



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Transfiguration Sunday  
11 February 2018  
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), Mary Whittaker (Probationer Minister)  
Lorna Glen (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Diane Cumming (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Sandra Duncan, remembering her husband Albert.



Gathering Praise Lord, the light of your love CH 448

Call to Worship

Leader: When the world is dark,  
when we cannot see God,  
Christ open our eyes  
For he is the Light of the world.

**All: The Light of the world shines  
and the darkness cannot overcome it  
so let us praise and worship God,  
may the Light shine through us.**

Praise Amazing grace CH 555

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.

Reading John 9: 1-17

Message To see or not to see

## Praise

## A man who could not see

*Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, tune: Leoni (CH 132)*

1. A man who could not see  
received the gift of sight;  
O Lord, you spoke and he believed  
and saw the light.  
His joy was greater still  
than sight that was restored;  
He saw, when you had made him well,  
that you are Lord.
2. Some leaders were distressed  
and said it was a sin,  
for it was on the day of rest  
that you healed him.  
They could not see the grace  
or know how much God cares;  
the lack of vision in that place  
was truly theirs.
3. O Christ, you are the light  
to all who follow you;  
you give to us the gift of sight—  
a new world-view.  
When culture hems us in  
with values that destroy,  
Lord, help your church to see again  
your kingdom's joy.

## Reading

John 9: 18-41

## Dialogue

I was blind and now I see!

Message

The Muddy Wash

The Offering

Offering Praise

All my days

MP 1024

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.
  
2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.  
  
*Beautiful Saviour, wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion,  
and you reign, you reign over all!*
  
3. I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers will share one song,  
and cries of 'Worthy' will honour the lamb!

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clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the way, the truth, the life.  
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the risen One, heaven's champion,  
and you reign, you reign over all!*

## Act of Dedication

*Please remain standing*

Precious One,  
we bring you what we have:  
the senses we employ  
some to see and taste,  
some to hear and speak,  
some to help and care,  
some to give and receive  
that together all we have  
and all we are  
might be used in your service.  
Today and always.  
Amen.

## Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Praise                      Immortal, invisible, God only wise                      CH 132

Blessing

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

## THE 2018 GIFFORD LECTURES

# Discerning the Dawn— History, Eschatology and New Creation

Professor N.T. Wright



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The question of 'natural theology' interlocks with the related questions of whether we can conceive of God acting in the world at all, as well as why, if God is God, evil persists in the world. Can specific events in history, like those reported in the Gospels, afford the necessary point from which to ask and answer such questions? Widely shared cultural and philosophical presumptions have conditioned our understanding of history in ways that truncate our epistemic horizons and make the idea of historical divine action problematic. But could better historical study itself win from ancient Jewish and Christian cosmology and eschatology a renewed account of knowledge by which to open up and reconsider the fundamental question of the relation of God and world for today?

Professor N.T. Wright argues that this can indeed be done. The eight lectures in this series develop a distinctive approach to natural theology grounded in an 'epistemology of love'. This approach arises from reflection upon the significance of the ancient concept of the 'new creation' for our understanding of the reality of the world and the reality of God in relation to one another.

**Monday, 12th February - Wednesday, 7th March, 2018**

The lectures will take place in the King's College Conference Centre on successive Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm.

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1. **Traidcraft Stall:** We have sweet treats including handmade chocolate heart lollies on sale today. Show your Valentine how much you care for him/her and show how much you care for cocoa farmers who are struggling to make a better life for their families. Stop at the stall today and check out our new Spring catalogue too.
2. **Monday Fellowship:** Come along and join us in the foyer on **Monday 12 February** at **2.15 p.m.** All welcome.
3. **Coffee Shop:** We will be closed on **Wednesday 14 February** as we are having a new boiler installed in the kitchen.
4. **City-Wide Prayer Gathering:** The next gathering will be held at St Mary's Episcopal Church, Cove on **Friday 16 February** from **7.30 - 9.00 p.m.**
5. **The Guild:** We welcome Rev. James Falconer at our next meeting on **21 February**. The subject will be the rooftop garden project at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. There will also be a bring and buy sale. Join us from **7.30 p.m.** in the foyer.
6. **Scots Night concert:** Aberdeen Street Pastors are holding a "Celebration of Scotland" fundraising evening at Summerhill Parish Church on **Friday 23 February** from **7.30 p.m.** Admission is £5.
7. **Table Sale: Saturday 3 March, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m..** Tables must be prebooked by speaking to Fiona or texting / calling 07759 929172. Donations of home bakes, books, bric a brac and raffle prizes would be very welcome for the church stalls.
8. **Flower team:** The team are looking for donations of display baskets and bowls. If you have any spare, please bring them along to the Church.
9. **Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.

# Useful Information



## Eco-Tip

### **Cleaning with vinegar**

Get rid of stubborn stains like coffee and tea using white vinegar and salt. Simply mix up a paste using a combination of these two ingredients then rub it into the stain with a damp cloth.

Add vinegar to warm fresh water, then dampen a sponge mop and mop your hardwood, tile, or linoleum floors. It sanitizes and dissolves greasy dirt, and leaves your floors shining.



## 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

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