

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 7th January The Epiphany

10.00am	Reserved Sacrament
3.00pm	Christingle

Today's Readings	Isaiah 60 v 1-6 Ephesians 3 v 1-12
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Today's Gospel	Matthew 2 v 1-12
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Today's Readers	Margaret Forsyth Myra Murphy Jeff Lowndes
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<u>Readings for 14th January Epiphany 1</u>	Genesis 1 v 1-5 Acts 19 v 1-7 Mark 1 v 4-11
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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 St John's, Forres:
Hamilton Inbadas, Anthony Matchwick.

TODAY January 7th 2018 in Gordon Chapel

3.00pm. An Ecumenical Christingle Service. Everyone welcome.



First Reading Isaiah 60 v 1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Psalm 72 v 1–7, 10–14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Glory be 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 Ephesians 3 v 1–12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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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.