

ADVENT 2
8th 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 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)

WEEK AT A GLANCE 9th Dec – 14th 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 15th December 2024

Advent 3

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

9.45am in St Regulus with Rev. 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. Canticle: Is 12.2-6. Phil 4.4-7. Lk 3.7-18)

+CANTICLE: Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Blessed be the Lord, who sets his people free.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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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 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 congregations of Courthill Chapel, Kishorn; All Saints Mission, Kinlochewe: Don Grant. & 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



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.



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

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!"



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!

01463 717630

foodbank.admin@blythswood.org

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BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

And a final postscript on our work this year. Our work was included in the November issue of Inspires Online. For those who want to see (and read about other work in the Scottish Episcopal Church) here is the link. <https://mailchi.mp/scotland/inspires-online-for-november24>

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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