

ADVENT 4 & Christmas Services
22nd December 2024 - 5th January 2025



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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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)**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December 10pm

(10pm is Midnight in Bethlehem).

Midnight Mass at St Andrews Fortrose

With Rev. Christine

(Readings Is 52.7-10, Ps 98, Heb 1.1-4(5-12), Jn 1.1-14)

Christmas Day

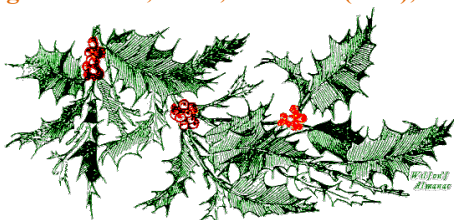
Wednesday 25th December

9.45am in St Regulus Cromarty with +Mark

**10.30am in St John's Arpafeelie with Rev.
Christine**

11.30am in St Andrews Fortrose with +Mark

(Readings Is 52.7-10, Ps 98, Heb 1.1-4(5-12), Jn 1.1-14)



Christmas 1

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday 29th December

9.45 am in St Regulus with Rev. Christine

11.30am St Andrews with Rev. Christine

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9.45 in St John's with Donald & Isla

(Readings 1 Sa 2.18-20,26, Ps 148, Col 3.12-17, Lk 2.41-52)

Epiphany

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

11.30 in St Andrew's with +Mark

RESERVED SACRAMENT SERVICE

9.45 in St Regulus with Lay Team

9.45am in St John's with Ann & Jean

(Readings Is 60.1-6 Ps 72.1-7,10-14 Eph 3.1-12 Mt 2.1-12)

***Note that currently the Charge is vacant & that
therefore not all services usually offered are
happening this year. e.g. St Stephens Day. So should
you be looking for other services here is the link to
Inverness Cathedral. <https://invernesscathedral.org>***

FOR INCLUSION IN PRAYERS

Anglican Communion

Sunday 22nd The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sunday 29th The Episcopal Church

Sunday 5th January The Church in Wales

Diocese of Moray, Ross & Caithness

**Sunday 22nd For the congregation of St. Paul,
Strathnairn: Alison Simpson, Blayne Peacock.**

**Sunday 29th For the congregation of St. Andrew,
Tain: James Currall. Assistant Priest – Simon Scott**

Sunday 5th January to be confirmed

**JOINT PRAYER MEETING FOR THE BLACK
ISLE CHARGE**



The next prayer meeting
will be on 6th January
2024 at 7pm at Christine's
house

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Normal weekly newsletter service will resume with the publication of a newsletter with details of 12th January services. Please send any information you want included to me by email by noon on Tuesday 7th January.

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.

With all good wishes for Christmas and New Year.

Jean (jeanmedavis@gmail.com)

Psalms & Responses
22nd December

At St Regulus' & St Andrew's

+CANTICLE 15 — The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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At St John's

+PSALM: 80:1-7

Restore us O God of hosts: show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us O God of hosts: show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us O God of hosts: show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Christmas Eve & Day

+PSALM: 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our

God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our

God.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our

God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our

God.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those

who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

29th December

+PSALM: 148

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Praise, O Praise the name of the Lord.

5th January

+PSALM: 72:1-7, 10-14

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

Kings bow down before him: all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

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