



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

**Pentecost 5**

**Sunday 13 July 2014**

**11 a.m.**

## The Generous Sower



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church.

Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer.

Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Today's worship is led by:

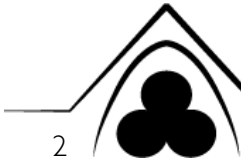
Peter Johnston (Minister)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Lorna Glen (Readings)

James Hird (Beadle)

The chancel flowers are donated by Mrs Frances Gauld, remembering Hector with love.



# Order of Service

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Gathering Song

Take, oh, take me as I am

CH 795

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come to the Sower of seeds,

**All:** **the Planter of hearts.**

**Leader:** Come this morning to the enriched,  
fertile ground of God's love.

**All:** **We step away from the stony ground,  
away from the strangling weeds.**

**Leader:** Come let your roots be strengthened  
and your hearts flourish.

**All:** **We come to worship God.**

Praise

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

CH 160

Welcome and Church Notices

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us the wrong we have done,  
as we forgive those who have wronged us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

Opening Reflection

Praise

In our lives plant seeds of hope

CH 349

Reading

Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1-9, 18-23

Listen

Praise

Once a farmer went out sowing

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

1. “Once a farmer went out sowing,”  
Jesus began.  
“Soon the tender plants were growing  
there on his land.  
Every day he laboured, tending,  
weeding, working, hope unbending.  
So his care was never-ending  
for what he’d planned.”
2. God of love, when he was sleeping,  
his harvest grew.  
Even with his faithful keeping,  
life came from you.  
You awakened seeds he’d sown there;  
you gave strength to what was grown there.  
He was never all alone there;  
he looked to you.
3. Long ago our church was planted  
here in this place.  
Those who loved you worked and tended  
in your embrace.  
Here they built a place of worship,  
laboured well in faith and friendship,  
preached and served in times of hardship,  
all by your grace..

4. In our joyful celebration,  
God, this is true:  
you sustain this congregation;  
life comes from you.  
In the times we pray and gather,  
when we risk for things that matter,  
as we love and serve our neighbour,  
we trust in you.

Message

**Extravagant Generosity**

The Offering

Praise

**For your generous providing**

**CH 655**

Prayer of Dedication

**Extravagantly generous God,**

**you have provided all that we need and more  
for a simple lifestyle.**

**Receive all that we offer this day,**

**not just our money, but our time and talents,**

**take them and use them to help bring your kingdom  
here and now, in this place and in every place.**

**Amen.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Praise

**Love divine**

**CH 519**

The Sending

Sung Amen



1. **Instant Neighbour:** The food supply at Instant Neighbour has run dry and they are in desperate need of donations to help feed the hungry in our community. Please bring food items to the church to help this worthy cause.
2. **Funeral of Ann Gordon** will take place in Ferryhill Parish Church on Tuesday 15 July at 1:30 p.m.
3. **Pastoral Information** should be directed through Lorna Glen (583599) for the next weeks rather than the church office. Pastoral cover is being provided between 16 and 30 July by Rev Bob Brown (491451).
4. **La Bohème in Duthie Park:** the Royal Opera House are relaying Puccini's opera to Duthie Park on Tuesday 15 July, starting at 7:30 p.m. though the Council recommend getting to the park earlier to find a space to sit with your picnic. This is free for all to join the audience.
5. **Jam jars needed:** The Summer Club are looking for jam jars with lids (roughly 1lb /450g size), old plates (whole, chipped or broken) and hair coloured wool. If you can donate these items, please put them in the box provided in the Atrium.
6. **Used stamps for Oxfam:** Used stamps collected in the church are now being passed to Oxfam which can sell them on as part of their fundraising. Any stamps are welcome and will make money. Please do NOT remove them from the envelopes as the perforations on the edges are also collected and any damage to the stamps themselves makes them worthless. Ideally, they should be cut out with a margin of about half a centimetre all round, otherwise simply tear them out roughly from the envelope leaving some paper all around. Please put your stamps in the box under the pigeonholes in the atrium.
7. **Putting for Adults 65+:** a free taster session is taking place on Friday 25 July at 1 p.m. at Albury Putting Green, with a cuppa provided afterwards,
8. **Summer Club:** Preparation meetings have been scheduled for the Summer Club on 24, and 31 of July at 7:30 in the Upper Room.
9. **Roll Up For The Circus:** Parents/guardians can register their children for this year's Summer Club already on the church website. See the website or flyers available for more details.
10. **Fairtrade Stall:** Stop by the stall today to see what's up for grabs!



## This Week's Eco Tip

### **Foods in season in July**

This month is a great time to enjoy cherries and other soft fruits such as strawberries and raspberries. On the veggie front, look out for broad beans, beetroots, radishes and artichokes.



## Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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at Ferryhill**

