



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 17 September 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)  
Margaret Barclay (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Noel Hughson (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary today have been donated by Rita and Alastair King having been blessed with 50 years of loving marriage.



## Gathering Song

## The Lord's my shepherd

MP 1008

*Words: Psalm 23**Music : Stuart Townend*

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.  
*And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*
2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.  
*And I will trust in you alone.....*
3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.  
*And I will trust in you alone.....*

## Call to Worship

- Leader:** We come with anticipation this morning,  
we come ready to be shocked,  
we come with huge questions,  
we come to hear a story old as time,
- All:** **we come to listen in faith  
seeking understanding.  
We come to worship God.**

Praise                                      God the Father of Creation                                      CH 113

Welcome and Church Notices

Reading                                      John, Chapter 1, verses 24-29

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.

The Baptism of Zane Julian Tensan Scott-Dawson

Prayer

Aberdeen Chorus    This is the moment  
*by Frank Wildhorn*

The Sacrament of Baptism

## The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you;  
and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

## Presentation

## Prayer

## Praise

I, the Lord of sea and sky

CH 25 I

## Children Leave for Sunday Club

## Reading

Genesis, Chapter 21, verses 1-3;  
Chapter 22, verses 1-14

## Praise

When Abraham went up

*Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*Tune: Leoni (CH 162)*

1. When Abraham went up  
to offer you his son  
O God, we grieve to think  
of what he might have done.  
And yet we know it's true:  
to follow has a price.  
To do what we are called to do  
means sacrifice.
2. The sacrifice that day  
was not a father's boy,  
but being willing to obey  
and bring you joy.  
O Lord, what you desire  
Won't rise to you above

in violent act or smoke or fire;  
it's found in love.

3. The way to worship you  
is with an open hand —  
with willingness to gladly do  
what you have planned.  
You call us to let go,  
to let you be our guide,  
for when we do we'll surely know  
that you provide.

## Abraham and Isaac's Campfire

Message                      Whose Sacrifice?

## The Offering

Offering Praise              O God, you search me                      CH 97

Act of Dedication                      *Please remain standing*

Lord, receive our offerings.  
May they be acceptable to you.  
May we strive to be like Abraham,  
willing to sacrifice what we love the most.  
Take our offerings and use them for the  
benefit of your church,  
here in Ferryhill and in the wider world.  
Take all that we offer, may it be enough.  
Amen.

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise                      To God be the glory                      CH 512

## Closing Response

**Leader:** Our worship is ended.  
The stories have been told.

**All:** **God heard us  
and now sends us out  
to live and love and be God's people  
today and always.**

## Blessing

Sung Amen

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

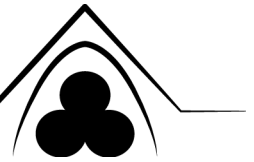
## Back Home

Re-read today's scripture when you get home.  
Find an emotion that stands out for you; is it Sara's  
laughter? Isaac's fear? Abraham's obedience? Would  
you have felt different?

Thank God that we are able to express and show  
our feelings in the emotion we are blessed by.  
Remember a time when you felt extreme emotion  
and hand it to God.



1. **All Are Invited** for refreshments, snacks and music in the Church Hall after the service to continue our welcome of Zane into the family of God.
2. **Evening Worship:** a short reflective service in the Memorial Chapel at 6 p.m. This will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
3. **Monday Fellowship:** Join us for our next meeting entitled “Two Lovely Gentlemen” on **Monday 18 September at 2:15 pm** in the Foyer. All are welcome.
4. **The Guild:** Join us at **7:30 pm** in the Sanctuary on **Wednesday 20 September** for our first meeting of the new session when we will enjoy a musical evening with Muriel Knox. All are welcome.
5. **Kirk Session:** We will meet next on **Thursday 21 September at 7:15 pm.** Reports for this meeting should be submitted to Lorna Glen, Session Clerk, by **today.**
6. **Beadles:** A meeting of the Beadles will be held in the **Sanctuary on Sunday 24 September** after morning worship.
7. **Leading Worship in Church:** Gwen Haggart and Peter will be leading a workshop on Thursday 12 October at 7 p.m. in the church on speaking in the church (such as reading from Bible, leading prayers, dramatic speaking). This is both a refresher for old hands and a great opportunity for those who would like to help out in this important way during worship.
8. **Free First Aid Training provided by the British Red Cross:** The Discipleship Team have organised some free first Aid Training from the British Red Cross. The training will be held **1pm-4pm on Wednesday 18th October 2017** in the small hall at Ferryhill Parish Church. The training will be provided by Ms Heather Roy from the British Red Cross. If you would like to attend but have not yet contacted Nigel Firth, please ring him on 01224 590806 to book a place.
9. **Word of Life:** A new addition to the Reference Library is the prayer book “Word of Life” from Saint Andrew Press. This is a collection of ‘Pray Now’ prayers by different people, in 52 sections. Each has a meditation to inspire you, a morning prayer, and evening prayer, a blessing for yourself and others and reflections on how we pray. It is organised around the stages of life. If you would like to borrow a copy (there are 2) please ask Cecilia Young after the service.”



## This Week's Eco Tip

### **Reduce purchases!**

In general, think before you buy any product - do you really need it? How did the production of this product impact the environment and what further impacts will there be with the disposal of the product (and associated packaging materials)? When you are thinking about buying, try the 30-Day Rule - wait 30 days after the first time you decide you want a product to really make your decision. This will eliminate impulse buying. Good luck!



## 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**