

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 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 There are team members who are willing to undertake small tasks for you. Please don't feel stuck. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591) and we will do our very best to help. Please allow time if you need to be taken to appointments. We need to make arrangements.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group will next meet in the Church Hall on Wednesday 31st May at 1.30pm for approximately one hour. We continue reading in Haggai and this week's study is entitled "Being Passionate" The readings for this week are Haggai 1:12-15; Proverbs 23: 17-18; John 2: 13-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 13-15; 2 Timothy 1: 3-7 and Revelation 3: 14-22. There are still some study guides available if you'd like to join us. Love to see you there!

DINGWALL CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP We are fortunate to have such a facility in our local area. Although not on the High Street, it is easily accessible by car, bus and on foot. There is a wide range of Christian literature as well as cards for most occasions and some small gifts. Do come in and browse. Opening hours are on the notices in the Church hall and the Church noticeboard by the gate.

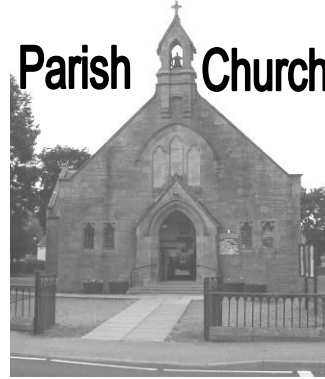
PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Russel Smith can be contacted on 861011 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Russel Smith

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 28th May 2017

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Russel Smith

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 96 'You are before me, God'

Prayer

Hymn: 514 'Onward! Christian soldiers'

Readings
Acts 1: 6 - 14 (*page 1092 in Bible*)
John 17: 1 - 11 (*page 1085 in Bible*)

Hymn: 167 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn: 542 'Lord, speak to me'

Children's Talk

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

Benediction

FERINTOSH FOCUS The next edition of the Ferintosh Focus newsletter will be published in June. Any articles for inclusion should be with the Editorial team by Friday 9th June.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND THE BIG BREKKIE Last Saturday's Big Brekkie on 20th May raised the magnificent total of £415.85 from donations. Thanks go to all who helped in any way prior to the event, on the day itself and to everyone who donated food, congregation members, local businesses, and those who came along to enjoy the food and fellowship for this fund raising event.

The final total from all monies raised from Christian Aid week will be announced as soon as the 'big count' has taken place.

CHURCH FINANCES For April, receipts amounted to £2,606 and Payments to £4,630 leaving a monthly deficit of £2,024. The deficit for the year to date (i.e. 4 months) amounts to £3,547.

KIRK SESSION MINUTES A folder has been placed in the Annexe of the Church containing copies of the Minutes from recent Kirk Session Meetings for use by members of the Congregation. Please do not remove the folder from the church and leave it in the annexe once finished with. Minutes of future Kirk Session meetings will be added once they have been agreed as a correct record.

CAN YOU HELP? Members of the congregation will be aware that our organist, Doreen Suckling, is currently unwell and unable to play for us on a Sunday morning. Finding a relief organist is at times proving difficult if not impossible, and so we are very grateful for Hugh Steele acting as the Digibox operator. However, we need to identify more Digibox operators so as to share the load. Therefore, if you would be willing to be trained as a Digibox operator, please contact either the Session Clerk, Martin McLauchlan, or Hugh Steele. Full training will be provided.

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

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; Isaiah 43: 1-2

- † Lord, this week we have been asking why? We do not understand; we find it difficult to make sense of things; we seem to have seen great evil and hatred. Help us, Lord, we beseech you. However, we also give thanks to you, Lord, for we have seen your love in action all over our country, most especially in the great city of Manchester. We ask you to be with all those who need you most as a result of this atrocity--- the relations of those who died; the seriously hurt children, young people and their families; the medical staff and emergency service personnel. Give them strength to carry on and wisdom and compassion throughout the difficult days ahead.
- † Heavenly Father, you made us to worship you, to walk in step with you. Thank you, Lord, that, as we submit to you, you guide our path and fulfil your purposes in us. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering today, those who are in danger of giving in to fear or anger and bitterness. Help them to guard their hearts so that they will not be diverted from the path you have set before them. (Release Prayershield)
- † In May, continue to pray for Christians in Central Asia, Egypt, Malaysia, Sudan and North Korea.
- † O God, you have graciously brought us to this hour, the time when you poured out your Holy Spirit in tongues of fire upon your apostles, filling them with the gift of your grace; so, most wonderful Lord, may we too receive this blessing; and as we seek to praise you, merciful God, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, may we share in your eternal kingdom. For your name is worthy of all honour and majesty and you are to be glorified in hymns of blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, to the ages of ages. Amen (Eastern Orthodox Church)
- † O Lord, the Scriptures say "there is a time for silence and a time for speech." Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God. (Frankfurt Prayer 16thC)

We often rush into words of prayer. But we find God when we take time to be quiet, realizing that God is close and wanting to speak as well as to listen to us, though we may find listening hard at first.