



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 22 January 2017

11 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.

Please note that we are experimenting with live streaming of worship. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast stream, the seating below the gallery and in the gallery is beyond the view of the cameras.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)  
Ann Ralph (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Ian Stage (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by the Monday Fellowship. Peace to all in 2017.



Gathering Praise      Take this moment      CH 501

Call to Worship

Leader: Called to push our boats out

**All: we pray for smooth waters.**

Leader: Called to cast our nets

**All: we pray for a large catch.**

Leader: Called to follow,

**All: we follow in faith.**

Praise      Jesus calls us here to meet him      CH 510

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All-Age Message

Praise

Follow me

Words: Michael Cocket

Music: Sister Madeleine

Follow me, follow me,  
*leave your nets and family,  
 leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.  
 Leave the seeds that you have sown,  
 leave the crops that you've grown,  
 leave the people you have known and follow me.*

- I. The foxes have their holes  
 and the swallows have their nests,  
 but the Son of Man has no place to lie down.  
 I do not offer comfort,  
 I do not offer wealth,

but in me will true happiness be found.

*Follow me...*

2. If you would follow me,  
you must leave old ways behind.  
You must take my cross and follow on my path.  
You may be far from loved ones,  
you may be far from home,  
but my Father will welcome you at last.  
Follow me...
3. Although I go away  
you will never be alone,  
for the Spirit will be there to comfort you.  
Though all of you may scatter  
each follow their own path,  
still the Spirit of love will lead you home.  
*Follow me...*

Children leave for Sunday Club

Reading Luke, chapter 5, verses 1-11

Retelling Come with me

Praise Lord, you have come to the seashore CH 532

Message What a catch!

The Offering

Offering Praise Will you come and follow me CH 533

Act of Dedication *Please remain standing*

A net would be easier.

Just throw it out and see what is caught.  
A haul each time.  
Indiscriminate.  
No quotas.

A net would be easier!  
But there is no net, is there?  
There is life. There is a way of living.  
There is what we are seen to be and do.  
There is what focuses us, draws our attention,  
prioritises our lives, that catches people.  
But a net would be easier!

Fishing God,  
lead us into deep waters for justice;  
may we get more than our feet wet with truth;  
offer us the dangers of love,  
and the deep questions of faith;  
may we touch what is unclean for you;  
and talk about what hurts in the world;  
may we mention the word 'peace' in earshot of  
presidents;  
sit down and share with the bigoted;  
spend time loving the rich back to life  
and the poor back to justice;  
living a different way,  
trusting that by our living example,  
the realm of heaven is seen.

A net would be easier,  
but we have no net,  
just ourselves, our questions,  
our foolishness to choose to follow you,  
and your broken love.

It is all the kingdom has.  
But it is enough.  
Amen.

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise                      Lord of creation                      CH 500

The Blessing

Sung Amen                      Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.  
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

## Reflection

Journeys of grace wrap a light around you  
that brightens each movement with a sense of  
heaven.

Flowing waves skim the water,  
a boat shifts between the light,  
and a fisherman beckons,  
“Come, follow me.”

And as the suppleness of the light bends towards  
you,  
the whole of love shifts,  
gently,  
and heaven’s patience rests on the waves  
filling the silence with a longing,  
“Come, follow me.”

Over the singing sand,  
across the spilling wave,  
into the skimming light,  
through to the darkening waters,  
and a place  
deep enough,  
for love.

## Take Home Ideas

Each day this week add a wrapped sweet to  
your Jar of Blessings. (ensure a sell by/ eat by  
date of at least four months!) Obviously if dietary  
requirements make this difficult, add something  
else that would be a treat.



1. **The Cosy House:** Youth are welcome to come along for fun and fellowship **tonight at 6:30 p.m.** in the church Foyer and Large Hall.
2. **Cowdray Club Care Home Service:** Will take place on **Wednesday 1 February at 11:00 a.m.**
3. **Nadzieja:** Chamber choir from Poland will be with us in Ferryhill to participate in the morning worship on **Sunday 29 January** and thereafter will be performing a concert at Queen's Cross Church at **7 p.m. Monday Fellowship:**
4. Come along on **Monday 30 January at 2:15 p.m** for ???? LJ- checking
5. **The Guild:** You are welcome to join us on **1 February at 7:30 p.m.** when Aberdeen City Councillor and member of Aberdeen Town and County History Society will take a walk down memory lane and talk to us about "Aberdeen in the 50s".
6. **Parish News:** Anyone interested in contributing articles to the Spring (March/April/May) issue of Parish News should submit their information to Shelagh Bain, Editor, **no later than 5th February.**
7. **Table Top Sale:** This will be our first event of 2017! The sale will take place on **Saturday 11 February** from **10 a.m. to 12 noon.** This is a great opportunity to start your Spring cleaning by clearing out your cupboards and attics! Tables can be booked for just £10 after which all the takings are yours. There is even an opportunity to buy tea, coffee and bacon rolls while you sell! Please prebook your table by phoning Fiona on 01224 590806. Don't forget to bring some spare change for the raffle and delicious home-baking stall too!
8. **The Living Well Café:** We hope to provide a Living Well Café at Ferryhill Parish Church to support people with memory loss or dementia. If you are over 18 and can offer approximately 3 hours between 12.30 and 3.30 p.m. on a Thursday, we would be delighted to hear from you. Training is available. For further information please contact Rita King, Tel. 01224 572391 or Shona Matthew, Tel. 01224 704378.
9. **Lunch Club:** Will be held **every Tuesday** from now **until 9 May 2017** with the exception of the school holidays on 4th and 11th April 2017. Over 50s are welcome to come along any Tuesday. Helpers are also always very much appreciated.

# Useful Information



## This Week's Eco Tip

### **Eat locally!**

Eat local fresh food for your health, your pocket, and for a greener Scotland! When food is in season it tastes better and can be cheaper. It is good to support the local economy, and food that has travelled a shorter distance means lower carbon emissions.



## 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**