

**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 would 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 join us for coffee in the Parish Room after the service.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Epiphany 5.**

10.00am Reserved Sacrament.

Today's Readings. Isaiah **40** v 21-31  
1 Corinthians **9** v 16-23

Today's Gospel Mark **1** v 29-39

Today's Readers. Myra Murphy  
Janet Phillipott  
Daphne Stevens.

**Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday before Lent.**

2 Kings **2** v 1-12  
2 Corinthians **4** v 3-6  
Mark **9** v 2-9

**For your diary.**

Next Vestry meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 6.30pm.

**Diocesan cycle of Prayer.**

In the Diocesan cycle we pray for the congregations of St.Maelrhuba, Poolewe; Courthill Chapel, Kishorn; St.Donan,Lochalsh & Kinlochewe; Heather Widdows, Fiona Newton, John Searl, Francis Minay, William Coke, Pam Shinkins.

**TRAIDCRAFT.** All cards ½ price or less.

**Services for Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

**Gordon Chapel.** At 2.30pm **Christ Church, Huntly** at 7.30pm

**Lent Groups.** On the Third Day (York Course)

**Tuesday's.** 2.00pm at Keith Rectory, Feb20,27, March 6,13,20

**Thursday's.** 2.00pm at Gordon Chapel, Feb 22, March 1,8,15,22

**Holy Land Trip.**

Rev'd Michael will be launching a May 2019 Trip on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, Keith.. If you are interested in possibly being part of the group or would just like to hear about the trip Please come along. To make the trip work at least 15 people are needed.

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church Huntly.**

21<sup>st</sup> February Cliff Jones "On Shoulders of Giants"

**Fundraising Concert for Gordon Chapel Lift.**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00pm in Bellie Church Fochabers.

**Refuel 18** Gordon Castle Grounds. 23/7/18 - 28/7/18

## **First Reading      Isaiah 40 v 21–31**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God’? Have you not known?

Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

## **Psalm    147 v 1–12, 20c**

Alleluia!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

**The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp**

He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve us all.

**He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.**

He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in human strength;

**But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favour. Alleluia!**

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 9 v 16–23**

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

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!

For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward?

Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them.

To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

This is the Word of the Lord

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