

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB Breakfast Club for nursery and primary children is today at 10.20am.

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 Please remember if you need some help the team is available. You can contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and help could be on hand. Please try to give as much notice as possible for transport to appointments to allow arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY You can still pick up an invitation to a study of Luke and Acts. Using a combination of Bible reading, DVD teaching, group discussion and prayer, we hope to grow in our understanding of what Luke wrote and how it applies to our lives. We meet next on Wednesday 16th May at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We do hope you will consider coming along to study one quarter of the New Testament! This week's emphasis is on "The Holy Spirit Empowers" 5 main texts are: Luke 1:30-38; Luke 3:1-22, 4:1,14; Acts 1:8, 2: 1-4, 13-21; Acts 10: 38, 44-48; Acts 13: 1-4. All made very welcome.

THE LEPROSY MISSION (SCOTLAND) TLM Scotland is holding its Annual Celebration in the North Parish Church Stirling on Saturday 2nd June from 11am. See the poster in the Church hall for details. Anyone interested in joining transport, please contact Janet Winchester (01349 865308).

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

Services next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

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Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 13th May 2018

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 154 'O Lord my God!'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address & Prayer

Praise: 'Deep and wide'

Reading Psalm 139: 1 - 11 (*page 628 in Bible*)

Praise: 'Come, Thou fount of every blessing' (*words inside*)

Sermon

Hymn: 96 'You are before me'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 470 'Jesus shall reign'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 462 'The King of Love my Shepherd is'

Reading Genesis 40: 1 - 14 (*page 44 in Bible*)

Hymn: 124 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King'

Sermon

Hymn: 559 'There is a Redeemer'

Benediction

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13TH TO 19TH MAY Today we are holding our main annual fund raising event, for Christian Aid. Please join in this celebration of Christian Aid by enjoying a sociable Soup Lunch (8 delicious soups on offer) in the Church hall following the morning service. Quiz sheets, daily devotional booklets and general up-date magazines on the work of Christian Aid available in Church. Wishing all the door-to-door volunteer collectors a week of perfect weather and a warm welcome from households in Conon and Maryburgh.

GUILD Date for the Diary. The Guild is planning a Summer Outing to Mackenzie and Cruickshanks' Garden Centre, Forres, on Monday 11th June. Lunch has been booked in the Potting Shed Café for 12.30pm. More details will soon be available on the Church Table, when you can also indicate whether you could provide a car or require transport. Watch this space!

EVENT Alness Baptist Church presents an evening with Paul Jones (Manfred Mann) and Fiona Hendley (Widow's actress) of songs, humour and insights into their lives and faith. On Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Capstone Centre, Alness. Tickets £5, concessions £3. Contact Rev Robert Adair for more information 01349 880067.

HIGHLAND GOSPEL MALE VOICE CHOIR Highland Gospel Male Voice Choir are to be singing in Castle Street Church of Scotland on Friday 25th May at 7.30pm.

Come, Thou fount of every blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;
How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell,
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4. Sorrowing I shall be in spirit,
Till released from flesh and sin,
Yet from what I do inherit,
Here Thy praises I'll begin;
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

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

God's Spirit is on me; he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4: 18-19 (The Message)

† Kingdom Prayer of Christian Aid: Holy God, in your kingdom the strong need the weak, the rich are transformed by the poor, the fortunate are welcomed by the homeless. Your kingdom is built by those who expect their God to come.

Pray for the people in Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world, which was hit by an earthquake in 2010 and is still in recovery. Pray for people like Vilía and her seven children and give thanks for Christian Aid's partner KORAL who responded to her need and built her a new home where her neighbours were able to shelter when another hurricane hit.

† Pray for the work of charities throughout the world such as Christian Aid. God knows their reputations have been brought into question by revelations in the press. God knows too that only a very small percentage of people worldwide have abused power. Pray for the many, many who try to carry out God's work under very difficult circumstances and that we will be generous with our plenty this week to help the poorest.

† Job 31: 23 For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendour I could not do such things.

What are the "such things" that Job lists as deserving God's judgement?—Denying the desires of the poor and letting the widow grow weary, keeping bread to himself and not sharing it with orphans, seeing someone die for lack of clothing, oppressing the fatherless and treating workers unfairly. Pray that we, like Job, might have a strong sense of having to answer to God for how we treat the poor and vulnerable.

† Remember the words of the old hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings, Name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done!" Try to carry this out this week when we are reminded of those less fortunate than ourselves.

One day..... Youngsters will learn words they will not understand. Children from India will ask: What is hunger? Children from Alabama will ask: What is racial segregation? Children from Hiroshima will ask: What is the atomic bomb? Children at school will ask: What is war? You will answer them. You will tell them: Those words are not used any more, like stage-coaches, galleys or slavery—Words are no longer meaningful. That is why they have been removed from dictionaries. Martin Luther King