

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 meet today at 10.50am. There is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning. The Youth Club will meet next on 13th December.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Do join us in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm for approximately an hour when we will continue our series of studies entitled "Vital Christianity". We continue looking at the book of Titus with emphasis this time on "God's people at home" in chapter two. See you there.

BUNDLES OF FUN For all parents/carers, babies + toddlers, every Thursday in the hall from 1pm-2:30pm. Come along and relax over a cup of tea/coffee whilst you watch the children play.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Please remember we are here to help with transport and visits. Just let us know what you need and we will try our very best to assist. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). Do allow time for arrangements to be made.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the Church Hall on Wednesday 11th December from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not join us for some tea/coffee, home bakes and the all important chat? We look forward to welcoming you there. If you are able/willing to help at the event or provide some baking, please add your name to the list at the back of the church as this would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

SEAFORTH HOUSE The service of worship for Seaforth House is to take place this afternoon at 3pm in the form of a nativity. If any can join us please do come as the residents enjoy the fellowship of the helpers.

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

Services next Sunday

Nativity Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Evening Service at 6.30pm Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

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Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 8th December 2019

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Irene Munro

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 53 'Oh, greatly blest the people are'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address & Prayer

Hymn: 291 'When out of poverty is born'

Reading 1 John 5: 1 - 14 (*page 1228 in Bible*)

Hymn: 290 'The race that long in darkness pined'

Sermon

Hymn: 200 'Christ is made the sure foundation'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 22 'The Lord's my light'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 374 'From heaven you came'

Reading Leviticus 24: 1 - 4 (*page 127 in Bible*)

Hymn: 520 'Ye who the name of Jesus bear'

Sermon

Hymn: 306 'O come, all ye faithful'

Benediction

COFFEE MORNING - HELD ON SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Many thanks must go to everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning in any way, as without your generous support, it would not have been such a successful event. The excellent sum of £1232 has been raised (so far) for Church and Community Activities. I have outlined the various amounts of money taken at each stall, for your interest:

Floral Arrangements:	£368.00
Crafts:	£188.30
Baking/Produce:	£91.50
Books:	£26.60
Sunday Club Stall 1:	£71.00
Sunday Club Stall 2:	£119.59
(Including Nativity)	
Donations at door:	£284.90
Donations:	£12.11
Sunday Sales Table:	£70.00
TOTAL RAISED: £1232.00	

The **Knitted Cat** was named **LISA** and was won by Mrs E Glashan (Maryburgh)
The **Donkey** in the Nativity was called **JACOB** and was won by Mrs Haldane (Dingwall)
The **Number of Sweets** in the Jar was **371** and this was won by Mrs Brenda McCulloch (Conon)

On behalf of the Social Group, thank you one and all!
Janet Murray (Social Convener)

GUILD The Christmas Lunch in the Cottage Bar is tomorrow 9th December at noon. If you haven't already paid £15 please do so before the end of today to Pat. this avoids needing to deal with money at the meal. Thank you.

FERINTOSH FOCUS Copies of the latest edition of the Ferintosh Focus are available in the annexe to be picked-up by those who kindly distribute them.

Christmas and New Year Services with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

15th December – 11am Nativity Service
6.30pm Evening Service
22nd December – 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Lessons and Carols
24th December – 11.30pm Watchnight Service
25th December – 11am Christmas Morning Family Service
29th December – 11am Morning Service
5th January – 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Communion Service

Pease take this home with you to
help you with your prayers this week.

The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it...judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

- † Consider what decisions and alliances are currently before you, your local church and the church and nation nationally. Pray that those involved will hear and heed the word of God.
- † Pray for the persecuted church especially in this month those in Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Syria. Pray for the family of Javed Masih in Punjab who was brutally killed by his boss for daring as a "lowly Christian" to work for someone else. Javed sought work elsewhere after his boss refused him a loan to pay for his disabled son's medical treatment.(Prayershield of Release International)
- † God of Advent hope, you kept your promise to send a Saviour into the world, but no one expected that Saviour to be born in a dirty stable to an unmarried mother. You have promised your Son will return, but how will your church recognise him? We so often fail to recognise you or identify your Spirit. Enable us and all your church to develop a sensitivity to you, so that we may learn to interpret your will and to know the Christ in whatever guise he appears. (from Prayers for Today's World)
- † Our Father, we thank you for the Bible which tells us the Christmas story. Thank you, too, for the writings, centuries before, which tell of the coming Saviour and King. Thank you for those who toiled and gave their lives so that we could have the Bible in our own language. help us to understand your Word and to treasure it as you speak to us from it, preparing our hearts for Christmas.(for the second Sunday of Advent)

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, look upon us and have mercy upon us; thou who art thyself both victim and Priest, thyself both Reward and Redeemer, keep safe from all evil those whom thou hast redeemed. O Saviour of the world. (St Irenaeus 1130-1202)

HIGHLAND FOODBANK There is still a great need for the Foodbank in the area. Please consider donating non-perishable goods to help those less fortunate than ourselves. There is still time to fill the Reverse Advent Calendar bag. Leaflets are at the back of the Church, which explain more. Thank you for all the help you have given so far this year.

MIRIAM SINGERS You are invited to Rosskeen Parish Church Hall, Perrins Road, Alness for the Miriam Singers and Iain's Boys Christmas "Carols by Candlelight" on Monday 9th December. It begins at 7pm and teas and light refreshments will be served. All are very welcome.