

and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Intercessions

St Margaret's: Bryan Sydenham
Holy Trinity: Ruth Jeffries

Offertory Hymn

St M 401, On Jordan's bank the baptist's cry
HT 209, Hills of the north, rejoice

Communion Hymns

St M 520, Thy kingdom come!
HT 506, This is my body
72, Broken for me, broken for you
409, Open our eyes, Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Recessional Hymn

St M HCA 8, When out of Poverty
HT 473, The Church's one foundation

Please pray for the sick especially: Dorothy Stuart, Mark Towsley, Samantha Taylor, Louise Dawson, Mary Smith, Lynda Leach, Michael Borlenghi, Ian and Anna Bartholomew, Margaret Birley, Matilde de Asias, The Rev Peter Simpson, June Brewster,

Tea and Coffee are served after the service in the hall where everyone is very welcome to join us.

RIP

Sylvia Martin

Readings for next Sunday 17th Advent 3

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28

Holy Trinity, Elgin with St Margaret's, Lossiemouth,

Welcome to the Scottish Episcopal Church. This parish welcomes members of other denominations to share in its worship. If you would like to receive Communion with us please come to the altar where all are welcome.

Sunday 10th December Advent 2

8.00 am Holy Communion, Elgin SPB Advent 2
President, *Rector*
9.30 am Family Eucharist, Lossiemouth
President & Preacher: *Patrick Thomson*
11.00 am Family Eucharist, Elgin
President & Preacher: *Rector*
3.00 pm Eucharist, Burghead: *Rector*
No evensong

Monday 11th December

Tuesday 12th December

11.30 am Eucharist, Elgin: *Rector*

Wednesday 13th December

7.45 am Morning Prayer, Elgin

Thursday 14st December John of the Cross,

10.00 am Holy Communion, Lossie: *Rector*

Friday 15th December

11.00 am Eucharist, Elgin: *Patrick Thomson*

Saturday 16th December

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year Weekdays Year 2
Week of 2 Advent Daily Prayer: Anticipation

If you or anyone you know would like to receive Communion at home or if you would like to make your Confession please contact the Rector.
(01343 547505)

Processional Hymn

St M 98, Come, thou long-expected Jesus
HT 193, Hail to the Lord's anointed

Collect

Stir up our hearts, Lord, to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son: that, in his coming, we might serve you with our hearts made pure; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

First Reading Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm Ps 85: 1 – 2, 8 – 13

Response *Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.*

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. R

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he

is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. R

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. R

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. R

Second Reading 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gradual Hymn

St M 307, Lo, he comes with clouds descending
HT 527, Virgin-born, we bow before thee

GOSPEL Mark 1: 1 - 8.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,