

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY 6th February 2022

Welcome to our Service this morning, in line with Covid regulations please remain wearing your masks in Church this morning.

Intimations for Kingussie Parish Church

Activities on in the Church

Week commencing Monday 7th February 2022

Monday 7th February 2022. Monday lunch from 12:30. Cost £5

All welcome to attend, enjoy a soup and pudding lunch and a chat with friends.

Monday 7th February 2022. Monday Craft from 19:00 until 21:00

New faces always welcome, come try your hand at a new craft, enjoy a chat and tea and biscuits.

Wednesday 9th February 2022. Mother's and Toddlers from 9:00

Come to play, come for juice and snacks, come for tea and a chat.

New faces always welcome.

Thursday 10th February 2022. Church Open Day from 10:00 until 13:00

Pop in for a chat , tea/coffee/biscuit.

Intimation for KPC, Laggan and Newtonmore. (Sunday 27th February 2022 retiring collection

Scripture Union Scotland
Altnacriche

Move on up Primary 7 weekend

Moving from primary school to secondary school can be challenging at the best of times. Perhaps more so given the interruptions to the last 2 years of education in schools.

The outdoor centre at Altnacriche has organised a weekend residential event for all primary 7 classes in our local schools which feed into Kingussie High School. This allows the children to meet and mix with their future classmates for a weekend of fun.

The cost of the weekend has with the help of the Spey Valley Rotary Club and local churches been reduced from £165 to £80.

Given the huge increases in household expenses this cost may be outwith the reach of some parents.

Kingussie Parish Church would like to offer their support too. A retiring collection will be taken on Sunday 27th February, which we hope will assist a child/children to attend this event who otherwise would not be able to.

Let us Pray

O God, as you have called us to work for you, help us to be content to do small things until you ask us to do something greater. May we learn to do the little things to your glory and for the joy of serving you.

We join together saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen

1st Hymn 251 I the Lord of sea and sky

1st Reading Psalm 138 v 1 - 8

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name

for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.
When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.
May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.

Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.
The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

2nd Hymn 14 The Lord's my Shepherd

2nd Reading Luke Ch 5 v 1 - 11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to

come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

(CHOIR ITEM KPC. O boundless salvation')

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Luke never calls the 'Sea of Galilee' a sea but only a lake. Jesus calls it the Lake of Gennesaret. It is also known as the Sea of Tiberius. The lake is 13 miles long and about 8 miles wide. The river Jordan flows into it from the north and it flows out to the Dead Sea in the south. In the time of Jesus there were at least nine cities around the lake with a population of, more than 15,000. Josephus records that on one expedition he was able to commandeer 240 fishing boats. Fish was sent from Galilee to Rome. Today we hear of Jesus taking the Good News out-side the Synagogue. He sits in a boat to teach because the crowd had been pressing in on him. The boats belong to Simon Peter (and his brother Andrew who is not mentioned) and to the brothers James and John.

Notice how gently Jesus deals with people. From most of us he asks small things first. It is only if we are willing in the small request that we can expect Jesus to ask us to do something greater. Jesus gets into Simon Peter's boat and says, 'Put out a little way from the shore – just a little way from the land.' It is not asking much yet the tired fishermen could have said, 'No'

After speaking to the crowd Jesus turns to Simon Peter and says, 'Put out into deep water.' This was only possible after being in the shallows. The deep sea was a fearful thing for many Jews, an element that cannot be controlled. Yet God calls into the deep of life and from the depths of our own being. Again Simon Peter could have refused. Discipleship comes through obedience.

Now Jesus says, 'Let down your nest for a catch.' Maybe at this moment the fisherman Simon Peter wonders what this carpenter knows about the sea. Fishing is done at night, and Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen have been out all night and caught nothing. It is interesting to discover how often God calls us through our emptiness or the fruitless tasks we have performed. Simon Peter answers, 'Master, we have worked all night long and have caught nothing.' How often is there a feeling of life slipping through the nets or through our fingers; so it all a waste of time? Yet Simon Peter continues; 'Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' Though reason and habit say, 'No', Simon Peter still obeys, and through obedience comes the comes the miraculous catch of fish. A more miraculous catch is that of the fishermen. Once Simon Peter, James, and John came to land their fish, Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' And they left everything and followed Jesus.

We must see this as a 'call narrative', where God calls someone to work for him. The call authenticates the person and their vocation. This will remind the readers after the death and resurrection of Jesus that the apostles had been called by him.

Amen

3rd Hymn 557 Love that wilt not let me go

Prayers of Intercession

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us to know you, to love you and to serve you. We rejoice in your presence and in your love for us. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks , O God, for all who have served you faithfully throughout the ages. We thank you especially today for the disciples. We ask your blessing upon all who are called to preach the Word and to celebrate the sacraments.

We ask your blessing upon all who feel drained of resources or energy.

We remember those who are handicapped by poverty or by the prejudice of others. We pray for people who feel they have lost their way or who have been cast aside by society. We remember the street children of the world and those who live in the slums.

We give thanks that you have called us to know you and we pray that we may live to your glory. May our homes and relationships reflect our love for you. We remember before you homes where there is tension or violence or where there is neglect and a lack of respect for each other.

We pray for all who are called to the healing professions. We ask your blessing on doctors and surgeons, on nurses and on ambulance crews. We pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital and we remember those who are unable to cope on their own.

Merciful Father accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Our closing Hymn this morning is Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning.

BENEDICTION

Go in the strength of God. And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always

Amen