

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.

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 The next Bible study will take place on Wednesday 18th March at 1.30pm in the Church Hall and will last approximately an hour. The subject of the study in Genesis is "The Beginning of Israel" in the series BookbyBook looking at chapters 32-36. Please do come along, you will be very welcome. These studies are really enlightening, showing us God's purposes then and now.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Remember to give us a call if you need some help. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591), and we will try our very best to assist. If you'd like a lift to church on a Sunday you can also give us a call and we will try to accommodate you. Please give as much notice as possible to allow arrangements to be made.

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.

GUILD Due to current visiting restrictions at all care homes, the proposed visits to Cameron House and to Urray House are postponed until further notice. Please remember the residents, staff and families in prayer at this worrying time.

FERINTOSH FOCUS Copies of the March edition of the Ferintosh Focus are available in the annexe for those who kindly distribute them. Copies are also available at the front door for anybody who does not get them delivered.

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 15th March 2020

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Introit Hymn 197 'As we are gathered'

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 6 'God shall endure for aye'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Hymn: 530 'One more step'

Reading Mark 1: 40 - 45 (*page 1003 in Bible*)

Hymn: 424 'Blest be the everlasting God'

Sermon

Hymn: 419 'Thine be the glory'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 50 'The praises of the Lord'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 715 v 1-3, 7 'Behold! the mountain of the Lord'

Reading Nehemiah 8: 1 - 12 (*page 492 in Bible*)

MP: 296 'I stand amazed in the presence'

Sermon

Hymn: 167 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'

Benediction

STATED ANNUAL MEETING The Stated Annual Meeting of this congregation will take place on Wednesday 18th March at 7.00pm in the Church Hall, chaired by our Minister, Rev. Stephen Macdonald. The accounts for the year 2019 will be presented to the congregation along with the reports on the work of the various Church groups throughout the year. We look forward to seeing YOU there.

THE LEPROSY MISSION Copies of the latest edition of Dochas, the newsletter of The Leprosy Mission (Scotland) are available on the table at the back of the Church. Anyone who has been saving money over the year for this cause should give it to Janet Winchester by the end of March, so that it can be sent off together. If you would like to save money towards the aim of making leprosy a thing of the past, special money boxes are available. A catalogue from TLM Trading and order forms are also available on the table at the back of the Church. This edition contains a range of Easter cards and gifts, as well as many books, CDs, DVDs and general cards and gift items. Please feel free to browse, and use an order form to send for what you want.

WORLD MISSION COUNCIL USED STAMP APPEAL The appeal this year aims to raise money for the Women's Development Centre in Sri Lanka, which offers shelter, support and education/training to young girls who have been victims of rape or abuse, as well as other services for women. Please continue to bring your used stamps to Church and place them in the red box in the annexe. Stamps should have a margin of half an inch if possible and perforations must be intact. It helps if UK and foreign stamps are kept separate.

CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. The best way to protect yourself and others is Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day. Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus. If you recently arrived back from specified areas follow the returning traveller advice. Check the list of areas and find out more at: nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

It has been announced by the Scottish Government that as of 13th March anyone developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, however mild should self-isolate for 7 days. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

If symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days then people should be advised to phone their GP or NHS24 (111). Public Health England (PHE) have produced advice for people who have symptoms and are self-isolating which can be [viewed on their website](#).

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN It is coming to the end of the year for this charity. Many have already handed over their donations but, if you taking part in this, please give you monies to Janette Steele by the end of March. Thank you.

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

† Dear God, when I am among the people whom I love--- let there be joy;

When I spend time in silence and solitude—let there be joy;
When I go about my daily business--- let there be joy;
When the sorrows of life weigh me down--- let there be joy;
When circumstances do not go my way—let there be joy;
When I cannot see the path ahead of me--- let there be joy;
Among the highs and the lows, the weakness and the strength, in every season of life O Lord—let there be joy. (Tearfund Lent Devotional)

† It is reported that 77 people in Pakistan are behind bars on blasphemy charges, a disproportionate number being Christians. Many others have been forced to go into hiding or to leave their homes for fear of extremist reprisals. Continue to pray for the repeal of Pakistan's blasphemy laws. Pray for persecuted Christians in India, Syria, Eritrea and Indonesia.

† God our Father, whose son, Jesus Christ, loved to bring health and healing to those who were ill, may the Holy Spirit help and teach all doctors so that they try to find out more and more about curing and preventing illness. And help them too always to do their work lovingly and patiently even when they are very tired, just as Jesus did.

Happiness is a feeling; joy is a decision . So, let us decide.

CHRISTIAN AID A planning meeting for this year's Christian Aid Week will be held in the Church hall on Friday 20th March at 4pm. If you would like to be part of the planning team, or if you have a good fund-raising idea, please contact Janet Winchester on 01349 865308, leaving a message if there is no reply.

BLYTHSWOOD As it comes time for Spring Cleaning, remember you can donate unwanted items to this charity by placing them in the red bin at the rear of the Church building.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK Please put a little extra into your shopping trolley to help people in our area who have fallen on hard times. In March and April we are asked to donate wheatabix/cornflakes (small packets), tins of corned beef, tins of potatoes and washing up liquid(again small) since these are less plentiful but any non-perishable foods are most welcome. Thank you.