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ST. ANDREW'S DAY – 30TH NOVEMBER, 2018



St Andrew's Day is Scotland's national holiday as it remembers Scotland's patron saint on the 30th of November, 2018.

St Andrew, one of Jesus Christ's apostles was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee. He was revered in Scotland from around 1,000 AD but didn't become its official patron saint of Scotland until the

signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320.

Andrew died a martyr and was crucified in Greece on an X-shaped cross according to legend in 60 AD, rather than the 'T' shape cross that Jesus was crucified on. This type of cross is also known as a saltire - the symbol that makes up the Scottish flag. The day is usually marked with a celebration of Scottish culture, including dancing, food and music, and both the British Prime Minister and Scotland's First Minister give St Andrew's Day messages.

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02/12/18. The Sunday School Thanksgiving service; (Advent I)

Watching for Christ in patience and hope

Conductor & Preacher : The Revd. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb

Jeremiah 23:1-6 : La Martiniere for Boys

Luke 12:32-40 : La Martiniere for Boys

09/12/18. 3rd Sun before Christmas, (Advent 2):

The Old Testament is fulfilled in Christ.

Conductor & Preacher : Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

Acts 3:18-26 : Ms. Louisa Jackson

Luke 24:44-48 : Ms. Gailing Sondhi

Meeting of the Deacons' Court and Kirk Session

16/12/18, 2nd Sun before Christmas (Advent 3)

6p.m. The service of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight.

Conductor: Rev. Dr Swarup Bar

23/12/18, Sunday before Christmas (Advent 4)

At Christmas we welcome Jesus who is like us in every way, apart from sin.

Conductor & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sunil M. Caleb

Isaiah 49:1-6: Mr. David John

Luke 1:39-49: Mrs. Devjani Samaradivakera

25/12/18. Christmas Day

The birth of the Saviour who is the Word made flesh.

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Swarup Bar

Micah 5:2-4 : Mr. Charles Nyss

Titus 3:4-7 : Mr. Ashok Pasricha

Luke 2:1-16 : Revd. Dr. Swarup Bar

30/12/18: Sunday after Christmas

The Family Life

Conductor and Preacher: TBA

Colossians 3:12-21: Ms. Reena Fletcher

Luke 2:41-52: Mr. Calvin David

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HARVEST FESTIVAL (4TH NOV. 18)

POLICE COMMEMORATION SERVICE (11TH NOV., 2018)



The city of St Andrew's in Scotland

St Andrew's links with Scotland come from the Pictish King Oengus I, who built a monastery in what is now the town of St Andrews - where the Scottish university now stands - after the relics of the saint were brought to the town in the eighth century. But he was made the patron saint of Scotland after the king's descendant, Oengus II, prayed to St Andrew on the eve of a crucial battle against English warriors from Northumberland, around 20 miles east of Edinburgh. Legend has it that, heavily outnumbered, Oengus II told St Andrew that he would become the patron saint of Scotland if he were granted victory. On the day of the battle, clouds are said to have formed a saltire in the sky, and Oengus's army of Picts and Scots were victorious. St Andrew's was a popular medieval pilgrimage site up until the 16th century - where the supposed remains of the saint including a tooth, kneecap, arm and finger bone were kept. In 1870, the Archbishop of Amalfi sent an apparent piece of the saint's shoulder blade to Scotland, where it has since been stored in St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. The other relics were destroyed in the Scottish Reformation. The Saltire flag - a white cross on a blue background - is said to have come from this divine intervention and has been used to represent Scotland since 1385. (Source: Telegraph, UK, 30th Nov, 17)

