

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 Church 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 If you need some help, please don't hesitate to enlist the help of the Team. Members are ready and willing to do their best to be of assistance. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). Allow time for arrangements to be made if you possibly can.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Invitation to Hope is the next study in our series from "Living Faith" for our Lenten studies. The readings are Luke 23: 29-43 and 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7. Please try to come along to the Church Hall on Wednesday 7th March at 1.30pm. The meeting usually last about one hour. A warm welcome awaits you.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 14th March from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in for some tea/coffee, home baking and the all important chat? We look forward to welcoming you there.

KIRK SESSION The Kirk Session will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th March 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.

PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Stephen Macdonald can be contacted on 864273 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Service next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 4th March 2018

11.00am

Holy Communion Service

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 19 'Ye gates, lift up your heads on high'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address & Prayer

Hymn: 749 'Soon and very soon'

Reading Luke 22: 14 – 23 (*page 1058 in Bible*)

Sermon

Hymn: 52 'How lovely is thy dwelling-place'

Holy Communion

Hymn: 396 'And can it be'

Benediction

FERINTOSH FOCUS The next edition of the Ferintosh Focus will be published in March. Any articles or contributions to the editorial team please by Friday 9th March.

GUILD The Guild meets tomorrow, Monday 5th March at 2pm in the Church Hall. The speaker is Hannah Sutherland and she will give us insight into #Highland Supports Refugees. If you'd like to learn more, do come along. All are welcome. This organisation is currently collecting men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes as well as sleeping bags, toiletries and blankets. If any member of the congregation would like to donate, bring it to Hall before 5th March.

SCRIPTURE UNION Ross-shire Scripture Union Action group are hosting a Christian Values for Education event for parents and carers to ask about Christian Worship in schools and how we can see more Christian values in schools, and discuss other issues. This is to take place on Saturday 10th March at Alness Capstone Centre, 10- 12noon. Entry is £5 which includes bacon rolls and coffee.

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER/FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Copies of the latest edition are available on the table at the back of the Church. The main focus this time is on **Fairtrade Fortnight (26th February - 11th March)**. More information about this event, (including videos) is available on fairtrade.org.uk Look out for displays when you are shopping, and try to buy at least one "fairtrade" item this week.

EASTER AT THE LEPROSY MISSION We have received one copy only of The Leprosy Mission Spring catalogue. It is on the table at the back of the Church for consultation, along with several copies of the order form. It contains a variety of Easter cards and other gifts appropriate to this time of year, as well as "virtual gifts" (where you give a donation to a particular project in the name of the recipient, and receive a card to give to them). You can either send the order in yourself (by post, phone or on-line), or give to me, in which case we would only have to pay the postage and packing charge once.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK As you can appreciate, the foodbank is very well used. It would be great if it were not so but alas, your help is really needed. Why not slip an extra item or two into your shopping this week and donate them to the foodbank where it will be put to good use helping those most vulnerable in our local community. Donations of tins of ham, tins of corned beef, tins of mince and sugar are requested during March.

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

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us all in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians `1: 3-4

- † Ever present God of light, we thank you for the new hope you bring to our lives this time of year. Though the people and situations that surround us are ever changing, we know that your love is constant. We pray for your spirit to guide us in your vision for our lives, our community and our world, and ask that you keep our footsteps firm on the ground, ever strong and faithful. (World Mission Council)
- † God of righteous anger, enduring mercy, and abounding love, in this extraordinary moment when women are boldly stepping out of the imprisoning shadows of shame, stigma and fear to tell their stories of gender-based violence and sexual harassment - we cry out for our sisters, mothers and daughters whose voices are still being strangled by the grip of sexism, racism, classism, corruption and marginalization (31 Days of prayer for Women's Empowerment)
- † We give thanks that we have been spared the worst of the snow and we thank God for keeping us safe. We pray for those who are enduring days of hardship due to the weather. Pray that the spirit of love and kindness will prevail throughout the land so that the vulnerable in our communities may feel that they are not being ignored and forgotten.
- † Each day, give thanks to God for all his mercies to us. Give thanks for friends, neighbours and relations who are there when we need them. Help us to reach out to those we know who might need our help.

***May we thirst Thy love to know;
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow;
Hear us, holy Jesus.
(Thomas B Pollock 1836-1896)***