

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 8th July. Pentecost 7

10.00a.m. Eucharist.

6.30pm Evensong.

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 2 v 1-5, 2 Corinthians 12 v 2-10, Mark 6 v 1-13

Today's Readers.

Joan Marsden, Daphne Stevens, Rev Michael Last

Readings for Sunday 15th July. Pentecost. 8.

Amos 7 v 7-15, Ephesians 1 v 3-14, Mark 6 v 14-29

FIRST READING. Ezekiel 2 v 1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have

rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

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 READING 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me even, considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER.

We pray for the congregations of St. Paul, Strathnairn,
Kathy Collins.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

Next vestry meeting Wednesday 22nd August, at Gordon Chapel 7.30pm
Afternoon Communion 1st Wednesday in the month at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea. (2nd August)
Evensong. Second Sunday in the month.

Volunteer's needed to accompany Brenda downstairs. Rota in Parish Room.

GALA WEEK-END. 22nd July. Gordon Chapel are manning the Hook a Duck from the fountain. Would anyone like to help.

REFUEL 18 Gordon Castle 23rd – 28th July.

Speyfest 27th – 29th July.

Sunday 29th July, Ecumenical Celtic Service in Village Tent. 10.00am.

Sunday 29th July. Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament at Christ Church, Huntly. 10.30am.

Christ Church, Huntly event.

Summer Concert at Auchanachie Friday 10th August at 7.30pm

Music by "Fiddich Winds" a wind quintet led by Fiona Gordon.

Wine & nibbles in the interval as usual. Tickets £12.50 now available.

Bible Studies. Autumn 2018. A series of six studies looking at "What we believe – the Creeds" Tuesday at 2pm Keith Rectory 9th, 16th, 30th October, 6th, 16th November.

A series of three studies looking at **Advent & Christmas** 4th, 11th 18th December at 2pm Keith Rectory.

MORAY FOOD BANK. Are always looking for supplies of tinned and dried fruit.

MORAY SUPPORTS REFUGEES. Are always grateful for any donations of clothes.

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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.