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. <u>Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning service.</u> 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. 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. 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 will next meet on Wednesday 1st February at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We continue in our study of Hebrews and will be looking at Hebrews Chapter 10. The study is entitled "Staying in the Race" from the LifeBuilder series Hebrews-Race to Glory by James Reapsome. We would welcome anyone who feels they'd like to be more familiar with God's Word. Don't worry if you can't manage every week, we'd still love to welcome you on an occasional basis.

<u>PASTORAL CARE</u> 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.

SOUP LUNCH The next Soup Lunch takes place in the Church Hall on Friday 3rd February starting at 12noon. Our speaker that day will be Terri Cunningham, "Affordable Warmth Advisor". This should be a most interesting and informative talk so your support would be most appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the church hall on Wednesday 8th February from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in (even for a short time) for some tea/coffee, home baking and the all important chat. Would you be willing to help with baking on an occasional basis so that we can continue to hold this event? If so, there is a list for names at the back of the church. (Or speak with Janet Murray). Your support would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

<u>SOUPER SUNDAE</u> As in previous years, we are holding a soup and, this year, sweet lunch after worship, led by the Kirk Session, on Sunday 12th February. Donations will be given to the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS programme which helps both in this country and abroad. There is a sheet at the back of the Church for you to volunteer to help-- make soup, make a pudding, bring crusty bread or help on that Sunday. We'd love to have lots of people join us for lunch, look forward to that.

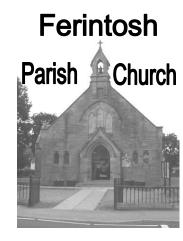
<u>KIRK SESSION</u> The Kirk Session will meet after the morning service on Sunday 5th February to confirm the final Electoral Register.

<u>PASTORAL DUTIES</u> Rev'd Russel 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



Order of Service

for

Sunday 29th January 2017

11.00am Morning Service

Rev'd Roddy MacKinnon

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn: 110 'Glory be to God the Father'

Prayer

Readings Peter 1: 13 - 25 (page 1217 in Bible)

John 1: 1 - 14 (page 1063 in Bible)

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

Sermon

Hymn: 512 'To God be the glory, great things he has done!'

Children's Talk

Praise: 'Just as I am, Thine own to be'

Benediction

No Evening Service

Just as I am, Thine own to be, Friend of the young, Who lovest me, To consecrate myself to Thee, O Jesus Christ, I come.

In the glad morning of my day, My life to give, my vows to pay, With no reserve and no delay, With all my heart I come.

I would live ever in the light, I would work ever for the right; I would serve Thee with all my might; Therefore, to Thee I come.

Just as I am, young, strong, and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth, and righteousness, and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.

GUILD On Monday 6th February at 2.00pm, we welcome to the Guild, as our speaker, Elizabeth Blackburn who will talk and show her beautiful pictures from her journey to Greenland. Over the past wee while she has shown pictures of local, wintry scenes. So this time she will be showing sunny pictures of our local area too. You don't have to be a Guild member to come along. If this is something you'd love to see, then come along and most welcome. Bring a friend along to the Church Hall. See you there.

Members of the Guild are reminded of the Invitation to Castle Street Church Guild on Wednesday 8th February where there will be a speaker about the Guild Project "Feed the Minds" dealing with the distressing subject of Female Genital Mutilation. The meeting begins at 2.30pm in their Church Hall.

<u>SEAFORTH HOUSE</u> The next service at Seaforth House is to be held on Sunday 5th February at 3pm. These services have been organised to be led on alternate months by Maryburgh Free Church and Ferintosh Parish Church. This is a informal active worship service lasting about twenty minutes, with plenty of praise, and so we would be glad if any of the congregation would like to join us at any of them.

<u>CRECHE</u> We are again in need of new volunteers to help out at the crèche. Although the crèche is not required every Sunday, we do need two people each week to be available. Volunteers will need to be cleared under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups scheme, but this is simply a matter of filling in a form with the information required for a check to be made to ensure there are no convictions or other information which would indicate a risk to children. This is completely confidential. Please consider whether you can help in this way, and speak to Janet Winchester.

<u>WORLD MISSION COUNCIL NEWS LETTER</u> The latest edition of this newsletter is available on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one. The main focus is on refugees and the work some of the Church of Scotland's partner Churches are doing in different places. There is also an interesting and hopeful update on the HIV/AIDS situation.

<u>Please take this home with you to</u> help you with your prayers this week.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. Habakkuk 3: 19

- † We read about the increase in homelessness, Lord, and ask you to keep safe those who sleep rough. Raise up people who can get close to the homeless person and try to help them sort out their specific needs. We give thanks for Cunningham House, Edinburgh, a supported hostel with 23 rooms for adult females and males. Pray for the staff team; for energy, compassion, wisdom, health, joy and unity as they seek to support the residents in the best ways possible. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- † Pray for the persecuted Christians in India, China, Central Asia and Sudan. This week pray for the acquittal of Sudanese pastors, Kowa Shamaal and Hassan Abduraheem who are on trial for crimes that carry the death penalty. They are falsely accused of supporting rebel movements. (PrayerShield Release)
- † Father, we ask you to be very close to all who are ill whether at home or in hospital. We pray you will lay your healing hands on them and restore them to health. We pray too for those who worry about the health of a loved one. Give them the strength to be supportive, able to give comfort and aid.
- † Almighty God, we know you are ready, willing and able to give us your supernatural strength and we give thanks for the knowledge that, with your help, we can conquer any difficult step. Help us to rely on you and not be tempted to be discouraged.

At times of turmoil it is good to reach back to basic practices of faithfulness (Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, breaking of bread) and let God remind us of his goodness.