

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 resume today at 10.50am. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The Prayer Group will restart again on Wednesday 13th January at 10.00am in the small hall.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Do you need some help? Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Team. We can usually do something for you. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591). Do leave time for arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group returns on Wednesday 13th January to the studies in "Evangelism - A Way of Life", in particular Crosscultural evangelism. We look again at Acts 17: 16-34. The ladies meet in the Church hall at 1.30pm for approximately one hour. We'd love to have you come along and join in this fellowship of learning together.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE As mentioned last week in Church, a total of £212.29 was donated by Ferintosh congregation to this project, aimed at helping the local protestant Church support displaced people in Syria and refugees in neighbouring countries. This should be enough to provide basic foodstuffs for a month for 10 families, or 10 basic hygiene packs. Many thanks to all who contributed.

USED STAMPS Now that Christmas is over, please remember to bring your used stamps along to Church for the World Mission Council appeal. The red box is in the annexe.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE All intimations should be sent to John Smith by 5pm on Thursdays at strathdrynie@gmail.com or by telephone to 01349 865915.

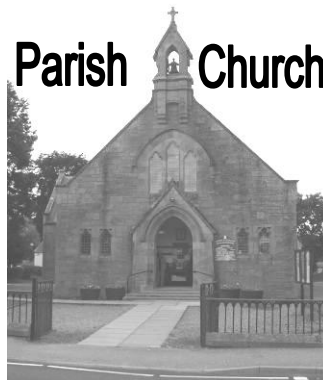
Services next Sunday

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

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

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Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 10th January 2016

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 132 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 202 'Stand up and bless the Lord'

Readings

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7 (*page 728 in Bible*)

Luke 3: 7 - 22 (*page 1029 in Bible*)

Hymn: 645 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord'

Sermon

Hymn: 522 'The Church is wherever'

Children's Address

Hymn: 251 'I, the Lord of sea and sky'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 198 'Let us build a house'

Prayer

MP: 266 'I cannot tell'

Reading

Luke 2: 41 - 52 (*page 1029 in Bible*)

Hymn: 506 'All I once held dear'

Reflection

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.

RIVER CAFÉ The first River Cafe of 2016 is to be held on Wednesday 13th January from 2pm-3.30pm in the Church hall. Whether you have joined us before, or not, we look forward to seeing you there for some tea/coffee, home baking and the all important chat.

PVG TRAINING The Presbytery Protection of Vulnerable Groups Training Coordinator has arranged a training session for all volunteers who work with children and adults within our congregation. Training is now required for all PVG certificate holders. The training session will be held here in the Church hall at 7.00 p.m. on 12th January. It is expected that the session will last for approximately 2 hours and it is likely that we will be joined by members of other congregations. In order to assist with the planning of the session it would be appreciated if you could let Hugh Fraser know if you will be able to attend at hughfr1@aol.com or by phoning 01997433384.

CHURCH CONSTITUTION There will be a congregational meeting after morning worship on Sunday 24th January to discuss the Church Constitution. At the moment we operate under what is known as The Model Deed Constitution where the Kirk Session is responsible for all Spiritual matters in the Church and The Congregational Board, comprising all Elders and elected Communicant Members of the congregation look after all temporal matters (fabric and finance etc.). The main disadvantage with this is that only Communicant Members can be elected on to the Congregation Board.

Having discussed this at both Kirk Session and Congregational Board meetings the Kirk Session feel that the way forward is to adopt Unitary Constitution whereby the Kirk Session is still responsible for all Spiritual matters. However, under this Constitution, the Kirk Session would also be responsible for all temporal matters, but in this they would be assisted, not by elected Communicant Members within the Congregational Board, but by appointed committees which could include all members and adherents within the Church. We believe this would allow more people to use their specific gifts and talents to become involved in the life of our Church.

The purpose of the meeting on the 24th is to seek the congregation's approval to proceed with this. At the meeting there will be an opportunity to ask questions and then a vote will be taken to see what the congregation wishes to do. The meeting is open to everyone and I would encourage everyone to stay and ask any questions they may want. Unfortunately however, under Church Law only Communicant Members can actually vote when the time comes.

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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12: 2 (ESV)

- † Give thanks for Beechwood House, Inverness, and the continued funding which allows provision to support people who have issues with alcohol and drugs. Pray for the people who use this service that God would give them the strength to continue on their recovery journey. Pray for family members that they will feel supported and encouraged. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- † Lord Jesus, we thank you that you laid down your life for us; you are no stranger to suffering. We pray today for all those who are in chains for you, all those who are suffering pain, loss or fear - because they are being persecuted for their faith. Help them to walk in your victory, Lord. Fill them with your peace and let your light and your love radiate through them. This January we are thinking of those in Syria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran and India. (Prayershield Release)
- † Heavenly Father, we ask you to be near those who find the long dark days of winter hard to deal with. Be their strength and comforter. Help them to see the faintest of lights in the darkness because the darkness can never extinguish your light
- † Lord, on the way to goodness, when we stumble, hold us, when we fall, lift us up, when we are hard pressed by evil, deliver us, when we turn from what is good, turn us back, and bring us at last to your glory.

Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be,

The last of life, for which the first was made:

Our times are in his hand

Who said, "A whole I planned,

Youth shows but half; trust God; see all nor be afraid!"
Robert Browning (1812-1889)