

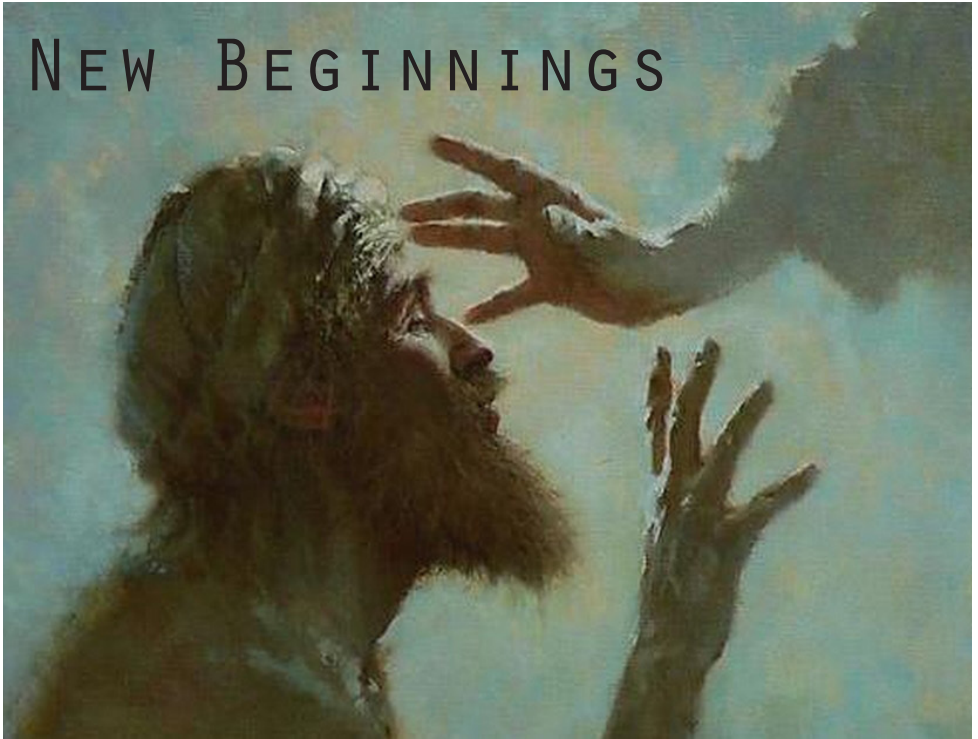


Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Christmas 2
Sunday 3 January 2016
11:00 a.m.

NEW BEGINNINGS



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)
Margaret Barclay (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Alastair King (Beadle)

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated this week by Ida Scott.



Gathering Song Before the world began CH 317

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this day we are called to new life
by the touch of Christ in our lives:
letting go, stepping on,
raising us up to new heights and health
in our witness and in our worship.

**All: As we bring our old lives
for the new life of Christ in the world,
let us worship with thanksgiving and praise
the One who guides us into God's way.**

Praise Praise the One who breaks the darkness CH 348

Tune: Ode to Joy (CH 120)

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.



Healing

Praise Jesus' hands were kind hands CH 351

Readings Mark, chapter 1, verses 21-45

Asher's Story

Praise O Christ, the healer, we have come CH 717

Message Don't put off 'now'

The Offering

Offering Praise We lay our broken world CH 721

Prayer of Dedication *Please remain standing*

As we bring ourselves
and our belongings before you
we ask that you make them
and us instruments of healing.
May all we say, do and give
be used to serve those who need it most.
May these offerings aid our answer to your call.
Send them and us into the world
to heal, to bring hope, to lift and to love.
Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Leader: Lord Jesus, lover of us all,

All: **bring peace, love and healing.**

Praise O, for a thousand tongues to sing CH 352

The Blessing *Please remain standing*

Sung Amen

Useful Information



- 1. The next Coordinating Committee meeting** will be on 7th January at 7:15 pm
- 2. Bikeathon:** Fancy a challenge this winter? Churches across the presbytery are participating in the Malawi Partnership Committee's fundraising challenge to cycle the distance from Aberdeen to Blantyre City in Malawi, a little over 12,000 miles. The presbytery as a whole is being challenged to cycle that same distance. The purpose of this challenge is to raise some funds to support the poor rural churches and communities in the villages around Blantyre City. At Ferryhill we will be getting involved with the aim of contributing at least 1,000 miles to the grand total through sponsorship, individual contributions and the 24 hour challenge. Learn more about our efforts today!
- 3. New Elders:** We invite church members to propose the names of those they think should be considered for this office within the church. Names should be submitted to the Session Clerk, Lorna Glen, in confidence, during December and early January. It would be helpful to have a short rationale for your suggestion included and please note that an elder needs to be a church member.
- 4. Minister's Email Change:** Please note that from January all email correspondence with Peter relating to church business must be through the official Church of Scotland email address. This is to comply with data protection guidance within the Church of Scotland. Please update your email address books to add pjohnston@churchofscotland.org.uk.
- 5. Traidcraft Stall:** Stop by to see what's available in the stall today!

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