

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 are on holiday until Sunday 14th January. 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 Remember, there are willing helpers out there ready to be of assistance. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591) and we will do our very best to help.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group resumes in the New Year on Wednesday 10th January in the Church hall at 1.30pm. It is hoped to conclude the Advent studies which are appropriate called "Reverberation". Please give prayerful thought to coming along to this meeting. You will be made most welcome.

GUILD The Guild begins its meetings for 2018 on Monday 8th January at 2pm in the Church Hall. The title of the afternoon is "Playlist for Life" which will be led by Naomi Forbes but also Guild members and friends coming along are asked to think about their possible Playlist and perhaps explain "Why" It should be a good time of fellowship. The Guild welcomes anyone who'd like to come along for this meeting to find out more about this subject and the Guild itself. Hope to see you there.

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

Service next Sunday

Communion Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Russel Smith

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 31st December 2017

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Russel Smith

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Carol: 21 **'We three Kings'**

Prayer

Carol: 7 **'Good King Wenceslas'**

Readings Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3 (*page 748 in Bible*)
John 1: 1 - 18 (*page 1063 in Bible*)

Carol: 4 **'God rest ye merry gentlemen'**

Sermon

Carol: 9 **'In the bleak mid-winter'**

Prayer

Carol: 3 **'Ding dong merrily on high'**

Benediction

RIVER CAFÉ The first River Cafe of 2018 takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 10th January from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in for a catch up and enjoy some tea/coffee and home bakes? We look forward to seeing you there. Would you be willing to provide some home baking on an occasional basis? If so, please add your name to the list in the church. Many thanks.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK Please remember all those in our local area who need the help of the Foodbank. An extra one or two items in your shopping trolley helps to feed families who are struggling to make ends meet. Thank you so much for all your generous donations in 2017. Sadly, we need them in the coming year too.

COLLECTIONS The offerings from the Watchnight and Christmas Day services amounted to £249.00 and this has now been sent off to “Shelter – Scotland”.

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

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Psalm 127:1

- † Lord of the years, we ask your blessing on the year to come. Give us the resilience to bear its disappointments, energy to seize its opportunities and openness to accept the more abundant life which you have promised to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. (From More Everyday Prayers)
- † O Lord God, our heavenly Father, regard, we beseech thee, with thy divine pity the pains of all thy children and grant that the passion of our Lord and his infinite merits may make fruitful for good the miseries of the innocent, the sufferings of the sick and the sorrows of the bereaved; through him who suffered in our flesh and died for our sake, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. (from The Scottish Prayer Book)
- † Staff at Tearfund have consecrated this year, their fiftieth anniversary, as a year of jubilee. All their teams around the world are uniting to seek afresh God's transforming Spirit and keep Jesus at the centre of their work and lives. They'd really value our prayers. Heavenly Father, as we arrive at the gate of this New Year, we know just how much we depend on you to bring your transforming power to those in greatest need. Let it be you who builds this house. (Tearfund Prayer Diary)
- † Give thanks for all God's goodness and mercy to you in the past year and rededicate your life to Him in 2018.

With every power for good to stay and guide me, comforted and inspired beyond all fear, I'll live these days with you in thought beside me, and pass, with you, into the coming year.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer (from prison, New Year 1945)