

INTIMATIONS

WELCOME to our Worship today. If you are visiting we hope you enjoy being with us, and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning service. The Church and hall have loop systems and those with hearing aids should switch to position 'T'. If you are able, please stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.

SUNDAY CLUB AND FYF Sunday Club and FYF meet today at 10.50am. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet again on Wednesday 20th May at 10am.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Please remember the team is there for your assistance. Do contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591) and we will do our very best to help. For appointments, please give us plenty of notice so that arrangements can be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group continue in their studies of "Evangelism A Way of Life" from the LifeBuilders Series. On Wednesday 20th May we will meet in the Church hall at 1.30pm to examine "Creative Communication" using Luke 10: 25-37 to help us. We'd love to have you with us at this friendly and informal session of reading and discussing God's Word.

GUILD There is an opportunity to watch and listen to the Report of the Church of Scotland Guild from the General Assembly on Wednesday 20th May in the Church Hall. This is the final report of the day and would be expected to be delivered in the afternoon, exact times difficult to predict. However, if you'd like to join us in the Church Hall do come along for this event. The Guild is examining the way forward and has produced an Action Plan. It is an important time for the organisation. Please come along if you can.

BOOK SALE Following today's services, books, fiction and non-fiction from a private library clearance, will be available in the Church hall, with all donations to Christian Aid.

PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Graham can be contacted on 861275 if required for any Pastoral duties.

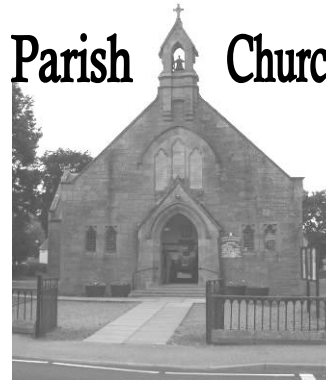
Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00 am with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

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Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service for

Sunday 17th May 2015

**11.00 am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 438 'The Head that once was crowned'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 426 'All heaven declares'

Readings

Luke 24: 44 - 53 (*page 1062 in Bible*)

Acts 1: 1 - 11 (*page 1092 in Bible*)

Hymn: 459 'Crown him with many crowns'

Sermon

Hymn: 445 'Alleluia, sing to Jesus!' v 1-3 & 5

Children's Talk

Hymn: 448 'Lord, the light of your love is shining'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

MP: 18 'All over the world'

Prayer

Hymn: 617 'Great and deep the Spirit's purpose'

Reading

Acts 10: 34 - 48 (*page 1104 in Bible*)

MP: 1039

'Colours of day'

Address

Hymn: 722 'Spirit of God, come dwell within me'

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY The General Assembly began yesterday and will run throughout the coming week. As well as being able to watch it live, daily, through the Church of Scotland website, you can download your own copy of 'The Blue Book' containing all the reports etc. via www.gapublications.co.uk Also, those with tablets will be able to find out how to download the GA App which gives access to these reports and the live web link together. You can also subscribe to this site - it doesn't cost anything and you don't receive unwanted email - but it will notify you when new publications, e.g. the 'Daily Papers' for the order of business each day, are published and from the App you can access all comments on twitter and Facebook.

PRESBYTERY OF ROSS – EDUCATION & MINISTRY COMMITTEE You are warmly invited to a workshop day for all those interested in engaging with young people in our churches and communities. Come along and be inspired, discuss your frustrations, plans and hopes, and share ideas with others from the local congregations! Some of the planned workshops and features are:

Puppetry – Encouraging Bible reading and prayer (Colin Carmichael – Scripture Union) – Teaching Materials – Resources – Messy Church (Rev Shuna Dicks – Aberlour Church of Scotland) – Running a weekly kids club - Working with the local school (Anne Gunn – Youth worker, Kinmylies Church, Inverness)

Saturday 23rd May 2015, 10 am – 3pm at Castle Street Church of Scotland.

N.B. Packed lunch required! Tea and coffee will be provided. For more information and/or to confirm attendance – contact Scott Polworth on 01463 870259, scottpolworth@btinternet.com

STRAWBERRY FAYRE As you know, we plan to hold a "Strawberry Fayre" on Saturday 6th June from 2-4pm in the Church hall and grounds. As well as providing teas with home bakes, there will be a selection of stalls and old style games to entertain. These stalls will include Cake & Candy, Plants & Produce, a "Sunshine" Stall where everything on sale will be the colour yellow and a few more surprises! We are not having the usual books and bric-a-brac etc but it would be appreciated if you could hold onto such items as we plan to have a Church sale later in the year.

There is a list at the back of the church for names of those willing to help out on the day and also provide baking for the teas. It is planned to have a meeting on Monday 25th May at 7pm in the Church hall to finalise plans for this event and anyone who intends to help at the Fayre will be welcome to come along.

CHRISTIAN AID Thanks to everyone who attended the Soup Lunch and helped in any way last Sunday to launch the start of Christian Aid week. The occasion was a huge success, with a wonderful selection of soups, as always, served by young members of the congregation, with assistance from a busy kitchen 'brigade'. Thanks to your generosity the MAGNIFICENT SUM of £280.95 was raised to enable the fund raising week to begin on a positive 'high'!

Please take this home with you to help you with your prayers this week.

The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, source of all mercy and comfort, gives us comfort in our trials so that we in turn may be able to give the same sort of strong sympathy to others in theirs. The more we share Christ's suffering the more we are able to give of his encouragement. From 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 (JB Phillips Translation)

- † Give praise and thanks for the work of Christian Aid. Give thanks for all who participated in house-to-house collections. Give thanks for those who organised events to raise money for this cause. Pray that the money raised will be used wisely and help to raise people out of poverty into being able to support themselves and their families.
- † Remember the new Moderator, Rt. Rev. Angus Morrison, as he chairs the General Assembly this week. Pray that God would give him wisdom and patience in this important role in the life of the Church of Scotland. Pray that God will bless the ministers and elders at the General Assembly as they gather to work through the items on the agenda. Give thanks for the Heart and Soul event held in Princess Street Gardens in Edinburgh; for the Church Councils that are spotlighting their work and for the congregations from around Scotland who are showcasing the life and work of their church. Pray for the 31 members of the Social Care Council as they seek to guide the work of CrossReach in Christ's name.
- † Remember all who are suffering due to natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Help us to be generous to the appeals made to help people rebuild their lives. Help us too to never forget those who have suffered these catastrophes in the past but are no longer headline news such as the people of Haiti.
- † You have called us to be one, to live in unity and harmony, and yet we are divided: race from race, faith from faith, rich from poor, old from young, neighbour from neighbour.... O Lord, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end, break down the walls that separate us, tear down the fences of indifference and hatred; forgive us the sins that divide us, free us from pride and self-seeking, overcome our prejudices and fears, give us courage to open ourselves to others; by the power of your Spirit make us one. (Opening worship of the sixth assembly of the World Council of Churches in Vancouver 1983)

O Lord, I have heard of what you have done, and I am filled with awe. Now do again in our times the great deeds you used to do. Be merciful, even when you are angry. (From Habakkuk 3)