

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 26 Jun 22 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday services are at 9.30 am in St Margaret's, Lossiemouth and at 11.15 am in Holy Trinity, Elgin. Face coverings aren't required but please feel welcome to wear one if you prefer. The person distributing communion will continue to wear a face covering. Please be kind and give each other space.

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 available the first Sunday of the month 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 27 Jun Alexander Jolly

Tue 28 Jun Irenaeus of Lyons

Wed 29 Jun PETER

Thurs 30 Jun Robert Leighton

(from 26 Jun)

Fri 1 Jul Serf

Sat 2 Jul

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year C Weekdays Year 2

Week of: Proper 13 Daily Prayer: Week D

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing can be whole and nothing can be holy: increase your mercy towards us, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so enjoy the good things of time, as not to lose the things of eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 15 – 16, 19 – 21

The LORD said to Elijah, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalm Ps16

Response *O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord, my good above all other.' All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. **R**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

R

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. **R**

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

Second Reading Galatians 5: 13 – 25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Luke 9: 51 – 62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road,

someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Reflection (Jenny)

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, **Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem**".

Peter and James and John have just witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus. And now Jesus as he heads with such determination for Jerusalem is walking towards his death. But his disciples don't really understand what was happening. Luke's account is full of little comments about their incomprehension... their stupidity even. *They were weighed down with sleep... They were amazed... They did not understand... The meaning was concealed from them... They were afraid to ask him.*

But Jesus himself knows that his journey to Jerusalem is going to lead to his death. He knows that the betrayal will happen there. And yet, as the time draws nearer, **he sets his face to go to Jerusalem**. As he travels from Galilee south through Samaria to reach Jerusalem, some of the people in one of the Samaritan villages are hostile and won't let him enter their village, so he has to go another way. That alternative route may well mean tramping many weary miles extra. **But still his face is set towards Jerusalem**.

James and John are angry with the people in that village, and they ask Jesus "Shall we call down fire from heaven and destroy them?" But Jesus won't hear of it. He is entirely focused on where he is going. He teaches them not to retaliate. **And still his face is set to go to Jerusalem**.

If we think about our own journey... our journey of life, we may be asking ourselves how can we be like Jesus in being faithful and resolute, in focusing all our thoughts and our hearts, our whole beings on God and on God's will? How can we possibly even try to do that? And we may be tempted to give up

because it's so hard. I remember grumbling to my tutor during my training for ordination, "But it's all so difficult"! She answered "But Jenny, I never promised you that the journey would be easy". In the second part of the Gospel reading, Luke tells us of some people who are a bit like the rest of us, some pretty mixed-up characters, people with good and bad points, people who are good at thinking up excuses. And Jesus tells them that their accepting the gospel means that they must completely reverse some of the world's standards. Jesus' point is not really about each particular person... we don't hear any more about any of those characters... they don't even reply... What Jesus wants to do is to get his general message across: *let there be no illusions; don't be fooled. You're entering on a tough course if you follow me.*

And still his face is set towards Jerusalem.

Here are two short, comforting and encouraging poems by David Adam that many of us have found helpful as we go about setting our faces, as Jesus did, towards the goal of our life journey.

THE GOAL

May the hills be gentle
May the valleys be bright;
May the sun shine upon you
May the moon in the night,
Until your pilgriming soul
Comes to its eternal goal.

TO ETERNITY

Where does the journey end?
Beyond where you can see
Where do the years end?
That's unknown to you or me.
Where does life end?
In love and eternity.

Intercessions *(Jill)*

We bow our heads in prayer, Lord, knowing that you are listening to our intercessions. We give thanks to you for filling our lives with your ever present love, for guarding and guiding us as we travel through all the ups and downs of our lives. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to help us.

We pray for our world, thankful that we live in such a beautiful country. We call to mind those who live in fear and those who cannot speak freely. We pray for the people who live with political unrest or persecution or abuse. Bring them peace and imbue all those in positions of power with a duty of fairness and righteousness.

We pray for countries where there is no peace, remembering especially Ukraine, Afghanistan and Sudan. Please work in these areas and bring your peace to bear. Pray for understanding and a welcome for all refugees. We pray for our own country and government that it acts responsibly for the benefit of all.

We pray for all who hunger or thirst. Enable us to share generously all our resources.

Bless all who are sick both in mind and body. We ask that you are with them and that they feel your healing presence. We pray for the lonely. We pray for the homeless. We pray for all those who we find difficult to love. Lord, give strength and courage to all who might need your help today. We thank you for acts of kindness and generosity. May we remember to follow your example in our daily lives.

We give thanks for our church community. We pray for each other and for Tembu, Jenny and Philip and their families. We are so grateful for all that they do for us.

Lastly we pray for ourselves. We pray that we might see you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Amen

Please pray for: William Stuart, Jim Taylor, Andy Roberson, Ian and Ann Bartholomew, and Carol Wetherell.

Brew and blether after the service – in HT small hall or at the back of St M
Many thanks to our servers. New volunteers welcome.

St Margaret's Congregational Meeting THIS SUNDAY, 26TH JUNE after 9.30am service. A chance to contribute your ideas to the running of St Margaret's

Readings for next Sunday 3 Jul 22 Pentecost 4

Isaiah 66: 10 – 14

Psalms 66: 1 – 9

Galatians 6: (1 – 6), 7 – 16

Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 – 20

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

Men's group Open to all. Monthly outings. Contact Graham 830250

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

Prayer group Contact Jenny (07950 830017)

Youth Fellowship Weekly Tuesday meetings will continue to the end of June then there's a break for the summer holidays.

Volunteers for Flower Rota in Holy Trinity Helpers are urgently needed to keep the flowers in church fresh and inspiring! If you feel you could help please put your name on the flower rota list, which is on the notice board at the back of church. If help is needed please speak to Glenda.

Mothers' Union. The next meeting will be a shared lunch with extras, Wed 20 Jul, 12.30 pm in HT large hall. We will ask for a donation of £2 towards the food instead of having to bring something. Any queries ask Lynne T.

HT Garden. The next working party is on Tue 5 Jul at 10am. All welcome. You can attack the front garden anytime you wish as it is accessible. Thank you.

50+ Club. Draw for Jun 22

1st Rita Barron 2nd Barbara Sydenham 3rd Lilian Lackie

Diary

Sun 26 Jun St Margaret's Congregational meeting after 9.30 am service

Tue 5 Jul HT garden working party 10 am

Wed 20 Jul MU picnic in the hall. 12.30pm

Sun 31 Jul Communion service at Burghead.

Regular giving. Two important things! First it's important that people do give regularly if they can – just to keep services running, buildings warm and weatherproof, wages paid and so much more. Then – it's also important that you let us know if any of your details change. Many thanks!

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For legacies please speak to Gordon Barron. 547188

News from my trip out with the choir. Aberlour is just that wee bit further than you think it's going to be, so we were a tad late for rehearsal. We were forgiven and it meant that my alto buddy had already sorted out where we were to sit. We think our pew was made for people with long legs, the light was strange and for a change we had the organ right behind us. That's the adventure of different buildings and why a rehearsal is important. We soon adapted; then we tried the composting loo and someone played cricket! The congregation arrived and gave us huge welcome. "Travelling supporters" turned up from Burghead. We did enjoy singing evensong in that lovely church and people seemed so happy to have us. It had been a very long time since we were there, but I'm hoping we'll go again soon! I've run out of space to describe what happened afterwards, but "what happens at the delicious cake table in St Margaret's Aberlour, stays at the delicious, cake table in St Margaret's Aberlour". Doesn't it boys?

And finally

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.

Albert Einstein

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