

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 4th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent.

10.00am Reserved Sacrament.

Today's Readings.

Exodus **20 v 1-7** 1 Corinthians **1 v 18-25** John **2 v 13-22**

Today's readers.

Gillian Hood, Fiona Gordon, Janet Philpott.

Readings for 11th March, Mothering Sunday.

1 Samuel **1 v 20-28** Colossians v 12-17 John **19 25b-27**

FIRST READING Exodus 20 v 1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of
the world.

**In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a
bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its
course.**

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the
end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

**The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

**The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

**By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there
is great reward.**

Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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 1 v 18–25

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER.

In the Diocesan cycle of pray, we pray for the congregations of St. Andrew, Fortrose; St. John the Evangelist, Arpaeelie; St. Regulus, Cromarty; Mel Langille, Moira Grigor. Lay readers Gail Sanderson, Patsy Thompson, Dorothy Williams.

BISHOP’S LENT APPEAL 2018 Barefoot College.

For your diary.

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

Lent Groups. On the Third Day (York Course)

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

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

Lunchtime @ Christ Church, Huntly A series of talks.

21st March Alistair Mason "Deans of Moray".

18th 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.

Concert 9th March in Gordon Chapel at 7.30pm

Singers & instrumentalists of Gordonstoun School.

Fundraising Concert for Gordon Chapel Lift.

Friday 23rd March 7.00pm in Bellie Church, Fochabers.

Old Codgers Birthday Walk.

Speyside Way sponsored walk for Busega, Scotland from 24th to 29th 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.

Priest.	Rev Michael Last.	01542 882782
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	Moira Middleton.	01343 842985

Please notify Daphne Stevens 01343 821731 or e-mail dms222@btinternet.com by Thursday of any items you would like included in the Sunday notice sheet.