

Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 24th November)

30th November



Saint Andrew - *Apostle, martyr*

It seems that Saint Andrew may have been born from AD5 - 10 in Bethsaida in Galilee. He was the brother of Saint Peter and the both of them were fishermen. Saints Matthew (4: 18 - 22) and Mark (1: 16 - 20) record the brothers being called by Jesus at the same time: though Saint John (1: 35 - 42) says that he was initially a follower of Saint John the Baptist. Various episodes in the Gospels record him being present at important moments, (which is not the case for all the Apostles). He was martyred by crucifixion in Achaea. The tradition developed that his was an X-shaped cross - or "Saltire" - as is used on the Scottish flag.