

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 each 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. Holiday Club is on 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.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME BEFORE THE MORNING SERVICE From 1015-1045 each Sunday the posh room is available for prayer spoken and unspoken, for our church, for the world and for current needs. Those who have participated come and go within that time so no need to stay for the half an hour. Feel free to drop in.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM You can be helped by the Team by contacting either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). We will try our very best to assist. Remember to allow time for arrangements to be made if you need to be taken to an appointment.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group will meet for the first time in 2019 on 9th January at 17 Muirden Road for some lunch (12noon for 12.30pm) and will begin the study of the prophet Nahum using the material produced by Book by Book by Paul Blackham. This is a six studies programme entitled "The Lord God is both good and angry". We'd love to have you come along to study God's word with us. Further details from Janette Steele.

HOLY COMMUNION Next Sunday, 6th January 2019, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at our 6.30pm evening service only. This will take place in the Church Hall. The morning service on the 6th will not include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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
Holy Communion Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Ferintosh

Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 30th December 2018

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 48 v 4-6 **'His name for ever shall endure'**

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address and Prayer

Hymn: 641 **'Seek ye first'**

Reading John 12: 1 - 4 (*page 1079 in Bible*)

Hymn: 512 **'To God be the glory'**

Sermon

Praise: **'What a wonderful change'**

Benediction

No Evening Service

What a wonderful change in my life

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, since Jesus came into my heart!	I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart!
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Since Jesus came.....

<i>Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.</i>	I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know since Jesus came into my heart! And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart!
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SHELTER The Watchnight and Christmas Morning collections for "Shelter – Scotland" raised an excellent £318.88. Many thanks.

GUILD The first meeting of 2019 of the Guild will take place on 7th January in the Church Hall at 2pm. The theme for the afternoon is "Ways we have travelled" when members and friends will share memorable journeys with each other. These can be actual journeys or can be about life's journey. Should be very interesting. don't you think? Why not come along and hear and see for yourself. Remember the Guild is all inclusive - no age or gender discrimination! Why not make it a New Year's resolution to come along even if it is for a one-off!

RIVER CAFÉ The first River Cafe of 2019 takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 9th January from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in for some tea/coffee, home bakes and the all important chat? We look forward to welcoming you there. With increasing numbers, additional baking is required and would be appreciated. If you can help provide some home baking on an occasional basis for this event, can you please add your name to the list at the back of the church? Many thanks.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK As I'm sure you have heard and read, the need for the Foodbanks across Scotland and the UK is growing all the time, made all the more pressing by companies going out of business with no notice to employees. This makes for terrible hardship as people wait for money to come through to feed themselves and their families. Your generosity can make such a difference to lives. Each claimant at the Foodbank is given enough basics to see them through three days - not long is it? Thank you for what you donated in 2018 but sadly, your effort is still required in 2019!

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

- ✠ Almighty God, at the beginning of another year of grace, help us to look to the past, the present and the future: to that new beginning wrought in the world by the birth of our Saviour; to that new creation wrought by your Spirit in hearts and minds here and now; to that new destiny foretold down the ages by prophets and poets, for which we long and pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. (prayers for Today's World)
- ✠ Dochas means "hope", so pray for hope and peace in the chaotic lives of the people being supported at the housing support service in Stornoway for anyone struggling with drug or alcohol addiction. Pray for encouragement for all agencies and colleagues as the staff work alongside social work, NHS and other local services; give thanks for the other Godly brothers and sisters in these agencies. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- ✠ In January, pray for persecuted Christians in Nigeria, Eritrea, Malaysia, North Korea, Afghanistan and China. Continue to pray for the release of the many Christian girls and women in Nigeria being held by Boko Haram - think of Leah Sharibu, aged 15, who is being held as a "slave" because she refused to recant her faith.
- ✠ At the start of 2019, give thanks for all the blessings you have received in 2018 and pray that God will continue with you on life's journey no matter what happens. Sing praises to Him!

Some people grow through failure, while others never recover from it. What is the difference? See your mistakes as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks. Read Psalm 130:4