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**Highland Perthshire Linked Charge**

**Readings and Services Sunday 31st August 2025**

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**Sunday 31st August 2025 – Trinity 11 / Pentecost 12**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. no service**

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. no service**

**St Andrew’s 10.30 at Logierait with the Church of Scotland**

**All Saints 10.30 a.m. Joint Charge Holy Communion**

**Collect for Trinity 11 / Pentecost 12**

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**by whose grace alone**

**your faithful people offer you service and praise:**

**grant that we may hasten without stumbling**

**towards the things that you promise;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**ever one God, world without end. Amen**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

**4**Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. **5**Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
    that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?  
**6**They did not say, ‘Where is the Lord  
    who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
    in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
    in a land that no one passes through,  
    where no one lives?’  
**7**I brought you into a plentiful land  
    to eat its fruits and its good things.  
But when you entered you defiled my land,  
    and made my heritage an abomination.  
**8**The priests did not say, ‘Where is the Lord?’  
    Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah%202%3A4-13&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-18974a)] transgressed against me;  
    the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
    and went after things that do not profit.

**9**Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the Lord,  
    and I accuse your children’s children.  
**10**Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
    send to Kedar and examine with care;  
    see if there has ever been such a thing.  
**11**Has a nation changed its gods,  
    even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
    for something that does not profit.  
**12**Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
    be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,  
**13**for my people have committed two evils:  
    they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
    and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
    that can hold no water.

**Psalm 81: 1, 10-16**

**1**Sing aloud to God our strength;  
    shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**10**I am the Lord your God,  
    who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.  
    Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

**11**‘But my people did not listen to my voice;  
    Israel would not submit to me.  
**12**So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,  
    to follow their own counsels.  
**13**O that my people would listen to me,  
    that Israel would walk in my ways!  
**14**Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,  
    and turn my hand against their foes.  
**15**Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
    and their doom would last for ever.  
**16**I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
    and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.’

**Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. **2**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. **3**Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. **4**Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. **5**Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ **6**So we can say with confidence,

‘The Lord is my helper;  
    I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?’

**7**Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. **8**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

**15**Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. **16**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

**7**When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. **8**‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; **9**and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. **10**But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. **11**For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

**12**He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. **13**But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. **14**And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

**For Kinloch Rannoch**

**Hosea 11: 1-11**

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
    and out of Egypt I called my son.  
**2**The more I called them,  
    the more they went from me;   
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
    and offering incense to idols.

**3**Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
    I took them up in my arms;  
    but they did not know that I healed them.  
**4**I led them with cords of human kindness,  
    with bands of love.  
I was to them like those  
    who lift infants to their cheeks.   
    I bent down to them and fed them.

**5**They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
    and Assyria shall be their king,  
    because they have refused to return to me.  
**6**The sword rages in their cities,  
    it consumes their oracle-priests,  
    and devours because of their schemes.  
**7**My people are bent on turning away from me.  
    To the Most High they call,  
    but he does not raise them up at all.

**8**How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
    How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
    How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me;  
    my compassion grows warm and tender.  
**9**I will not execute my fierce anger;  
    I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
    the Holy One in your midst,  
    and I will not come in wrath.

**10**They shall go after the Lord,  
    who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
    his children shall come trembling from the west.  
**11**They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
    and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
    and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

**Colossians 3: 1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2**Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3**for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4**When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**5**Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). **6**On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. **7**These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. **8**But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. **9**Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices **10**and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. **11**In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Luke 12: 13-21**

**13**Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ **14**But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ **15**And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ **16**Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17**And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” **18**Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19**And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” **20**But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” **21**So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

**Sunday 7th September 2025 – Trinity 12 / Pentecost 13**

**Holy Trinity 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion by extension**

**Kilmaveonaig 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion**

**St Andrew’s 11.15 a.m. Matins**

**All Saints 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

**Psalm 139**

**Philemon 1-21**

**Gospel:** **Luke** **14: 25-33**