



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 16
Sunday 13 September 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.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)

Lorna Glen (Reader)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Robert Nicol (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by the Monday Fellowship.



Gathering Song

Morning has broken

CH 212

Call to Worship

Leader:

Here we are:

Creator and created,
life-giver and life-given,
maker and made.

All:

**We breathe deep
and feel the life in our lungs!
We open our eyes
and see the wonders all around!**

Leader:

Listen, the Lord is here
just as we gather in his presence.

All:

**Let us worship,
for God is worth our praise.**

Praise

Praise the Spirit in creation

CH 588

Tune: Neander (CH 475)

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

A Perfect Place

Praise

When God made the garden of creation

Words & music: Paul Booth

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1. When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the garden of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There's room for you, and room for me,
and room for ev'ryone:
for God is a Father who loves his children,
and gives them a place in the sun.
When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love.
2. When God made the hamper of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the hamper of creation,
he saw that is was good.
There's food for you, and food for me,
and food for ev'ryone:
but often we're greedy, and waste God's bounty,
so some don't get any at all.
When God made the hamper of creation,
he filled it full of his love.

3. When God made the fam'ly of creation,
he made it out of his love;
when God made the fam'ly of creation,
he saw that it was good.
There's love for you, and love for me,
and love for ev'ryone:
but sometimes we're selfish, ignore our neighbours,
and seek our own place in the sun.
When God made the fam'ly of creation,
he made it out of his love.
4. When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love;
when God made the garden of creation,
he saw that it was good.
There's room for you, and room for me,
and room for ev'ryone:
for God is a Father who loves his children,
and gives them a place in the sun.
When God made the garden of creation,
he filled it full of his love.

Children leave for Sunday Club

Readings	Genesis, chapter 2, verses 4b-25	
Reflection		
Praise	Great God, your love has called us here	CH 484
Message	Living Beyond the Shadow of Shame	
The Offering		
Offering Praise	As a man and woman we were made	CH 700

Prayer of Dedication

Please remain standing

God, hold us accountable in the days to come
for all that we have contributed
to the work of creation.

And in accepting your invitation
to be co-creators with you,
may we build beauty and strength in community.
May these gifts of money be used in that work,
and may we commit ourselves to your creation,
now and always.

Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Look forward in faith

CH 237

The Blessing

Please remain standing

Sung Amen

Paradise

A desirable residence made by the hands of God himself!

No previous owners.

A self-sufficient residence with free flowing waters bringing lush growth to a rich array of fruits, vegetables, and plants of all kinds.

This paradise becomes a place of encounter. God creates his own companion, someone like him, to share the joys and sorrows and to cultivate the garden together. God bringing it to life and man doing lots of the spadework, each complimenting the other, Growing together in understanding, deepening relationship, acknowledging the gift of life.

In the centre of the garden grew the sacred trees, brimming with fruit to eat, overhanging with knowledge and wisdom, and cascading with right and wrong choices that could lead to life or death.

Paradise became the source of life for all the earth. Its life giving waters flowing North, East, South and West. Paradise should have been a blessing

for all, a haven for all of life.

But, the relationship between God and Man remained fragile.

They did not fully understand one another.

They longed for something deeper, more intimate, more fulfilling.

Man envied God and his status, yet man and God did not fully understand each other. There were tensions between them as they battled for superiority, rules and limitations harboured that understanding. Death awaited man if he ate from the tree of knowledge.

Yet God and man were different—always were and always will be. Yet the compassionate God created a partner for man who would fully understand him, who could share his life with her, and know intimacy with each other in order to know how much God loved them.

They in time would come to know that intimacy with God was possible and desired and would unlock the key to paradise and God's relationship with all of humankind.



1. **Cosy House:** Calling all young people from P7 to S6 ages! The Cosy House starts back tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer and Large Hall. Bring along a friend and let's have fun!
2. **Guild:** The Guild resumes on the 16th September starting with a Musical Evening with Yvonne and Eileen. Everyone is welcome to come along. New members will be made most welcome.
3. **The Lunch Club** meets every Tuesday at 12.30 p.m. and anyone over 50 is welcome to come along. This is an ideal opportunity to meet socially and enjoy a lovely 2 course meal together (cost £4) and the helpers are looking forward to seeing you all again.
4. **Kirk Session:** The next meeting of the Kirk Session will be Thursday 17th September at 7:15 p.m. in the Foyer.
5. **Church Administrator on holiday:** Linsey will be out of the office from 7 September and will return on the 16th. Please contact Rev Johnston with any requests or intimations.
6. **Quiz Night:** Interested in supporting a Quiz Night being held in our local community? Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Council's Annual Quiz Night is to be held on Friday 25th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Polmuir Bowling Club, Polmuir Road. To join in the fun and for further details please refer to the poster on the notice board in the Atrium.
7. **The Monday Fellowship** will meet on Monday 28th September at 2 p.m. All are welcome!
8. **New Rota Booklets!** The rota booklets for the 2015-2016 year are available in the foyer for pick up. One booklet per household, please.
9. **Instant Neighbour:** 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.
10. **Fairtrade Stall:** Have you been watching the new series of The Great British Bake-Off? How about trying a Great Fairtrade Bake-Off? Traidcraft has produced a new cook book called Bake a Difference, which contains lots of recipes for cakes, bakes and savouries using Fairtrade ingredients. You can browse the sample copy at the stall today and order your own copy.



This Week's Eco Tip

From the 'grounds' up

Used coffee grounds can go straight on the borders in your garden, or in pots, to make instant compost. It's also ideal at deterring slugs from your plants



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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