

ADVENT 3
15th December 2024



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 15th December 2024
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9.45am in St Regulus with Re. Christine

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9.45am in St John's with Donald & Isla

11.30am in St Andrew's with LR Barrie

(Readings Zeph 3.14-20. Canticale: Is 12.2-6. Phil 4.4-7. Lk 3.7-18)

WEEK AT A GLANCE 16th Dec – 21st Dec)

MON:

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 22nd December 2024
Advent 4

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9.45am in St Regulus with +Mark

9.45am in St John's with Rev. Christine

11.30am in St Andrew's with +Mark

(St John's Mic 5.2-5a, Ps 80.1-7, Hebrews 10.5-10)

Luke 1, 39-45 (46-55))

(St Regulus & St Andrew's Mic 5.2-5a, CANTICLE Lk1. 46b-55,
Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1, 39-45)

+CANTICLE: Is 12: 2-6

Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

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Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy one of Israel.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania

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 congregations of St. Peter and the Holy Rood, Thurso; St. John the Evangelist, Wick; Freswick Castle Chapel: Deacon – Fran Davies. Lay Readers: Alan Finch, Barrie Cran. Lay preachers: Sue Berry, Roger Bamfield & 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. annegilliannewman@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.

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 6th January 2024 at 7pm at Christine's house

STREET PASTORS CAROL SERVICE

Carol Service

You're warmly invited to our Christmas Carols by Candlelight service. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Friday 13th December
At 6 pm
St John the Evangelist Church
Southside Road

www.stjohnschurchinverness.org

OCTAVOICE 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!"



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



The latest women's breakfast took place on Saturday in the Free Church. This time Black Isle Charge led the session which included breakfast and a short presentation attended by over 40 women.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

The Christmas Coffee morning held last Friday was a great success raising £280. Well done to all who attended or contributed.

INSTITUTION OF NEW RECTOR

Announcement

Institution of Father Alex Lane OSB as Rector of the Black Isle Charge of the Scottish Episcopal Church.
(St John's Arpafeelie, St Andrew Fortrose & St Regulus Cromarty.)

Bishop Mark Strange Presiding

at
St Andrews Episcopal Church, Fortrose

On
Saturday 1st February 2025
Service at 12 midday

To be followed by a reception in Fortrose Town Hall



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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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.

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