

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. 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.

PASTORAL CARE The team is ready to help you. Just phone either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and help could be on its way. Please allow time for arrangements to be made if you require to be taken to appointments.

CROSSREACH CrossReach are holding a competition to design the Christmas Card for this year. There are two sections - children to 14 and adults. The closing date is 27th March. Please see poster in the Church Hall if you'd like to take part and need more details.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY We have just completed a very interesting and thoughtful study of Hebrews and are ready to move on to Lent Studies. We hope to examine the study by Cover to Cover entitled "At the Cross" by Abby Guinness. We will look through the eyes of the Centurion, the Criminal, Joseph of Arimathea, Mary and Martha, and Thaddaeus. Do come along if you can. A warm welcome awaits you.

NEWSLETTER The next edition of the Ferintosh Focus Newsletter will be published towards the end of the month. Articles should be with the Editorial team by Saturday 18th March.

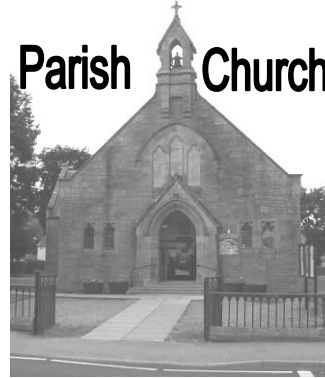
PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Russel Smith can be contacted on 861011 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Mr Hendry Robertson

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 12th March 2017

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Russel Smith

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 81 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes'

Prayer

Hymn: 502 'Take my life, Lord, let it be'

Readings Genesis 12: 1 - 4 (*page 13 in Bible*)

John 3: 1 - 17 (*page 1065 in Bible*)

Hymn: 249 'We have heard a joyful sound'

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn: 533 'Will you come and follow me'

Children's talk

Hymn: 530 'One more step along the world I go'

Benediction

STATED ANNUAL MEETING The Stated Annual Meeting of this congregation will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, chaired by our Interim Moderator, Rev. Scott Polworth. The accounts for the year 2016 will be presented to the congregation along with the reports on the work of the various Church groups throughout the year. We look forward to seeing YOU there.

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE A Congregational Meeting will be held at the close of Morning Worship on Sunday, 26th March 2017 for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee, which will nominate in due course one person to the congregation with a view to the appointment of a minister. At this meeting, the congregation will be invited to elect 9 people who are on the Electoral Roll of this congregation of Ferintosh Parish Church, to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee you may do so at the meeting providing the person has indicated a willingness to serve.

GUILD The Guild Resource Day will be held in Crown Church on Saturday 18th March from 10am until 1pm. Iain Whyte will be there and all will be very welcome to attend to see how we can use the materials produced by the National Team.

BEETLE DRIVE There is to be a Beetle Drive in the Church Hall on Saturday 18th March starting at 6.30pm. Cost is £1 per adult and 50p per child. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you at what should be a fun evening.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS Training sessions for volunteers working with children and adults in their congregations have been arranged as follows;

- Thursday 23rd March at 7.00 p.m. in Rosskeen Church Hall, Alness
- Saturday 8th April at 10.00a.m. in St.Clements,Dingwall.

The training sessions will last for approximately 2 hours and are open to all volunteers whether new or those who may wish to refresh their training. Please contact Hugh Fraser on 01997 433384 if you wish to attend.

FOODBANK In this season of Lent, why not donate some thing each week to the Foodbank. It will be well used and go to the right people.

SOUPER SUNDAE Thanks go to everyone who made this effort a great success. There is a poster in the Hall showing what we raised and a thank you from the HIV/AIDS team in Edinburgh.

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

***I am the holy Lord God, the one who rescues you. For your own good,
I teach you, and I lead you along the right path. Isaiah 48: 17
(Contemporary English Version)***

- † Lord Jesus, Risen Lord and Saviour, you have conquered sin and death through your resurrection. We praise you that no one is excluded from your grace and everyone is invited into your family. Jesus, please touch the hearts of those who persecute your people, accost the prison guards with your love and overwhelm the torturers with your mercy. Help us, Lord, to see everyone as you see them, even those we find hard to love. (Release PrayerShield) In March we are asked to pray for the Christians in Nigeria, Kenya, China, Iran and Sudan.
- † Father, we pray for those who run the Foodbanks in our country. We find it difficult to believe that, in this highly developed economy, such facilities are required but every day more people seem to fall through the cracks and need help to get back on their feet again. We pray for the service users that they may know the love of God in the help they are offered.
- † Lord, we pray for all young people. Be with them at school, college or University. We pray that they will do their best in all they do and strive to reach their true potential. May they see that they are loved by God and are important even though they are young.
- † Creator God, we thank you for all the signs of new life we see around us at this time of year. Help us to see we too can have new life in you if we turn to you and repent and follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

***His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of
death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart, lift up your
voice; rejoice! Charles Wesley 1744***