

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

Sunday 14 Nov 21 Remembrance

There are in-person services at both Holy Trinity and St Margaret's,
and restrictions are gradually and carefully being removed.
There is no longer any need to book, but we still need to keep records
for Test and Protect. Don't forget your face covering!

This leaflet will continue to come out each week, containing prayers,
readings and reflections that we can all share in. It can be
downloaded from the website, will be emailed to you if we have your
email address, or posted to you if we do not.

Online services are available on our YouTube channel, in addition to
the Provincial services. (Links on page 7)

For any contact, questions or queries please get in touch with Tembu
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Mon 15 Nov

Tues 16 Nov

MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Wed 17 Nov Hilda of Whitby
Hugh of Lincoln

Thurs 18 Nov Fergus

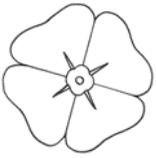
Fri 19 Nov

Sat 20 Nov

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year B Weekdays Year 1

Week of Proper 33 Daily Prayer: Week B



Remembrance Sunday There won't be a service in Holy Trinity, but we will be attending the wreath laying on the Plainstones at 11 am, then joining in the Service of Remembrance at St Giles. These readings are for the Eucharist, 9.30 am at St Margaret's.

Collect

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Job 19: 21 - 27

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends, for the hand of God has touched me! Why do you, like God, pursue me, never satisfied with my flesh? O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Psalm Ps 90

Response *O Lord, be gracious to your servants.*

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. You turn us back to the dust and say, 'Go back, O child of earth.' **R**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **R**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation. Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**

When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone. **R**

Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation? So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. **R**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. **R**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. **R**

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 57

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL John 6: 37 – 40

‘Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’

Reflection (Jenny)

I wonder if you have ever heard the name Tommy Atkins? I want to tell you about a man called Tommy Atkins on 4 different occasions.

In 1794 in Flanders after the Battle of Boxtel, the Duke of Wellington came across a soldier lying mortally wounded in the mud on the battlefield. His name was Private Tommy Atkins. "It's all right Sir....all in a day's work", the soldier said just before he died.

In 1815, just before the Battle of Waterloo, nearly 20 years later, the Duke of Wellington remembered this man and suggested the name "*Tommy Atkins*" for the brave British soldier, to be used as an example name for the Soldiers' Pocket Book which he ordered should be issued to every soldier just before the start of the battle.

Fast forward to the 1914–18 War, when the term *Tommy* (a shortened version of *Tommy Atkins*) became associated with the soldiers of that war. It is still used today with affection and respect to mark the bravery and heroism of British soldiers.

I wonder if you remember Remembrance Day in November 2018? Three years ago now. Over three consecutive evenings, to mark the centenary of the end of WW1, the BBC screened a moving tribute in words and pictures of and by veterans of WW1, using footage from interviews with them filmed over the previous 25 years. And the name of the programme? *The Last Tommies*.

The first Tommy Atkins would have been astonished at the legacy his name has left behind.

As we focus on the name of just one victim of war, we can perhaps catch just a glimpse of the heartache, the suffering and the sacrifice, the incalculable cost of modern war for millions. But Remembrance Sunday can stir up a complicated mix of feelings in us. Sorrow, pain, anger, pride, admiration, incomprehension, despair.

As Christians we have some guidelines here. While non-believers may look back over the horrors of warfare over recent years, and despair, **we** do not have that option. The image we must have in front of us is Christ, God come to dwell with us. If God was in Christ, as we believe, *there is hope in every situation*, even, supremely, in apparent defeat and death. It is in this hope that God offers us the bigger picture. If we live without hope, if there is nothing beyond the battlefield gravestones, then all we can do is despair.

And so we must do our best to keep our hope alive. Listen to the wonderful words St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans to keep their hope shining through the worst situations and experiences imaginable. Those words can inspire and sustain us too, because they sound as fresh and relevant and hopeful to our ears as they must have done to early Christian believers some 2,000 years ago:

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Intercessions

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Thanks to Jenny for these prayers

Please pray for: Andy Roberson, Ian and Ann Bartholomew and Carol Wetherell.

