



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 3
Sunday 14 June 2015
11:00 a.m.



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. This Sunday children are invited to go straight to the Sunday Club.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Rita King (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Bill Mitchell (Beadle)

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated by Ann Ralph.



Gathering Song If you believe and I believe CH 771

Call to Worship

Leader: This world of ours
is a hard place.

All: We sink in our despair.

Leader: This world of ours
is a demanding place.

All: We are worn out by being and doing.

Leader: This world of ours
pulls us in many directions.

All: We are spinning round, going nowhere.

Leader: This world of ours
is God's world.

**All: Let's take it to him
and in our worship
let him guide us through it all.**

Praise Eternal Father, strong to save CH 260

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening 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.

All Age Message

Facing Sad Days

Praise

Big Big Questions

Words & Music: Stephen Fischbacher

BIG, BIG questions, TOUGH, TOUGH questions

1. How long God? How much God?
we are asking you, we are asking you
How far God? How come God?
we are asking you, we are asking you
We believe you're there
we believe you care
we believe you're not scared
you're not scared of
BIG, BIG questions, TOUGH, TOUGH questions
2. Why me God? Why him God?
we are asking you, we are asking you
Why her God? Why us God?
we are asking you, we are asking you
We believe you're there...
BIG, BIG questions, TOUGH, TOUGH questions
3. Where are you? When will you?
we are asking you, we are asking you
Why won't you? Why don't you?
we are asking you, we are asking you
We believe you're there...
BIG, BIG questions, TOUGH, TOUGH questions

Children Leave for Sunday Club

Reading

Psalm, chapter 69, verses 1-16

Tales from the Pit

Praise

In a deep, deep place

CH 73

1. In a deep, deep place,
in a deep, deep place
where are you God? where are you God?
In a dark, dark place,
in a dark, dark place
where are you God? where are you God?
Can't see you, (can't see you)
can't hear you, (can't hear you)
can't feel you, (can't feel you)
calling out for you,
calling out for you in a dark, dark place.
2. In a cold, cold place,
in a cold, cold place
where are you God? where are you God?
In a hard, hard place,
in a hard, hard place
where are you God? where are you God?
Can't see you, (can't see you)
can't hear you, (can't hear you)
can't feel you, (can't feel you)
calling out for you,
calling out for you in a hard, hard place.

Can't see you, (can't see you)
can't hear you, (can't hear you)
can't feel you, (can't feel you)
calling out for you,
calling out for you in a deep, deep place.

Message	Reclaiming Lament	
The Offering		
Offering Praise	Just as the tide creeps	CH 689
Act of Dedication		<i>Please remain standing</i>
	At the acceptable time, God answers prayers. But how does he answer prayer? As we bring our offering and ourselves, may we be the answer to prayer as we serve God in our communities, reaching out to those who lament. Amen.	
Prayers for Others and Ourselves		
Praise	Will your anchor hold	CH 737
The Sending		
Sung Amen		

Take Home Ideas

Imagine that you are floating in the river of life. Sometimes you have been struggling to keep your head afloat, sometimes you have been swimming against the current of your own life.....struggling and gasping for breath and at times you have been overwhelmed completely by the waves in panic.

As you enter into this new week try and picture yourself letting go and allowing the river to carry you along. You don't even need to swim, just be.

Try this week to allow for the possibility that all is well, all is light and all is in God. Allow for the possibility that you are completely known, loved and held.

Hold a picture of yourself floating peacefully without striving and struggling, knowing that everything that causes you pain, stress and anger has been fully heard and understood. Knowing that there is peace in the present moment and a future you hope for.



- 1. Cosy House:** We'll gather in the Foyer tonight at 6:30 p.m. for Cosy House, a time of fellowship and discussion for youth with a fresh look at faith in today's world. Join the fun!
- 2. Books and Beans:** The next Books and Bakes Sale is on Sat. 27 June from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Hall (not 20th as stated in Parish News). Freshly-baked scones with homemade jam and cream will be served with teas and coffees for £2.50. There will be the usual bookstall etc. with home baking as well as plants for sale. The draw for the Dons' signed football will take place, tickets for which are still on sale at 50p each. Donations for the stalls will be gratefully received on the morning of the Sale.
- 3. Rotas:** Please submit rotas for any church ministry/team to Linsey in the church office no later than Thursday 25 June. Rotas should cover September 2015-August 2016. See Peter or Linsey with any questions.
office@ferryhillparishchurch.org
- 4. Come with Me: Connect & Commit:** Thank you to everyone that has already completed forms (whether of gifts, time, standing orders, gift aid). If you have not done so, then you can still place these within the box available in the foyer. Extra copies of the booklets and forms are available for people to pick up and can be downloaded from the church website.
- 5. Peter's Trip to Malawi:** Peter is looking for some help to fill a second suitcase with items to take for the people of Chigodi Church in Malawi. Donations would be gladly received of Scottish Tea Towels (a whole range of locations depicted would be perfect) for use in the kitchen block at Chigodi, new clothes (children or adult), and if anyone has a large suitcase that they do not need anymore please let Peter know.
- 6. Equip: Inspiring and Resourcing your congregation:** The Mission and Discipleship Council is holding the 9th in a series of regional events, featuring speakers, practical ideas and useful resources for your congregation. Choose from a wide range of workshops. Lunch included. To learn more about how to register for this free event to be held on 13 June at St Kane's Church, please see the flyer on the notice board.
- 7. Instant Neighbour:** Instant Neighbour are in a crisis situation at the moment with demand outstripping what they can supply. Please help meet the need! The Sainsbury's trolley is in the atrium during the week and the foyer on Sunday and will be available for any donations you make.
- 8. Fairtrade Stall:** New in stock today are Traidcraft's Chewy Fruit & Oat Cookies, made with Fairtrade sultanas, coconut and apricots. Also back by popular demand, Divine small dark chocolate and caramel bars. Pick up a Spring 2015 catalogue to browse at home.



This Week's Eco Fact

Make a mini meadow

Thinking of mowing the lawn this weekend? Here's a good excuse not to. Transform part of your garden into a place where bees and insects can feed and take shelter.



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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