

**The Presentation of Our Lord**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February 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,  
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**THE LITURGY FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF  
THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)**

9.45am Parish Eucharist St John's, Arpafeelie  
9.45am Parish Eucharist St Regulus, Cromarty  
11.30am Parish Eucharist St Andrew's, Fortrose

**Wednesday S Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

9.00am Celtic Morning Prayer (via Zoom)  
6.15pm Evening Prayer St Regulus  
7.00pm Holy Eucharist St Regulus

**Thursday S. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan**

9.15am Morning Prayer St Andrew  
10.30am Holy Eucharist St Andrew  
6.15pm Evening Prayer St Andrew

**Friday**

9.45am Morning Prayer St John  
10.30am Holy Eucharist St John  
6.15pm Evening Prayer St Andrew

**Saturday Of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

11.00am Diocesan Mission & Ministry Day (so  
no service at St Andrew's)

**Fr Alex's rest days are usually Monday and Tuesday.**

(Readings for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Mal 3:1-4, Ps  
24: 7-10, Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40)

**EVENTS & MEETINGS (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb)**

**MON:** 7.00pm Joint Prayer Meeting

**TUE:**

**WED:**

10.00am Wednesday Group  
10:00am Charity Shop

**THU:**

**FRI:**

**SAT:** 10:00am Charity Shop

11.00am Diocesan Mission & Ministry Day @  
Inverness Cathedral

**+PSALM: 24:7-10**

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Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.  
"Who is this King of glory?" "The LORD, strong and  
mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

**The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O  
everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.  
"Who is he, this King of glory?" "The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

**The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come.**

**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  
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and  
Polynesia.

**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.  
And we pray for Father Alex as he prepares to join us  
here in the Black Isle. We pray for the congregation of  
the congregation of St. Trolla at the Crask & 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](mailto:annegillianneyman@gmail.com)

### JOINT PRAYER MEETING FOR THE BLACK ISLE CHARGE



Takes place monthly at 7pm on the first Monday of the month. Next Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at Rev Christine's.

### SERVICE PATTERN

You can see from this week's liturgy for the week that we now have at least one midweek Eucharist in each church. Please come along if you can and let people know (especially those unable to attend on Sundays but keen to come to church).

### DIOCESAN MISSION & MINISTRY DAY

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February (10.30-15.00) the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Board have organised a Mission and Ministry Day where Bishop Mark will unveil his mission and ministry vision for this Diocese. The day is open to all to attend, but the DMMB particularly request the presence of treasurers and all those involved in ministry and on vestries to attend. Further details and an online registration form are available from the Vestry Secretary: - Isla Cruden: [isla@ricruden.net](mailto:isla@ricruden.net)

### 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**

**Note: The Charity Shop will be closed on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

*Can those attending, and parking near the church, leave the spaces at the front of the church free for unloading and for those of limited mobility.*

### HELP WANTED

Members of all congregations would be very welcome to come along at **2pm on Friday 31st January at St Andrews** to decorate the church in preparation for the Institution service of our new Rector, Fr Alex. Flowers will be ordered, but any donations of foliage would be very helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions. Heather Ireland 07793199608.

*Heather.*

### OPERATION SHOEBOX 2025!!



We begin the 2025 Bythswood Shoebox campaign on the 31st of this January month, and we will meet at the Lodge, Fortrose, from 2-4pm to wrap the boxes. Instructions will be given for 'newbies' and tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

This month we would also welcome any donations of bars of small soap.

*Jan MacLennan*

### MERRY WIDOWS+

Rev Christine and Elizabeth

Invite you to

**COME FOR LUNCH**

If you live alone, or would like some company

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

1.00pm

St Catherine's, Union Street, Fortrose

**Booking Essential**

01381621975 or [christinemyline85@gmail.com](mailto:christinemyline85@gmail.com)

No charge - small donations welcome



## ECUMENICAL WALK

A happy band of walkers walked between St John's, Arpafeelie and Killearnan Church of Scotland on Thursday 23rd January & this year the weather was kind!



## FROM BLYTHSWOOD FOODBANK



The items we'd appreciate donations of in January & February 2025 are:

- Tins of tomatoes
- Packets of penne pasta
- Tins of mince
- Long life juice/diluting
- Oatcakes/crackers
- Shampoo

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@blythwood.org

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please send any information you want included in the newsletter to Fr Alex by noon on **Wednesday** each week.

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

Fr Alex is keen to livestream services and has set up a stand-alone FB account to facilitate this. Here is the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571449641616>

And here is a reminder of our usual FB page where service and event information and news will continue to be available.

<https://www.facebook.com/blackislecharge>

*This will be my final newsletter as editor. It has been a joy to maintain the newsletter throughout the vacancy but it's now time to begin hand the baton on to our new Rector. I will be helping out at least until he is fully up to speed, but I just wanted to say thank you to all who helped to keep this important communication functioning during the vacancy so...*

*To all who have contributed over the last 16 months to make this an interesting and relevant publication a huge thank you for your contributions! I hope you have all found the content interesting & helpful.*

*Love & Prayers to all!*

*Jean (jeanmedavis@gmail.com)*