

**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.

We welcome all visitors and invite you to sign the visitors book and join us for coffee in the Parish Room.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent.**

10.00am Eucharist.

**Today's Readings.**

Genesis 17 v1-7, 15-16, Romans 4 v 13-25, Mark 8 v 31-38

**Today's readers.**

Jeff Lowndes, Margaret Forsyth, Rev Michael Last.

**Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.**

Exodus 20 v 1-17, 1 Corinthians 1 v 18-25, John 2 v 13-22

**FIRST READING Genesis 17 v 1–7, 15–16**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you:

You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord

## **PSALM 22**

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.**

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:**

**'May your heart live for ever!'**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

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. Romans 4 v 13-25**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, Faith is null and the promise is void. or the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’) – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations,’ according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him,’ were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord

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### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER.**

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In the Diocesan cycle of pray we pray for the congregations  
St. Andrew, Tain; St. Finnbarr, Dornoch; Lairg Mission;  
James Currall, John Bettley.

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### **BISHOP’S LENT APPEAL 2018**

Is for Barefoot College.

**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

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

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

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

**Lunchtime @ Christ Church, Huntly** A series of talks.

21<sup>st</sup> March Alistair Mason "Deans of Moray".

18<sup>th</sup> April. Patrick Scott "Shops of yesteryear in Huntly".

The church will be open from 12 noon and the talks will start at

12.15pm and should be finished by 1pm. Coffee and Tea will be available.

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH. World Day of Prayer 7.00pm in Bellie Church.**

All Welcome.

**Concert 9<sup>th</sup> March** in Gordon Chapel at 7.30pm

Singers & instrumentalists of Gordonstoun School.

**Fundraising Concert for Gordon Chapel Lift.**

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

**Old Codgers Birthday Walk.**

Speyside Way sponsored walk for Busega, Scotland from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Walkers welcome. Details and sponsor form in the Parish Room.

**RAGBAG.** Please bring clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts for the next collection. Bags in the Parish Room.

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