

## 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 meets on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 meets each Wednesday in the Church hall at 1.30pm for approximately one hour to study God's word and how we can use it to make our lives more acceptable to God every day. We continue to look at Evangelism - A Way of Life from the LifeBuilder Studies. This week, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, we hope to read Mark 4: 1-25 with the heading "Balanced Expectations". Beginning in early February, we will begin a Lent Pilgrimage. Perhaps that could be the chance for you to come along and begin your studies with us then. Look forward to seeing you whenever you can make it.

**USED STAMPS** 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

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

## Ferintosh Parish Church



## Order of Service

for

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**11.00am  
Morning Service**

**Rev'd Andrew F. Graham**

Welcome and Intimations

**Hymn: 59** 'Oh, come, and let us to the Lord'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: 500** 'Lord of creation'

Readings

Psalms 36: 5 - 10 (*page 563 in Bible*)

John 2: 1 - 11 (*page 1064 in Bible*)

**Hymn: 550** 'As the deer pants for the water'

Sermon

**Hymn: 154** 'O Lord my God!'

Children's Address

**Hymn: 512** 'To God be the glory'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

**MP: 435** 'Lord Jesus Christ'

Prayer

**MP: 696** 'Thou art worthy'

Reading

Matthew 10: 17 - 31 (*page 975 in Bible*)

**MP: 141**

'Father, Your love is precious'

Reflection

**MP: 41**

'At the name of Jesus'

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.

**CHURCH CONSTITUTION** There will be a congregational meeting after morning worship next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.**

***Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8 (ESV)***

- † Holy God, Author of all righteousness, may our words and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight. Please forgive and cleanse us as we confess our sin before You, and fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit. Pray that children and young people in our schools, colleges and universities will be encouraged to recognise the importance of demonstrating honesty, reliability and sincerity in their relationships, studies, sports and other activities.
- † Pray that the light of God's love will be radiant through His people in Sudan, even as persecution intensifies. Pray that President Omar al-Bashir and his government will come to respect Christians as responsible citizens and will uphold religious rights for all.
- † Pray for persecuted Christians this January in Syria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iran and India.
- † Thank God for opportunities to reach out to people newly diagnosed with leprosy at the national leprosy referral hospital in Harare, Zimbabwe. Pray for the right ideas to help people in the leprosy settlement who are typically poor and unwanted in a country suffering troubled economic times. This has made it difficult to re-form a local interest group or raise funds for this work.
- † Give praise and thanks for all the services which we enjoy in this land of ours - the NHS, the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service, Refuse Collectors and Gritters, Carers at home and in Care Homes. Give thanks for the people who man these services and do their jobs in sometimes difficult situations

***May God the Father bless us. May Christ the Son take care of us, the Holy Spirit enlighten us all the days of our life. The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul now and for ever and to the ages of ages.***  
(A Barclay Prayer Book)