

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).

GIFT DAY 2017 Our Annual Gift Day will be held on Saturday 2nd September between 10am and 12 noon. Invitation letters are being issued.

MANSE GROUNDS It is planned, weather permitting, that we carry out a cutback of vegetation and weeding of the manse grounds on the morning of Saturday 9th September. Any help with trailers, equipment or labour will be very welcome. The hope is to make a start at 0930 and finish around 1.00pm.

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 8th September.

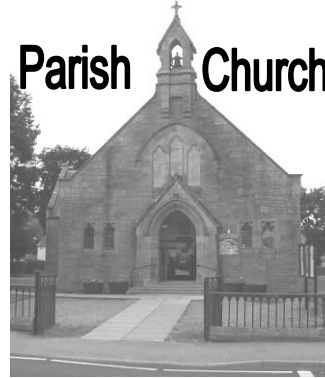
PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Russel Smith can be contacted on 861011 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Holy Communion Service at 11.00am with Rev'd John Lincoln

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 27th August 2017

11.00am

Morning Service

Mr Jim McAlpine

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 103 'Fill your hearts with joy and gladness'

Prayer

Hymn: 225 'Summer suns are glowing'

Reading James 1: 19 - 27 (*page 1213 in Bible*)

James 2: 14 - 26 (*page 1214 in Bible*)

Hymn: 600 'Spirit of God'

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn: 112 'God, whose almighty word'

Children's Talk

Hymn: 536 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour'

Benediction

GUILD The first meeting of the new session will take place on Monday 4th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall when we welcome our locum minister, Rev Russel Smith, as our speaker on the theme for this year, "Go in Love". As you know, the Guild is for everyone - young and not so young, male and female - and we'd love to have you join us. Give it prayerful consideration, please. The membership subscription remains the same as last year at £12 and can be paid at the first meeting when the syllabus will be available. This is very varied and interesting and should appeal to many folk. Do have a look at it.

On 2nd September, 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 The collection of goods will be donated this coming week to the charity. Thank you all for such an amazing response.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK Can you help with some essentials? UHT milk, tinned tuna, tinned meatballs and hotdogs, teabags and coffee, toiletries - shampoo, shower-gel, deodorant, toothpaste. Just one extra item in this week's shop? Thank you for all your generosity in the past.

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 2nd 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.**

Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.

Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me. Psalm 54: 2 and 4

† O Loving Creator, we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that we may know the joy of giving and receiving. Dear God, make us mindful of the miracles of these coins, "tokens of love". Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. (Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin)

† Lord Jesus, thank you for the amazing sacrifice you made on the cross, taking my place and bearing my sin. You are no stranger to pain and suffering. Jesus, thank you that you bind up the broken-hearted and raise up those who are crushed. Today, Lord, please bless and comfort our persecuted family. Remind them that you are their champion and you alone give them the victory. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Remember people in Sudan, Kenya, Iran, Egypt and Pakistan who suffer for their Christian faith.

† Pray for the Advisory, Consultative and Negotiating Group (ACNG) which works on behalf of CrossReach staff and offers them a free support service. Pray for the work, sometimes difficult and challenging but rewarding, carried out in all CrossReach services everyday by dedicated and committed staff. Ask for God's blessing on their elected group (ACNG) as it works to continue to improve staff welfare. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)

† Almighty, forgive my doubt, my anger, my pride. By thy mercy, abase me, by thy strictness, raise me up. (Dag Hammarskjöld 1905-1961)

We hope for and await the time that justice and righteousness might sprout forth like grass upon our nations. It is then we might truly be able to affirm the "Spirit of God is upon us." (Isaiah 61:1-11) (Olivia Juárez de González, Mexico)