

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 Prayer meetings continue on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Church hall. Prayer is the essential powerhouse of the Church and your participation would be greatly valued. The small group is very friendly and there is no pressure to pray aloud if you do not wish to.

PASTORAL CARE The team is willing to lend a hand. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and assistance can be arranged. Remember to allow time for arrangements to be put in place.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Church hall is when the group meets for approximately an hour. We will be looking towards the birth of Jesus in our Advent studies. Why not come along? You'd be most welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID - PRESENT AID - GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING This Christmas why not support Christian Aid and donate a gift to one of their many deserving projects around the world:- nutritious food supplements to Columbian children, school bag, books & biros to students in Bangladesh, a nanny goat to a family in Malawi/Ethiopia, an emergency disaster kit for those devastated by conflict in South Sudan. Contact 0333 555 2025 or presentaid.org/2017 for more information on how your generosity can help ease the suffering of so many needy people. For a current update on the work of Christian Aid please pick up a magazine located on the table at the rear of the Church. Remember the Christian Aid motto "We believe in life before death."

GUILD The tickets for the Big Sing at the East Church Inverness on Friday 24th November at 2pm have arrived. Ten tickets were ordered and will be given out on a first come first served basis. (They are going fast so don't delay!) Please contact Janette Steele if you'd like to attend. Tickets are free but the collection on the day is going to be donated to help with the work of the Synod of Livingstonia of the CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian) in Malawi.

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 12th November 2017

11.15am

Morning Service

Rev'd Russel Smith

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 161 'O God, our help in ages past'

Prayer

Hymn: 96 'You are before me, God'

Readings

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 (*page 686 in Bible*)

Revelation 21: 1 – 7 (*page 1249 in Bible*)

John 15: 9 – 17 (*page 1083 in Bible*)

Hymn: 528 'Make me a channel of your peace'

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn: 691 'Be still, my soul'

Children's Talk

Hymn: 260 'Eternal Father, strong to save'

Hymn: 703 National Anthem (1st verse)

HIGHLAND FOODBANK This service is in even greater demand than before due to changes in the benefit system. Please donate by placing non-perishable grocery items in the basket in the annex. Long-life milk, cereal, rice and pasta always welcome. Toiletries are also much appreciated. Remember even those who are in work are having to resort to using the foodbank to feed their families especially in these cold days. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCES Good News – in October our payments amounted to £3,533 and Receipts to £4,223 giving a surplus of receipts over payments of £690! This was mainly due to the receipt of our quarterly claim for Gift Aid tax from the taxman! For the 10-month period to the end of October and leaving legacy receipts aside, we have an excess of receipts over payments of £2,650. This is mainly due to the generous donations given for our Gift Day in September. There's still a smile on our Treasurer's face!

TEN-PIN BOWLING EVENING By popular demand there is to be an evening of Ten Pin Bowling on Wednesday 22nd November leaving the car park beside the church at 6.30pm to travel to Rollerbowl for 7pm. Cost as before is £6/head for adults and children which includes entry fee and shoe hire. Refreshments can be purchased at the venue if required. Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church to join in what is always a fun event.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING There is to be a Coffee Morning in the Church hall on Saturday 2nd December from 10am - 12 noon. Christmas Stalls will include decorations, crafts, baking and produce, gift tags and a few other surprises. At the teas, we will be serving scones, pancakes and shortbread, so any donations of those bakes would be most welcome. Entry is by donation with proceeds going to help purchase a wheelchair and blankets for the Church. The hall will be open between 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Friday 1st December to receive any donations and then again from 8.30am onwards on the day of the event. Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you can help with baking and on the day. Many thanks. Janet Murray.

DINGWALL CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP Christmas has come to this shop in the form of Leprosy Mission Packs of cards, boxes of cards and other charity cards. (Packs are £3.99 for 10 cards.) For children there are simple storybooks of the Nativity as well as Christmas Crib to make book, colouring and activity books and stickers. Diaries are available from Leprosy Mission for 2018 and Advent Calendars. Calendars for 2018 - Leprosy Mission appointments; Helen Steiner Rice appointments; Favourite Hymns/Peaceful Words/Quiet Thoughts and Bible verses; Cheering Words with text for each day of the year. Cards for members of the family - e.g. niece, daughter, grandson. If you haven't visited recently, do make a trip to Station Square!

MAN FRIDAY The Man Friday Group of the Culbokie Church Centre will be meeting for an evening of indoor bowls at the Conon Bridge Bowls Club on Friday 24th November at 7.30pm. Please bring soft shoes. New members are always welcome. Our monthly meetings will re-commence in February on the last Friday of the month and details can be found on our website www.culbokiechurchcentre.org

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

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:2

- † Gracious Father, we pray for peace in our world: for all national leaders that they might have the wisdom to know and the courage to do what is right; for all men and women that their hearts may be turned to yourself in the search for righteousness and truth; for those who are working to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way of reconciliation; for those who suffer as a result of war: the injured and disabled, the mentally distressed, the homeless and hungry, those who mourn for their dead, and especially for those who are without hope or friend to sustain them in their grief.
(Baptist Peace Fellowship)
- † In October last year, Mosul was being liberated by the military from ISIS but 900,000 people were displaced as they fled the city. Tearfund have been installing toilets, water tanks and boreholes in displaced communities and camps, as well as providing cash and clothing assistance to these communities. Pray that, through their programmes, they may continue supporting those who are most vulnerable and offer dignity and hope to families in desperate circumstances.
(Tearfund Prayer Diary)
- † Father, we pray for those who need you in our own neighbourhood. Be with those who are sick, either at home or in hospital. Be with those who are anxious and worried. Be with those who mourn the death of a loved one. Help us to be your caring hands.
- † In November, continue to remember persecuted Christians throughout the world. Remember those in India, North Korea, Egypt, Eritrea and Pakistan.

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.***

(Laurence Binyon For the Fallen 1914)

FERINTOSH FOCUS The next edition of the Ferintosh Focus Newsletter will be published in early December. All articles are to be with the Editorial team by 24th November.