UK and beyond. Come along for an evening of Christmas music spanning many years, from classical and choral to pop and rock. We look forward to seeing you there!"



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SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

At Inverness Cathedral 7pm on 1st December. Please go along and support a good cause!

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
St Andrews Cathedral
Ardross St, Inverness IV3 5NN
Sunday 1st December | 7.00pm

Join us for a joyful evening of music featuring performances by the Military Wives Choir and Inverness Traditional Folk.

Doors Open: 6:30 pm
Concert Begins: 7pm

All proceeds will go to St John Eye Hospital, Jerusalem.

All are warmly invited to share in this wonderful evening of music, community, and giving. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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FROM BLYTHSWOOD FOODBANK



The items we'd appreciate donations of in November & December 2024

- Tins of potatoes/smash
- Small jars of instant coffee
- Tins of mince/meatballs
- Tins of ham
- Weetabix
- Tins of corned beef
- Tins of custard
- Washing up liquid
- Toilet rolls

Nobody in the Highlands of Scotland should be without food!

Please donate an item or two if you can.

Thank You!

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foodbank.admin@blythwood.org

Registered Charity in Scotland 048001

Company Number 583493

Reverse Advent Calendar Highland Foodbank

We'd be grateful if you would consider donating the following items during November, to give us time to add the items to food parcels for people in need this Christmas.



November 2024

1 st	Tin of carrots
2 nd	Packet of oatcakes
3 rd	Tin of custard
4 th	Carton of long life juice
5 th	Jar of instant coffee
6 th	Bag of crisps/Pringles
7 th	Shower gel
8 th	Tin of mince/meatballs
9 th	Small packet of biscuits
10 th	Hot water bottle
11 th	Box of washing powder
12 th	Carton of UHT milk
13 th	Male/female deodorant
14 th	Small tin of ham
15 th	Jar of jam
16 th	Tin of chopped tomatoes
17 th	Packet of cream crackers
18 th	Washing up liquid
19 th	Selection box
20 th	Tin of peaches/pears
21 st	Tin of corned beef
22 nd	£4 to help with deliveries
23 rd	Toothpaste
24 th	Packet of sweets
25 th	Large tin of ham
26 th	Pack of toilet rolls
27 th	Tin of potatoes/smash
28 th	Jar of pasta sauce
29 th	Box of Weetabix
30 th	Box of 6 mince pies



Your kind donations need to be handed in to our Foodbank warehouse at 1 Glebe Street, Inverness, IV1 1RF – or any of our shops – **no later than the first week in December.**

Please note that the list of items we have asked for is not exhaustive, but they are items we are in most need of.

Foodbank enquiries: 01463 717630
blythwood.org/foodbank_advent

Thank You

Blythwood Care, Highland Deephaven,
Evanton, Ross-shire IV16 9XJ

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Northern Ireland no NIC014515 Company no NI050683

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

And the usual reminder to send any information you want included in the newsletter to me by email by noon on Tuesday each week.

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)