

**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 10<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 Year B**

10.00am	Eucharist
6.30pm	Evensong

Today's Readings    Isaiah **40** v 1-11  
                                  2 Peter **3** v 8-15a

Today's Gospel        Mark **1** v 1-8

Today's Readers     Janet Philpott  
                                  Joan Marsden  
                                  Rev Michael Last

**Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3**

Isaiah **61** v 1-4, 8-11  
1 Thessalonians **5** v 16-24  
John **1** v 6-8, 19-28

## **For your diary**

Next Vestry meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

### **Afternoon Communion**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 St Columba, Nairn:  
Alison Simpson, Lay Reader Sheila Thomas.

### **Advent Bible Study in Keith Rectory. Preparing for Christmas Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

## **TODAY 10th December A.G.M after the service.**

**Tonight 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. Entry is £10, children free.  
Mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 40 v 1–11**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

## **Psalm 85 v 1–2, 8–13**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.  
**Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

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 2 Peter 3 v 8–15a**

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?

But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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