

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 5 June 22

Pentecost

Sunday services are at 9.30 am in St Margaret's, Lossiemouth and at 11.15 am in Holy Trinity, Elgin. The requirement to wear face coverings at services has now lifted. If you would prefer to continue wearing one, please feel very welcome to do so. The person distributing communion will continue to wear a face covering. As cases in our area are still quite high, 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 usually available each Sunday on our YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYhBaWnrmXOvc1HgDzIm_g

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

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

For any contact, questions or queries please get in touch with Tembu
01343 547505 or rector@trinityelgin.org

Mon 6 June

Tue 7 June

Wed 8 June Ephrem the Syrian

Thurs 9 June Columba of Iona

Fri 10 June

Sat 11 June Barnabas, Apostle

Scottish Episcopal Church Calendar and Lectionary.

Sunday Year C Weekdays Year 2

Week of: Pentecost Daily Prayer: New Life: The Spirit

Collect

O God, who on the day of Pentecost enlightened the hearts of your people by the fire of the Holy Spirit: give us wisdom and understanding, and lead us into all truth, that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

First Reading Acts 2: 1 – 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in their native language. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37

Response *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. **R**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. **R**

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things. You hide your face and they are terrified; you take away their breath and they die and return to their dust. **R**

You send forth your Spirit and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works. He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke. **R**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, Alleluia! **R**

Second Reading Romans 8: 14 – 17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL John 14: 8 – 17.

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works

themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Reflection

Have you seen any Happy Pentecost cards in the shops? The Day of Pentecost seems to be the only major Christian festival that hasn't been taken over by the commercial world. I looked for some Pentecost cards but I couldn't find any. The altar today will be dressed in red. Red to symbolise the fire and energy of the Holy Spirit, given to the apostles at Pentecost. The rest of the world doesn't pay much attention, but Pentecost is a big deal for the church...it is a hugely important festival because it marks the beginning, the birth of the church.

In our reading from the Book of Acts, we heard that after Jesus's ascension into heaven, the disciples were huddled together in a house in Jerusalem. They were apprehensive about what might happen next and unsure about what they should do. Then suddenly they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which seemed to be resting on their heads. And they heard a noise from the sky that sounded like a strong wind blowing. For them this was an unmistakable message from God. And this was also quite clear for the hundreds of others outside the house who were milling around getting ready for the Jewish celebration of Pentecost. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

And what was this message from God? That God was enabling and empowering them through his gift of the Holy Spirit. No wonder they were so high that people thought they must be drunk. The message was loud and clear, and they all knew that they had heard God's voice. If we listen to the message of Pentecost carefully, we can see that one of the things that the

Holy Spirit can help us do is to move from an inward spirituality to an outward-looking one. The apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit, set off to spread the good news to the rest of the world. Strengthened inwardly, they moved outwards to share in God's mission in the world. It's quite easy for faith to become a private possession which is only to do with me and my inner life. But if that's all faith is, it becomes inward-looking and self-centred. If you read on in the Book of Acts you'll see how the coming of the Holy Spirit created a new community. The church had been born. And the church, showed its faith in compassion and care, in practical service and help, in sacrifice and commitment to others.

This is still the loud and clear message of Pentecost: We are being sent out to do what Jesus did, and each one of us is empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue his ministry. Every single one of us. This is what we are sent to do. This is why Christ founded the church. This is why the Spirit came with fire and wind to the disciples at Pentecost. This is why the Spirit rested on us at our baptism. This is why the Spirit moves among us today.

The same Spirit that John tells us Jesus breathed on his disciples. The same Spirit that roared like fire in the story from Acts, and blew like a mighty wind. The same Spirit who is within us now to guide and strengthen us..... on this the Day of Pentecost and every day.

Happy Pentecost!

Intercessions *(The Youth)*

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name

Que ton règne vienne, Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.

दिनभरिको रोटी आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस्

Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern

ET NE NOS INDUCAS IN TENTATIONEM, SED LIBERA NOS A MALO.

for thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Spirit bless your people

Today on the Church's birthday, we remember the church's people: the priests, the choir, the organists, the tea and coffee people, the welcomers, and all who make up our church.

Holy Spirit bless your people

We pray for the people in Ukraine, for those whose lives have been affected by the war

Holy Spirit bless your people

We pray for all who are ill, that they know that God loves them. Help them to feel better.

Holy Spirit bless your people

We pray for the Queen, thankful for the 70 years she has served us as our monarch

Holy Spirit bless your people

We pray for the people that help us: fundraisers, volunteers, doctors and nurses, emergency services. Inspire them in their service.

Amen

Please pray for: 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.

Choir the practice this coming week will, for this week only, be on Tuesday 7th June at 5pm, as Tembu is heading down to General Synod on the Wednesday.

Readings for next Sunday 12 June 22 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8: 1–4, 22–31

Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1–5

John 16:12–15

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 Please contact Tembu for info on weekly Tuesday meetings.

Men's Group and Mother's Union. Joint visit to the Walled Garden and Gordon Chapel, Fochabers. Thursday, June 16th.

From 2.00 pm at the Walled Garden—Special rates to visit garden: Over 60 £4.00 each, under 60 £6.00, pay when you order your tea. Tea in the Café – buy your own

4.00 pm Gordon Chapel, Fochabers—Talk by Professor Peter Reid who has written the guide to the chapel and is an expert on Gordon Castle. The chapel has beautiful stained-glass windows by Edward Burne-Jones.

Compline led by Rev. Michael Last, Priest in charge.

Please let Graham (01343 830250) or Lynne (01343 835861) know if you are coming by Monday 13th.

9th June St Margaret's Spring Clean, 10am onwards

If you are able, come along and help on Thurs 9 Jun from 10 pm.

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.

Diary

Thurs 9 Jun Spring clean 10 am at St Margaret's

Thurs 16 Jun Men's group & MU – Gordon Castle garden & Gordon chapel

Sun 12 Jun Summer Songs of Praise 3 pm at HT

Sun 19 Jun "Choir on tour" Choral Evensong at Aberlour. All welcome.

Sun 26 Jun St Margaret's Congregational meeting

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For legacies please speak to Gordon Barron. 547188

50+ Club Subscriptions now due

50+ club starts again in June. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, if you are to be included in next years draw. It is still £12 per number per year. You can have as many numbers as you like. Please pay by cash or cheque (made out to HOLY TRINITY 50+ CLUB) to either Maureen Collie or Lynne Taylor.

St Margaret's Congregational Meeting Sunday, 26th June after 9.30am service. A chance to contribute your ideas to the running of St Margaret's

Gardening. The next garden work party is THURSDAY 9th. June meeting at 10am. All helpers very welcome.

And finally

Reject your sense of injury, and the injury itself disappears

Marcus Aurelius

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