

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 2 Jan 22 Christmas 2

Sunday services are at 9.30 am in St Margaret's, Lossiemouth and at 11.15 am in Holy Trinity, Elgin. Face coverings are required, we keep records for Test and Protect and are very careful about Covid precautions.

This leaflet comes out weekly, by e-mail or post and on our website. Please make sure your friends receive theirs.

A recorded digital Service of the Word is usually available each Sunday on our YouTube channel:

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

You'll also find a weekly Scottish Episcopal Church service at:

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

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Mon 3 Jan Seraphim of Sarov
(from 2 Jan)

Tue 4 Jan

Wed 5 Jan

Thurs 6 Jan EPIPHANY

Fri 7 Jan

Sat 8 Jan

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year C Weekdays Year 2

Week of Christmas 2 Daily Prayer: Incarnation

Collect

O God, whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, was made human, that we might become your children: grant that we, being made partakers of his divine nature, may be shaped in his likeness; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 7 – 14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Psalm Ps 147: 13 – 21

Response *The Word became flesh and lived among us.*

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion; For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

R

He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat. He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly. **R**

He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold? He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind and the waters flow. **R**

He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgements to Israel. He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgements. **R**

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 3 – 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL John 1: 1 – 18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not

know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

In the Holy Nativity of our Lord (*excerpt*) *Richard Crashaw (1612 - 1649)*

Welcome, all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span
Summer in winter; day in night;
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little one, whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heav'n to earth

The Child of Glory

Carmina Gadelica

The Child of glory,
The Child of Mary,
Born in the stable
The King of all,
Who came to the wilderness
And in our stead suffered;
Happy they are counted
Who to Him are near.

When He Himself saw
That we were in travail,
Heaven opened graciously
Over our head:
We beheld Christ,
The Spirit of truth,
The same drew us in
'Neath the shield of His Crown.

Strengthen our hope,
Enliven our Joyance,
Keep us valiant,
Faithful and near,
O Light of our lantern, Along with the virgins,
Singing in glory
The anthem new.

Intercessions (*Panny*)

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of 2022 we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face an uncertain future. In these troubled times, help us humbly to put our hands into Your hand, to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

From our reflections of wonder on what You have given us, we notice the world beyond our windows and doors, and long for Your Word to be spoken in the darkness and hurt. As we reflect on Your Word, we think about the words that should shape the whole of life.

We long for peace, knowing that the clamour for unrest is drowning out the songs of hope. We pray for politicians across the world, that they might learn to encourage respect and trust long before arms are lifted in hate.

We long for justice, knowing that climate change is dramatically changing the lives of communities across the world. The media has been full of scenes showing the reality of climate change. Many across our world are seeking refuge from war and climate change far from their homes. Help them to find acceptance and hospitality in the strange lands they now call home. May our commitment to being part of the solution be more than words. Help us to change deep-seated patterns of behaviour that we might become the stewards of creation You have invited us to be.

We long for hope, and as children and young people return to schools and universities, we pray for those who support and encourage those who are the future. Let us acknowledge that not every child across the world has the opportunity to grow in confidence and to understand their relationship with the world. Enable us to support those who are best able to nurture the potential of the young at heart.

We long for compassion, remembering those known to us who are struggling with life changes, ill health, or grief. Make us aware of the anxiety and confusion we sometimes create for others. Show us instead that words can be overwhelming and that gentle actions speak louder.

Light to the darkness of the world,
shine Your light; dispel the shadows,
and create Your kingdom in our lives.
Amen.

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

The guarding of the God of life be upon you,
The guarding of loving Christ be on you,
The guarding of Holy Spirit be on you,
Every night of your lives.
To aid you and enfold you
Each day and night of your lives.

Carmina Gadelica

To be said facing the open door

To a troubled world
peace from Christ.

To a searching world,
love from Christ.

To a waiting world,
hope from Christ.

Times and Seasons

Readings for next Sunday Epiphany 9 Jan 22

1 Isaiah 60: 1 – 6 Psalm 72: 1 – 7, 10 – 14

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12 Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Activities and Future Events

www.trinityelgin.org

Baptisms, weddings and funerals – please contact 01343 547505.

Tembu's normal days off are Friday and Saturday.

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

Choir practice in church, Wed 5 pm. New singers welcome.

Mothers' Union 3rd Wed of the month, 2 pm in HT hall

HT Gardeners 2nd Tue of month (not winter) at back. Front – any time.

Prayer group Wed 10.30 am on Zoom. Contact Jenny (07950 830017)

We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family. *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

Youth Fellowship

YF starts up again soon and there is a Provincial youth event planned for Montrose in early February. Contact Tembu.

Need contact details? If ever you're wanting to speak to someone in our churches and can't find their details – please contact the leaflet and we'll do our best to put you in touch.

Lateral Flow Tests. I remember the slight feeling of trepidation about that first test I did, way back in May. It was easy, but what I hadn't expected was that regular testing would help morale. (I have fewer concerns about passing on Covid, plus that "doing the right thing" feeling!) I expect most people will identify with that but if you've not yet got round to testing before attending a service please let me encourage you. It's really easy and you will feel good about having done it (and reassured that others are testing, too.)

The Tube Fund has done very well this July – December. £267.40p!!!

SUPER!!! Thank you very much for all the support. *Ann D*

Diary.

Sun 30 January Choral Evensong for Candlemas. 1800 at HT

Wed 2 March Ash Wednesday

Sun 6 March Evensong for Lent 1800 HT

New Year Resolution? If you've decided to start, increase or change your regular giving in any way, please contact Kate. 835133 or GiftAid@trinityelgin.org For legacies please speak to Gordon Barron.

News from just outside the windows. Frosty weather always brings lots of birds to our feeders. Bullying magpies and crows, quarrelsome robins, scurrying dunnocks and busy tits and finches are all scrambling to grab what they can to keep the cold at bay. Whatever we put out disappears so quickly. We bought some special "Christmas decorations" made out of densely packed peanut hearts and they've brought us a treat in return. Red squirrels! We heard a skittering the other morning and watched 3 of them spiralling round and round, up and down the Scots Pines next door, then were delighted to see them come to our feeders. One particularly cheeky creature has got the knack of hanging over the bracket and hauling up the peanut decoration for a feast. It even tried to throw the whole thing away, despite it being twice the size of the squirrel's head! Luckily we've tied it on too well. Don't worry, there are plenty of other feeders for the birds. We're very happy that there's always something interesting to see just outside our windows.

And finally

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

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