

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 Members of the team await your call if you'd like some assistance. Contact either your elder or the co-ordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591), and we will make every effort to help. Please allow time for arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY We continue in our Lenten Studies using Cover to Cover material. On Wednesday 14th March, we will look at Invitations from the Cross and specifically "Invitation to Adoption" from John 19:25-27 and James 1: 22-27. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm lasting approximately an hour. We'd love to have more join our group and a warm welcome awaits. Please do think and pray about coming along even if you can't commit to every week.

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.

DINGWALL CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP Newly arrived Easter Cards from Leprosy Mission. Also Easter cards from Toybox. Shop open daily Monday until Saturday 10am until 12.30pm. Children's books for Easter.

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 11th March 2018

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 36 'God is our refuge'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address & Prayer

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

Reading Genesis 32: 24 – 32 (*page 36 in Bible*)

Hymn: 565 'My life flows on in endless song'

Sermon

Hymn: 561 'Blessed assurance'

Benediction

GUILD The Presbyterian Council of Ross/Tain has sent an invitation to their Spring Rally in Tain Church hall on Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm. The speaker is Rev Patricia Johnstone of the Scottish China Group. Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church if you would like to attend, so that transport can be arranged.

Ross and Ross/Tain Presbyterian Councils will be meeting with the current Moderator Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning and his chaplain Ann Mulligan here at Ferintosh on Monday 23rd April. A buffet supper is planned (5.30pm for 6pm), followed by a meeting to be addressed by the visitors at 7pm. All Guild members, as well as others interested in the Guild, are invited. In order to make arrangements for catering, anyone who would like to attend should add their name to the list at the back of the Church. Requests for practical assistance on the evening will follow at a later date.

You may have noticed the board in the hall displaying Bible verses and quotations from literature on this year's Guild theme: Go in love! For the last couple of months that this theme will run, we are challenging everyone involved with Ferintosh Parish Church to add to the board illustrations of love in action. These can be items from newspapers or magazines, your own reports of actions of which you are aware, quotations, poems, artwork - anything which will help illustrate the theme. Just bring them along and pin them up where you can find a space.

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.

EASTER SERVICES

Thursday 29th March 7pm;

Friday 30th March 7pm;

Sunday 1st April 8:30am (followed by a congregational breakfast in the hall)

Sunday 1st April 10:15am An Easter egg hunt extravaganza

Sunday 1st April 11am Easter Family Service

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

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119: 105

- † Pray for the work of CrossReach in all areas of its involvement in caring for the most vulnerable in our society on our behalf. We pray especially for the work being undertaken in Balmedie House in Aberdeen where 31 older people are cared for. The prayer from there asks that "in times of stress, hardship and pain, let those who offer comfort be blessed with God's guidance and take strength from knowing that they are doing his bidding, bringing hope to those in despair, charity to those in need and showing love to all they meet." (CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- † We are asked to pray for the people of Sri Lanka as the country has been put under a state of emergency with inter-religious fighting and violence. Pray that peacemakers will be found who will try to find a solution which will benefit all the people.
- † God of reconciliation and grace, you promise us a world where all is new, where love is born when hope is gone, where broken relationships are restored to wholeness. May we live as people who know your story of love, and we have the vision to imagine what could be possible if we dared to live this story. God of abundant life, may we be witnesses of love, hope and peace, and co-creators of your life in the world. (Christian Aid)
- † With so many in our community still suffering the effects of viruses, we pray for God's healing hand on them and may God bring relief to them. Help us to be aware of those who might need our help at this time.

***All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.
(Psalm 119:160) Teach us to trust in you, O Lord.***

MID ROSS COMMUNITY ADULTS PLAN The Mid Ross Community Partnership (made up of several public and community agencies) are holding a meeting in the Church hall from 10am to 1230pm on Thursday 15th March on local priorities for services and the community and how we can work together. The meeting is open to professionals and the public. Please email high-uhb.mrcommunitypartnership@nhs.net to book a place at the meeting.