Collect for this week

O Lord, forgive the transgressions of your people: and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin, in which, by our frailty, we have been caught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Collect for St Margaret

Almighty God, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance our heavenly kingdom, and endued her with zeal for your Church and charity towards your people: mercifully grant that we, who commemorate her example, may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious company of your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Vestry Meeting

- The AGM will be on Sunday 5th December after the communion service at Holy Trinity. If you have any points to raise, please speak to Judith, as People's Warden.
- We are discussing ways to broaden activities as the pandemic restrictions ease.
- Please note improvement in the look of both churches with cleaned roofs and tidied gardens.

St Margaret's Patronal Festival at Lossiemouth. Eucharist, 10 am on Tue 16th Nov, followed by brunch at Twenty Nineteen restaurant. Please fill in the form at the back of church if you wish to come for brunch and if you require transport; It's helpful for the Café to have menu options. Further information from John Black 07768 442276

The prayer group is meeting on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us... perhaps for one week only, or for a few weeks or as a regular attender. Our sessions run from 10.30 every Wednesday morning, and usually finish around 12.15. If you want to know more or if you have any concerns you would like us to pray about, please contact Jenny (07950 830017).

Readings for next Sunday 21 Nov 21 Christ the King

Daniel 7:9 – 10, 13 – 14 Psalm 93

Revelation 1: 4b – 8 John 18: 33 – 37

Activities and Future Events
www.trinityelgin.org

Many activities are currently suspended due to Covid-19 precautions.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals – please contact 01343 547505.

“Not in the pews” leaflet. Please check if your friends have received a copy by e-mail or post and encourage folk to get in touch if they’d like a copy.

It’s also on our website: <http://www.trinityelgin.org/>

You’ll also find a weekly SEC service at:

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/broadcast-sunday-worship/>

Our own psalms, readings and weekly services are available at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYhBaWnrmXOvc1HgDzlm_g

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please remember, Tembu is really happy to hear from you. He’s not too busy to take your phone call or read your e-mail.

Pattern of services

Digital	In-person (<i>limited numbers</i>)
Recorded digital service of the Word – Usually available from 9 am each Sunday	Sundays 9.30 am St Margaret’s Sundays 11.15 am HT

The Youth Fellowship If you are S1–S6 and would like to join us please get in touch with Tembu at rector@trinityelgin.org

Mothers' Union. Next meeting Wed 17 Nov, 2pm in HT small hall. Lyn Mitchell will be taking us on a trek to the Himalayas with slides & a talk. Everyone welcome.

Advent Carol Service. St Margaret's Lossiemouth. 4 pm on Sun 28 Nov

Can you help at St M? Volunteers to serve tea and coffee after the service – please see Jean Grant. If you think you could help with church cleaning then John Black can explain what’s needed. Those who would like to read a lesson or lead the intercessions – please speak to Tembu. **THANK YOU!**

Regular giving. For help with regular giving and Gift Aid please contact Kate. 835133 or GiftAid@trinityelgin.org

Brew and blether – after church at HT. Please make your way round to the small hall. Many thanks to our volunteer servers.

The Real Advent Calendar Please get in touch with Judith if you would like more details or to contribute towards these calendars for Moray Food Plus. There have been difficulties with distribution and supplies of raw materials, particularly cocoa and sugar. We, therefore, have a limited number, but your help with the expense would be warmly welcomed. The cost has now increased to £4.50 each.

BLISTER PACKS. This collection has now stopped early. A big thank you to everyone who has collected them for me. Kind Regards Lynne.

COP26

With the COP26 happening as we remember the lives sacrificed during the World Wars. We should, perhaps, contrast the effort and suffering that ordinary people willingly undertook and the money governments were prepared to spend, with the reluctance of countries to commit to significant effort or cost to solve the climate crisis. Global warming is, after all, an existential threat to the whole world. Let us pray for the success of COP26.

And finally

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

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Items for next Sunday's leaflet should be with Kate by Wednesday evening.
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