

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 11th February, Sunday before Lent.

10.00am Eucharist.

6.30pm **Evensong.**

Today's readings. 2 Kings **2** v 1-12
2 Corinthians **4** v 3-6

Today's Gospel Mark **9** v 2-9

Today's Readers. Daphne Stevens
Joan Marsden
Rev. Michael Last

Readings for Sunday 18th February. First Sunday of Lent.

Genesis **9** v 8-17

1 Peter **3** 18-22

Mark **1** 9-15

For your diary.

Next Vestry meeting 14th March at 7.30pm

Afternoon Communion.

1st 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. Columba, Brora; St. Peter & The Holy Road, Thurso; St. John the Evangelist, Wick; Chris Mayo.

Services for Ash Wednesday 14th 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

The resurrection is the Big Story that turned a little Jewish protest movement into a world-transforming religion. And yet by Easter Monday we've almost forgotten about it and are planning our Summer Holidays. How can we re-capture the explosive power of resurrection that Ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of resurrection And be an Easter people? How can 'there and then' become 'here and now'?

Lunchtime @ Christ Church Huntly.

21st February Cliff Jones "On Shoulders of Giants"

Concert 9th March, in Gordon Chapel. – Gordonstoun Musicians.

Fundraising Concert for Gordon Chapel Lift.

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm in Bellie Church Fochabers.

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

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2 v 1–12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.’

But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you? And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’

Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’

Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father!

The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 50 v 1-6.

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

‘Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.’

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

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 Corinthians 4 v 3–6

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

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Please notify Daphne Stevens [01343 821731](tel:01343821731) or email dms222@btinternet.com by Thursday of any items you would like included in the Sunday notice sheet.