

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 TEAS Just a reminder that there is a new list in the hall which still has a few empty spaces on it. Can you help to provide tea following Morning Worship, on an occasional basis? If so can you please add your name to the list? Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

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

PRAYER GROUP The prayer meetings continue on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am in the small hall. If you would like them to pray for someone at those meetings please contact John Fraser on 861140. The Prayer Group are happy to pray for any requests which any of the congregation have. Feel free to put any in the box in the vestibule.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group resumes its usual weekly meeting on Wednesday 18th January at 1.30pm in the Church hall. We will continue our study of Hebrews using the LifeBuilder Series entitled "Hebrews -Race to Glory" by James Reapsome. This week's study looks at chapter 9 called The Runner's Power. Our group is getting smaller and we'd love to have new members join in the study of God's Word. Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to come along if you can each week? A warm welcome awaits.

PASTORAL CARE If you need help, don't hesitate to call and the Team will try its best to assist. Call either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591). Remember to give plenty notice for taking you to appointments.

KIRK SESSION The Kirk Session will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th January in the Church hall. Copies of minutes and agendas have now been circulated, both by email and on paper. Any Elder who has not received their copy should contact the Session Clerk as soon as possible.

LOCUM MINISTER The Kirk Session is pleased to confirm that Rev. Russel Smith has been appointed our Locum Minister from 1st January. Russel will be taking 3 morning services a month and undertaking 2 days of pastoral work per week. The Kirk Session are very grateful to Russel for his kind offer to be our Locum and look forward to working with him over the coming months.

PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Russell Smith can be contacted on 861011 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Russel Smith

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 15th January 2017

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Roddy MacKinnon

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 19 'Ye gates, lift up your heads on high'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 595 'O Breath of life'

Prayer

Readings
Jonah 1: 1 - 17 (*page 927 in Bible*)
Mark 4: 35 - 41 (*page 1006 in Bible*)

Hymn: 260 'Eternal Father, strong to save'

Sermon

Praise: 'I feel the winds of God today' (*words inside*)

Children's Talk

Hymn: 351 'Jesus' hands were kind hands'

Benediction

No Evening Service

SOUPER SUNDAY A little advance notice. We will be holding a soup and pudding lunch after the Kirk Session led Church Service on 12th February in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS project. Put the date in your diary for now and further details will be available nearer the time. Hoping for your support for this worthy cause.

EVENING SERVICES The Kirk Session have decided that due to declining numbers and the possibility of bad weather in the coming months there will be NO Sunday Evening Services in January and February 2017. The Kirk Session will review this decision in the New Year with regards to Sunday Evening Services from March 2017 onwards.

USED STAMPS As you attack the big clear-up after Christmas and New Year, please remember to save any used stamps for the World Mission Council appeal. Stamps must be intact, including perforations. It is helpful if stamps are trimmed, leaving half an inch of envelope all round where possible, and separated into UK and foreign stamps.

I feel the winds of God today

I feel the winds of God today;
Today my sail I lift,
Though heavy oft with drenching spray,
And torn with many a rift;
If hope but light the water's crest,
And Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
And brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
My vain regretful tears,
Until with braver thoughts shall rise
The purer, brighter years;
If cast on shores of selfish ease
Or pleasure I should be,
Lord, let me feel thy freshening breeze
And I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget thy love
And how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above:
It bears thy Name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way,
Thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today,
Today my sail I lift.

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

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

† Heavenly Father, I thank and praise you because you are everything I need, in all circumstances. You alone know what lies ahead—so I need not be afraid. Father, I pray that my persecuted family will know that you are with them and will meet all their needs. May they know that you delight in them and rejoice over them with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). Give them your joy, Lord, so they can face today with strength and courage. (Prayershield from Release International)

† As we begin this new year, pray for the parents who believe they are not good enough. Give them courage and confidence to ask for help and enable us to provide that help without them having to wait for long periods of time. (Tom Allan Centre, Glasgow, specialist counselling service for parents and their children who are struggling with the impact of ante/postnatal depression or anxiety from CrossReach Prayer Diary)

† Almighty God, we know that our world is in great turmoil as each day we read or hear of ever more atrocities carried out on innocent people. Help us each in our own small way to promote peace wherever we find ourselves and help us pray for the peacemakers throughout the world.

† Righteous Lord, help me each day to listen to you and fulfil the responsibility you have given me to live my life according to your purposes.

Good and evil increase at compound interest. Little decisions are of infinite importance. The smallest good act today captures a strategic point which could lead to undreamed-of victories. (CS Lewis, Mere Christianity)