



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 24 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) and Mary Whittaker
Rita King (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Graham Craigen (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by the Monday Fellowship, remembering all.



Gathering Song As we are gathered CH 197

Call to Worship

Leader: God who calls us to worship,

All: may we be inspired by your Love.

Leader: We are part of God's church

All: may we be challenged by his Truth.

Leader: Let us lift our lives, words and thoughts,

All: may we be empowered by his Strength.

Leader: Let us worship God and receive his blessing.

Praise Just as I am CH 553

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 Sticks and Stones

Praise

Be yourself

Words and music: Fischy Music

1. I'm looking in the mirror
and checking out my hair,
I'm looking in my wardrobe
for something good to wear.
I'm looking at my friends
and people in my school,
I'm looking in my magazines
and how she looks so cool.
Sometimes I'd rather be, somebody else.
(You were made to)
Be yourself!
You don't have to be like anybody else.
(Come on and)
Be yourself!
You don't have to be like anybody else,
just be yourself.
2. I'm wishing I was this way,
I'm wishing I was that,
I'm wishing I was on TV,
I wish I had a cat.
I'm wishing I was famous,
I'm wishing I could fly,
I'm wishing I was more than
just an ordinary guy (or a girl!!)
Sometimes I'd rather be, somebody else.
(You were made to)
Be yourself!...
3. I sometimes feel so lonely,
like I'm the only one.
I sometimes feel if I was him/her

then life would be more fun.
 I sometimes feel like I'm not sure
 of who I want to be,
 I sometimes feel like I'm not sure
 if this is really me.
 Sometimes I'd rather be somebody else
 (You were made to)
 Be yourself!
 You don't have to be like anybody else.
 (Come on and)
 Be yourself!
 You don't have to be like anybody else.

 Be yourself!
 You don't have to be like anybody else.
 Be yourself!
 You don't have to be like anybody else,
 just be yourself,
 just be yourself,
 be yourself.

Children Leave for Sunday Club

Reading Genesis, Chapter 27, verses 1-4, 15-23;
 Chapter 28, verses 10-17

The Questioner and God

Praise Old Isaac asked his nearby son
 Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
 Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur (CH 451)

- I. Old Isaac asked his nearby son,
 'What is your name? I'm poor in sight.'
 He sought to bless the elder one.

- ‘Which one are you?’ he asked that night.
2. Then Jacob said, ‘I’m Esau here,’
as he stood there in his disguise.
The blessing he would hold so dear
began that night with tricks and lies.
 3. With Esau angry, Jacob fled.
Soon Rachel gladly said, ‘I do.’
Then Jacob toiled and earned his bread,
and soon his wealth and holdings grew.
 4. A strange man met him late one night.
They wrestled, struggling all night long,
the man spoke at the morning light,
‘You’ve wrestled God and you have won.’
 5. The stranger asked him, ‘What’s your name?’
This time, the name he spoke was true.
Yet nothing would remain the same,
for in that struggling time, he grew.
 6. Then Jacob went to Esau’s land,
with Esau he was reconciled.
In all his life, he saw God’s hand,
and he was blessed to be God’s child.

Message

Firstborn, First Place?

The Offering

Offering Praise

‘I have a dream’

CH 710

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Lord, you freely give us all that we need,
you shower us with blessings, thank you.

We offer today our gifts of money,
may they be a blessing
in whatever way they are used.
We offer also ourselves,
all of our gifts that are given by you,
please take us and use us as you will.
Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise Great is thy faithfulness CH 153

Closing Response

Leader: The dreams have come and gone.
 The promises delivered.

**All: And we receive the blessings that come
 from being God's children.
 So now we go
 to live and love and be God's people,
 today and always.**

Sung Amen

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



1. **The Cosy House:** There will be no Cosy House this evening. We will meet next on 8 October at 6:30 p.m. in the Foyer and Large Hall.
2. **Beadles:** A meeting of the Beadles will be held in the **Sanctuary on Sunday 24 September** after morning worship.
3. **Monday Fellowship:** Join us on **Monday 2 October** at **2.15pm** in the Foyer for an afternoon with Mhairi Shand. All are welcome.
4. **Presbytery:** We will meet next on **Tuesday 3 October** at **7pm** in Mannofield Parish Church.
5. **The Guild:** We will be having a talk on Embrace the Middle East, at our next gathering on **Wednesday 4 October** at **7.30 p.m.** Embrace is a Christian charity that is bringing lasting change to the Middle East through healthcare, education and community development projects. Come and join us.
6. **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.
7. **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 18 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.
8. **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

Invest in a hot water bottle for Autumn!

Putting a hot water bottle in your bed before you get in gives it a chance to heat up without having to switch on the radiators. Hot water bottles are relatively cheap and are a great way to save energy, just fill them with boiling water and they can keep you warm for hours, which keeps energy costs down whilst keeping you toasty!



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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