

## **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 at 10.50am today. 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 prayers in the box in the vestibule.

**PASTORAL CARE** We have dedicated people on the Team who are willing to be of assistance. Give us a call either contacting your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591).

**HOLY COMMUNION** On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our morning worship at 11.00am. The Kirk Session are asked to meet in the small hall at 10.45am prior to worship.

**GIFT DAY 2017** It has been agreed that our Annual Gift Day will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September between 10am and 12 noon. Invitation letters will be issued shortly.

**KIRK SESSION** The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm and it will meet in the Church Hall. Minutes and Agendas are available to uplift now. Elders who receive their Minutes and Agenda by email should have them by now. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend Kirk Session Meetings as observers but are not allowed to contribute to any discussions that take place unless invited to do so by the Chairperson. Also, from time to time observers may be asked to leave a meeting if any items of Restricted Business are on the Agenda.

**FERINTOSH FOCUS** The next edition of the Ferintosh Focus Newsletter will be published mid-September. All articles are to be with the Editorial team by 8<sup>th</sup> September.

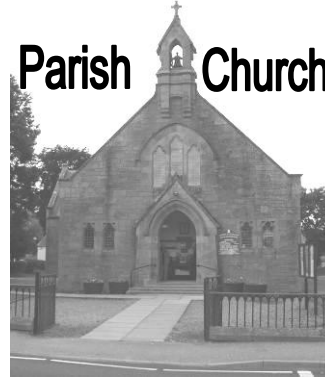
**PASTORAL DUTIES** Rev'd Russel Smith can be contacted on 861011 if required for any Pastoral duties.

### **Service next Sunday**

Morning Service at 11.00am with Mr Jim McAlpine

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

## **Ferintosh Parish Church**



## **Order of Service**

for

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**11.00am  
Morning Service**

**Rev'd Russel Smith**

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

**Hymn: 235**

**'God is working his purpose out'**

Prayer

**Hymn: 161**

**'O God, our help in ages past'**

Reading

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10 (*page 58 in Bible*)

Romans 12: 1 - 8 (*page 1139 in Bible*)

Matthew 16: 13 - 20 (*page 983 in Bible*)

**Hymn: 502**

**'Take my life'**

Sermon

Prayer

**Hymn: 738**

**'Glorious things of thee are spoken'**

Children's Talk

**Hymn: 599**

**'Holy Spirit, hear us'**

Benediction

**GUILD** There is still one ticket available for the National Gathering on 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Caird Hall, Dundee. If you'd like the ticket please speak to Janette Steele. Janet Winchester is willing to drive there and back for anyone who is unable to go by public transport. Please contact as soon as possible.

Ross-Tain Presbyterial Council have arranged to live stream the National Gathering in Alness at the Capstone Community room from 10.15am - 15.30pm for those who cannot travel to Dundee. All are welcome. For a donation, there will be tea/coffee, home baking and sandwiches available throughout the day. People can attend for all of the day or just part. The Capstone Centre is situated at the top of Alness High Street with a car park alongside the café or further up the road on the left. Dr Pam Cairns will be the keynote speaker this year and the Moderator, Rt Rev. Derek Browning, will also share his thoughts on his year in office.

**NEW START HIGHLAND** We will be completing our collection for this deserving cause at the end of August. Thank you to those who have so generously donated already. Can you help with either the Starter Packs or Cleaning packs? Please leave donations in Church Hall.

**HIGHLAND FOODBANK** Could you donate any of the following? Teabags, coffee, meals-in-a tin, washing powder, biscuits. Thank you, so generous people.

**HIGHLAND SUPPORTS REFUGEES** Many people have asked about the event held by this organisation in our Church hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. It was an occasion to bring together the Syrian families who have been relocated to different parts of the Highlands and Islands, to allow them to get to know each other and to exchange experiences and support. Around 40 adults, and almost as many children, from babies to teenagers, arrived from Lewis, Lochaber, Moray, Easter Ross and Orkney. They talked, ate and played together, and it was wonderful to see every part of the hall, as well as the playing field, used to the full, to hear the buzz of conversation (even if it could not be understood) and to observe the happiness on the faces of young and old. This was part of a whole weekend's programme, which included a reception at the Mosque in Inverness, and hospitality overnight for those from further away. Those who were involved in organising the event and in helping out on the day all found it a very worthwhile and uplifting experience. Many thanks to those from the congregation who provided food, and who helped out.

**USED STAMPS** If you have any stamps at home for the World Mission Council World Stamp appeal, could you please bring them to Church or give them to Janet Winchester before the end of August, as the stamps collected will be handed over on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The money raised this year will go to provide books for the Giffen Institute of Theology of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, which is currently located in a refugee camp in Kenya. Many books and other resources have been lost or destroyed during the years of civil war in the country.

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

***He who cares to know cares to be set right, but he who hates to be admonished is a stupid creature. Proverbs 12:1 (The Moffat Translation)***

† Pray for Threshold Support Services, Hamilton, which supports people on the autistic spectrum across Lanarkshire. Pray for the "Leading Lives" day opportunities service that it may grow and develop. Give thanks that the people attending have begun to develop new friendships through shared interests and experience. Pray for the Housing support/care at home service - providing care and support to people in their own homes and community. Pray for some individuals who are struggling with poor mental health at this time and struggling to make sense of the world around them. CrossReach Prayer Diary

† Tearfund launched self-help groups (SHGs) 15 years ago with just five groups in Ethiopia. In 2017, there will be an estimated 27,000 in east and southern Africa alone. SHGs are low cost, empowering and easy to replicate. Tearfund are helping them to grow in number and quality - lifting people out of poverty. Dear Lord, we thank you for the spread of SHGs. We pray for greater learning and sharing between countries so that more lives will be transformed through membership. Let's pray for all SHG members and their families.

† We pray for all in our community who are feeling sad and lost at this time. Father, we ask you to give comfort to the bereaved and healing to the sick and strength and patience to those who care for them.

† Father, we ask you to be with our young people as they embark on the next stage of their lives - into a higher class at Primary School, moving into Secondary School or moving on a stage there, into higher education whatever they have chosen. May your hand lead them and guide them in the ways of righteousness.

***I am the light and you do not see me.  
I am the way and you do not follow me.  
I am the truth and you do not believe me.  
I am the life and you do not seek me.  
I am the master and you do not hear me.  
I am the leader and you do not obey me.  
I am your God and you do not pray to me.  
I am your greatest friend and you do not love me.  
If you are unhappy do not blame me.  
(from an old French Calvary of 1632)***