



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 5 February 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)
Diane Cumming (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Louise Robertson (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Sandra Duncan. In loving memory of my husband.



Gathering Praise

God of great and God of small

CH 174

Call to Worship

Leader: To those with power and those without,

All: restoration and resurrection.

Leader: To those who seek and those who find,

All: restoration and resurrection.

Leader: To those included and those excluded,

All: restoration and resurrection.

Leader: To us all,

**All: restoration and resurrection,
now, in this place,
as we worship together.**

Praise

O Christ, the healer, we have come

CH 717

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

The Soldier's Faith

Praise

It's the little things
Words & music: Bacon Boyd

JP 403

1. It's the little things that show our love for Jesus.
It's the little things that show our love for him.
It's in little things that we can truly serve him.
It's with little things that we begin.

*Give a little more love and a little more hope
to others as you serve him.*

*Give a little more love and a little more hope
to others you may meet.*

*Give a little more love each day
to those around you.*

*Then a little more love and a little more faith,
and a little more love and a little more faith
will make you more like him.*

2. It's the little things we do each day for others.
It's the little things that show we really care.
It's in little things our faith becomes much stronger.
It's with little things that we begin.

*Give a little more love and a little more hope
to others as you serve him.*

*Give a little more love and a little more hope
to others you may meet.*

*Give a little more love each day
to those around you.*

*Then a little more love and a little more faith,
and a little more love and a little more faith,
and a little more love and a little more faith,
and a little more love and a little more faith,
will make you more like him.*

I want to be more like him, more like him.

Children leave for Sunday Club

Reading

Luke 7, chapter 7, verses 1-10

Praise

A Roman centurion sought out the Lord

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. **A Roman centurion sought out the Lord:**
 “My servant is suffering, but just give the word!
 For I have authority; you have it, too.
 I know he’ll be well with a blessing from you.”
2. Then Jesus responded to those who were near,
 “There’s not, in God’s people, the faith I’ve found
 here.
 And someday God’s kingdom will bring a surprise
 with outsiders in and the heirs left outside.”
3. The Lord sent him home and it soon was revealed
 that just at that moment, the servant was healed.
 That outsider saw it; may we see it, too:
 that Christ has the power to make our lives new.

Reading

Luke 7, verses 11-17

Retelling

The Centurion and the Widow

Message

Restored and Empowered

The Offering

Offering Praise

For everyone born

CH 685

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Are we worthy to meet you, Lord God?
 Are we worthy of your attention?
 Whatever we think is of no concern,
 for you tell us we are, no matter what.
 May that affirmation strengthen us,
 may we recognise the authority of love,
 creating wholeness and peace,
 and live as your children,
 striving, through who we are
 and what we give,
 to bring about your purpose
 for all creation.
 Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise	For the healing of the nations	CH 706
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The Blessing

Sung Amen	Amen, amen, alleluia, amen. Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
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Take Home Ideas

This expands on the idea from last week and the idea of adding a name to the Jar of Blessings. This week add the name of a member of your family to the Jar of Blessings. Perhaps there is someone you have been worrying about or thinking about lately, that person could be your focus for prayer and action this week.

Join us in the **Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays 8 and 15 February** for live streaming of the **Chalmers Lectures**. Streaming will begin at **6.30 p.m.** Tea/Coffee and time for discussion will follow. Approximate length of lecture will be one hour.

Reforming the Kirk : the future of the Church of Scotland

In this series of three lectures, Glasgow-based Practical Theologian and a Kirk Minister, Dr Doug Gay will offer a candid, forthright and bold analysis of the state of the Church of Scotland and the choices facing it. He will explore what it means to be 'presbyterian' in today's Scotland, in which even kirk members are ambivalent about their identity. Recognising the significant challenges are ambivalent about their identity. Recognising the significant challenges facing the church in the coming decade, he will offer a manifesto for enacting structural reform, including key economic reforms, within the Kirk and will argue that change is essential to address deep seated problems of decline and dysfunction.

LECTURE ONE

Walls Without Church?

The first lecture explores 'what just happened?' tracing the decline of the Kirk as a national institution since the 1960s. (Already streamed on 1 February).

LECTURE TWO

Call and Response

The second lecture explores the relationship between the church's understanding of its own calling and its response.

LECTURE THREE

Grand Designs

The third lecture makes the case for radical structural reform of the Church of Scotland over the next decade.



- 1. Café Connect:** Join with us **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** in the church Foyer for discussion and fellowship.
- 2. Parish News:** Today's the day! It's deadline day for any last minute contributions for Parish News. Please pass any items to Editor, Shelagh Bain.
- 3. Presbytery Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 February at 7:30 p.m. at Holburn West Church.
- 4. The Annual Presbytery Service:** will take place at St George's Tillydrone on **Friday 10th February at 7.30pm.** The preacher at this service will be the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend Dr Russell Barr. During the service the Moderator will present Long Service Certificates to elders, choir members and Sunday School staff. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, which will be followed by tea and coffee.
- 5. Table Top Sale & Donations: Saturday 11 February from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** Tables can be pre-booked with Fiona for just £10. Call Fiona on 01224 590806. There will be a church bric a brac stall at the next table sale so, if you don't want to take a table yourself, please donate your unwanted treasures to the stall and they will be sold for church funds. We are also looking for donations for the home bakes stall and the raffle. Thank you!
- 6. Monday Fellowship:** You are welcome to join us at our next meeting at **2:15 p.m.** on **13 February.** Shelagh Bain, member of the congregation and Editor of Parish News will talk to us about the Children's Panel.
- 7. The Guild:** Come along to our gathering on **15 February at 7:30 p.m.** when we will be 'keeping fit' with Isobel Jagger.
- 8. Traidcraft Stall:** There's nothing like a nice cup of tea or coffee and a delicious biscuit on a cold winter afternoon. Come and see our selection of Fairtrade teas, coffees and biscuits. Speciality teas and coffee can be ordered from the catalogue or website. Help support tea and coffee farmers and their families.
- 9. Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.



This Week's Eco Tip

Avoid wasting food.

Avoid letting food go off in your fridge or cupboards – in Britain, if we stopped wasting food we could avoid 18 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents being emitted each year.



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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