



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Christmas I
31 December 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)
Shelagh Bain (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Alastair King (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Catriona Allan, for mum and others with love.



Gathering Praise

Lord, you were rich

CH 318

Call to Worship:

Leader: A year comes to a close

All: and a New Year awaits.

Leader: Christmas lights still twinkle

All: yet the story strides on.

Leader: We travel into the wilderness

All: and there find something new.

Leader: We come to worship God,

All: make straight the way of the Lord.

Leader: In humility and wonder

All: we join in our praise.

Praise

In the bleak mid-winter

CH 305

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.

May We Take This Chance

Reading

John 1:19-34

Praise

John came preaching, bearing witness

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Regent Square (CH 110)

1. John came preaching, bearing witness,
pointing to God's only Son.
He proclaimed the truth with boldness:
"Now believe! God's light has come!"
Yet he would not be the focus;
he proclaimed a greater One.
2. Thank you, God, for all your servants
who proclaim your light each day.
Brave and bold, like John, they bless us,
pointing us to Jesus' way.
They proclaim your kingdom's nearness
in the things they do and say.
3. May we live in that tradition;
fill us with integrity.
Take away our vain ambition;
keep us in humility.
Make us faithful in our mission
as we serve Christ joyfully.

Message

The New Way

The Offering

Praise

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

CH 334

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

God in all our traditions and superstitions
may we be mindful of belonging to you,

your beloved children
called to love and serve one another
with all the gifts you have given
in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Prayers for Others

Praise Christ is our light! CH 336

Closing Response

Leader: As the old year drains away,
 the new one, yet unwritten, holds out hope.

All: **May we travel from here to there
 in one step of faith
 for all we are yet to become.**

Leader: Go safely
 and come back renewed.

Blessing

Sung Amen

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



1. **Cowdray Club:** Our next service at the Cowdray Club will take place on **Wednesday 3 January** at **11:00 a.m.** The service will be led by Lorna Glen.
2. **Café Connect:** We will resume on **Sunday 7 January** at **6.00 p.m.** in the **foyer**. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.
3. **The Cosy House:** Will be back in action on **Sunday 14 January** at **6.30 p.m.** when we will enjoy fun and fellowship in the **large hall** and **foyer**.
4. **Monday Fellowship:** We start our new session with a talk from the Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Councillor Barney Crocket. Come along and join us in the foyer on **Monday 15 January** at **2.15 p.m.** All welcome.
5. **The Guild:** In our first meeting of the new year on **Wednesday 17 January** we welcome Peter Johnston. We look forward to seeing you at **7.30 p.m.** in the **foyer**.
6. **City-wide Prayer Gatherings:** Join us on **Friday 19 January** between **7.30 and 9 p.m.** at **Mannofield Parish Church**, Great Western Road, Aberdeen.
7. **Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.
8. **Coffee Shop Break:** Our Coffee shop is closed for the annual break. We will reopen on Monday 15 January 2018. This will allow the team of volunteers who are on duty once a fortnight, a well-earned two week break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



Eco-Tip

Dark Sky at Night

Artificial night lighting doesn't just spoil star shows; it can confuse nocturnal animals and waste energy. The International Dark-Sky Association offers these tips for reducing light pollution around your home: choose the lowest possible wattage, add shielding that points the light downward for high wattage bulbs,

and for security applications, use motion-sensor lights; they save energy and also draw attention to intruders.



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**