INTIMATIONS

<u>WELCOME</u> to our Worship today. If you are visiting we hope you enjoy being with us, and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book. 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 9th March at 10.00am in the small hall.

<u>PASTORAL CARE TEAM</u> The members are willing to assist you in whatever way we can by doing small tasks or taking you to appointments etc. Please contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), remembering to allow plenty of time for suitable arrangements to be made.

<u>LADIES BIBLE STUDY</u> The ladies are continuing on their Lenten Pilgrimage using Barbara Mosse's book "Welcoming the Way of the Cross", week 4 "Me and my shadow". These studies are proving to be so interesting and challenging. We'd love you to come and join with us. We meet on Wednesday 9th March in the Church hall at 1.15pm. (Please note the slightly earlier time for this week)

STATED ANNUAL MEETING The Stated Annual Meeting of this congregation will take place on Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm in the Church hall. The accounts for the year 2015 will be presented to the congregation as will reports on the work of various Church groups throughout the year. All are encouraged to come along.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 9th March from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, home bakes and the all important chat? Whether you have joined us before, or not, we look forward to welcoming you there.

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

Services next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Mr Fred McCreadie Evening Service at 6.30pm with Mr Fred McCreadie

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Order of Service

for

Sunday 6th March 2016

11.00am
Holy Communion Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 189 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Hymn: 547 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

Reading Luke 15: 1 - 20 (page 1048 in Bible)

Hymn: 555 'Amazing grace!'

Sermon

Hymn: 655 'For your generous providing'

Celebration of Holy Communion

Hymn: 519 'Love divine, all loves excelling'

Benediction

No Evening Service

<u>GUILD</u> The next meeting of the Guild will take place tomorrow, Monday 7th at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We look forward to paying a visit to the Faroe Islands with the expert help of Elizabeth Blackburn and her pictures. Do come along. You don't have to be a Guild member if you'd just like to see a part of the world not many of us have been able to go to. We'd love to see members and visitors alike to enjoy the show and fellowship together.

Members are reminded we have an invitation from Castle Street Guild to Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 9th March at 2.30pm. Please let Guild Team know if you plan to attend.

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT 29th FEBRUARY. The latest edition of the World Council Mission newsletter focusing on Fairtrade fortnight is now available. It includes information on the Fairtrade movement, a prayer for the movement and a rather delicious recipe for banana pancake with chocolate. Christion Aid suggests trying to substitute five items on your normal shopping list for Fairtrade versions during the fortnight. If you cannot find five ask the manager why the shop is not stocking more – and try the Green Kite at the old railway station in Strathpeffer. Another idea is to have a Fairtrade breakfast which is where the pancakes might come in handy.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday 24th March at 7.00pm Communion Service in the Church Friday 25th March at 7.00pm Good Friday Service in the Church

Easter Sunday 27th March

8.30am Early Morning Worship (followed by breakfast in the Church hall)

11.00am Family Easter Service

No Evening Service

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

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realise it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. Hosea 11: 3,4

- † Heavenly Lord, Your never-failing tender compassion is greater than the love of any parent. Please strengthen and encourage every woman who has a mothering role, whether to her own children and grandchildren or to others who need her care. Loving Father, we remember women who struggle to care for their families because they are alone, face physical and mental issues, or have serious financial problems. Please send people to strengthen and help them in their need. Intercede for women who suffer because of discrimination and appalling poverty, notably in sub-Saharan Africa and in city slums throughout the world, where they experience the worst maternal health, education and life opportunities.
- **†** FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT February 29th March 13th. Pray that during this Fortnight we will remember that many farmers in the developing world are unfairly paid for what they produce. Ask God to challenge us to take any action we can to help ensure they are treated with dignity and justice.
- † Give thanks for the professionalism and care of the staff at Cameron House, Inverness (a residential home for 28 older people who are living with dementia). Pray that the staff will be able to see their work as a ministry and that they will have the energy and enthusiasm to serve Christ well in serving the residents. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- † Pray for persecuted Christians in Iran, Sri Lanka, Uganda and North Korea during March. Thank you, Heavenly Father, that Jesus showed us how to forgive as he was dying on the cross. And thank you that the risen Lord appeared to the persecutor-in-chief, Saul, and turned his life around. Please do the same today with those who persecute your people. Show mercy, Lord. And bring such revelation and conviction that those filled with hate will be transformed into followers of your Sion, Jesus. (Prayershield)

Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the moulding of character in her children. (Dr Billy Graham)