

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 this 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.

KIRK SESSION The Kirk Session will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 18th January in the Church Hall. Minutes and agendas are available to uplift now. Elders who have elected to receive them by email should now have them. Would all elders please meet in the small hall after this morning's service for a short meeting of the Kirk Session.

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

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 7th January 2018

11.00am

Communion Service

Rev'd Russel Smith

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 48 'His large and great dominion'

Prayer

Hymn: 542 'Lord, speak to me'

Readings Psalm 29 *(page 558 in Bible)*

Act 19: 1 - 7 *(page 1115 in Bible)*

Mark 1: 4 - 11 *(page 1002 in Bible)*

Hymn: 655 'For your generous providing'

Sermon

Prayer

Hymn: 664 ^{v1-4} 'Here, O my Lord'

Communion

Hymn: 664 ^{v5-7} 'Too soon we rise'

Benediction

GUILD The Guild begins its meetings for 2018 tomorrow 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. If you have any of your music on CD, please bring the disc(s) along and we will play a selection of them while we are having tea. Hope to see you there.

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.

SOUPER SUNDAY On Sunday 21st January we will celebrate Souper Sundae, in support of the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Programme and those infected and affected in this country and throughout the world. Donations of soup, bread and desserts will be required, as well as help to participate in the service, and in the kitchen and the hall. Please speak to Janet Winchester if you can help in any way.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK As you will have seen in the press this last week, the Foodbank is more essential than ever. 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 this new year too.

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER Copies of the latest edition are available on the table at the back of the Church. It includes information about the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS Programme, which we will be celebrating on Souper Sundae (see separate intimation). Please take one. I apologise that I missed inserting copies into Life and Work at the end of last month.

LEPROSY MISSION SCOTLAND There are a couple of copies of the Leprosy Mission Scotland Prayer diary on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one. If further copies are required, please speak to Janet Winchester.

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

The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?
Hebrews 13:6

- † Loving Father, from time to time we all have worries and concerns. Whether these be family, health, financial or whatever, we ask that You would help us to remember in these times of worry that You are always there for us to lean on. You alone are our refuge and our tower of strength, and with Your help anything that we face can be overcome.
- † Heavenly Father, we pray for Your Church, not only here in our community, but also throughout this land, and indeed the world. We thank You for all the many opportunities that we have to worship You week by week, and we pray that more people everywhere may come to know of Your Son, and so enter into the body of His Church for themselves.
- † Gracious Father, as we journey through this life we are constantly faced with difficult decisions that we have to make. Help us Lord to put our trust in You at these times so that any decision we arrive at will be in accordance with Your will, and so glorify Your Holy name.
- † Sometimes, Father, we may find ourselves at a crossroads: not sure of which way we should turn; what we should do. Help us Lord to seek Your guidance at these times. Help us to listen to Your Spirit within us, gently guiding us along Your way. For if we follow Your guidance it would surely lead us along the path that You would have us take.

God gives helpful advice to everyone who obeys Him, and protects all those who live as they should. Proverbs 2:6-7

These Bible verses and prayers are from Ferintosh Parish Church Prayer Day booklet for the Centenary of this Church.