

GORDON CHAPEL
Scottish Episcopal Church
(Charity number SC001009)
Fochabers

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All are invited to receive communion, we have an open altar here. If you prefer you may come forward for a blessing from the Priest. We welcome all visitors and invite you to sign the visitor's book and then join us for coffee in the Parish Room after the service.

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday Year B

10.00am Eucharist

Today's Readings Isaiah **64** v 1-9
 1 Corinthians **1** v 3-9

Today's Gospel Mark **13** v 24-37

Today's Readers Myra Murphy
 Margaret Forsyth
 Janet Philpott

Readings for 10th December Advent 2

Isaiah **40** v 1-11
2 Peter **3** v 8-15a
Mark **1** v 1-8

For your diary

Next Vestry meeting 10th January at 7.30pm

Afternoon Communion

1st Wednesday in the month at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea.

Evensong

Second Sunday in the month at 6.30pm

Diocesan cycle of Prayer

In the Diocesan cycle we pray for the congregation of Gordonstoun School:
Lay Readers Willem Smit, Christine Henderson.

Advent Bible Study in Keith Rectory. Preparing for Christmas

Tuesday 5th December

Tuesday 12th December

Tuesday 19th December

Next Sunday 10th December A.G.M after the service.

Sunday, 10th December, at 6 pm the Lantern Singers and the Little Lanterns are coming back to St Margaret's Church, Aberlour, to perform a concert of Christmas Music on. Entry is £10, children free.
Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm Carol Service at Gordon Chapel

Please save your Blue Tesco Tokens to help Christ Church Huntly receive funds to help with their new Church Garden.

The more tokens they collect the more 'votes' they get.
A plastic bag to put them in is on the notice board in the Parish Room and Rev Michael will pick them up. Thank you for your help.

We have a printer for sale! It's an HP Officejet Pro model no. 8620. It has not been used. Offers please.

A summary of the minutes of the last Vestry meeting can now be seen on the website. A printed version will be on the noticeboards.

First Reading Isaiah 64 v 1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 80 v 1–7, 16–18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1 v 3–9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**



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Please notify Brenda Shepherd [01343 842179](tel:01343842179) or email brenda02@tiscali.co.uk by Thursday of any items you would like included in the Sunday notice sheet.