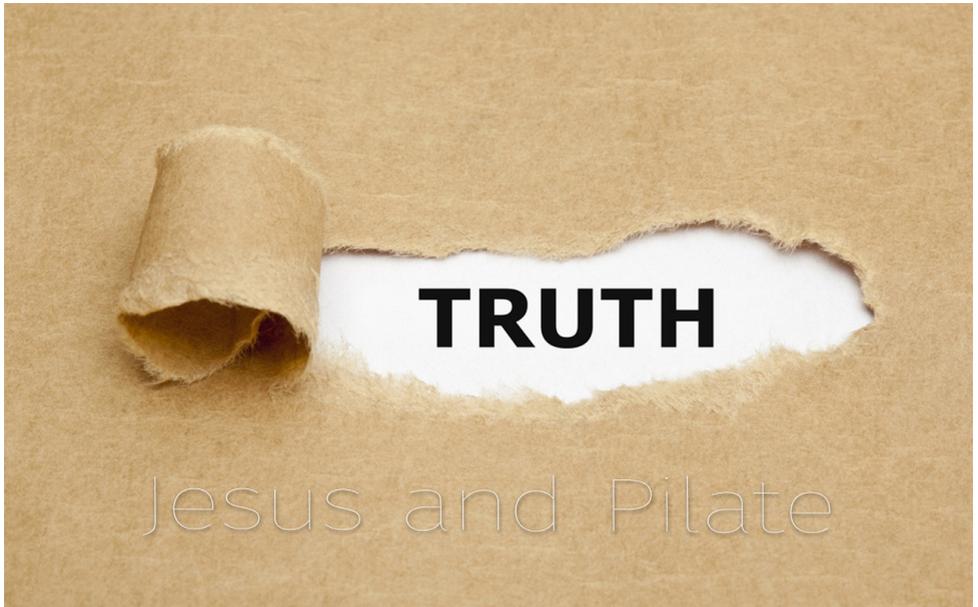




Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Lent 4  
11 March 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)  
Rita King (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Graham Craigen (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Fred and Jenny Gray.



Gathering Praise

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

CH 579

Call to Worship

**Leader:** We've come to worship  
our God who, like a mother,  
cares for us affectionately,  
loves us unconditionally,  
comforts us in times of need  
and teaches us the way we should go.

**All:** **This is our God**  
**whose presence never leaves us,**  
**whose truth frees us,**  
**whose justice is fair:**  
**the One who we can trust**  
**so let us worship together!**

Praise

All things bright and beautiful

CH 137

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.

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| All-age Message    | The Truth behind Fairtrade   |        |
| Praise             | For the fruits of his creation   | CH 231 |
| Children leave for | Sunday Club  |        |
| Reading            | John 18: 28-40   |        |
| Reflection         | What is Truth?   |        |
| Praise             | My song is love unknown  | CH 399 |
|                    | <i>Words: Samuel Crossman (vv 1-4,7), Peter Johnston (vv 5-6)</i>  |        |
|                    | 1. My song is love unknown,<br>my Saviour's love to me,<br>love to the loveless shown,<br>that they might lovely be.<br>Oh, who am I, that for my sake<br>my Lord should take frail flesh and die?         |        |
|                    | 2. He came from his blest throne,<br>salvation to bestow:<br>but people scorned, and none<br>the longed-for Christ would know.<br>But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,<br>who at my need his life did spend! |        |
|                    | 3. Sometimes they strew his way,<br>and his sweet praises sing;<br>resounding all the day<br>hosannas to their King.<br>Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,<br>and for his death they thirst and cry.     |        |
|                    | 4. Why, what hath my Lord done?<br>What makes this rage and spite?<br>He made the lame to run,   |        |

he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5. When asked if he were king  
by foreign hands that ruled,  
he let the truth full sing  
and he would not be fooled.  
He testified with clear full voice;  
now is our choice: in truth abide.
6. How knew he 'What is truth?'  
when we can barely know  
what mysteries from our youth  
or age old wisdom show.  
Yet in his life, God's truth revealed:  
the hurt are healed, brings peace from strife.
7. Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

Message

The truth will set you free

The Offering

Offering Praise

Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

CH 269

Act of Dedication

*Please remain standing*

Creator God,  
you have made us who we are.  
You have given us all that you have to give:  
your total commitment to our world and our well-being.

May we not insult you by offering gifts of money alone,  
nor by offering a token of allegiance that does not cut  
beneath the surface of our lives.

Here we offer you our most authentic faith,  
and our most perplexing questions.  
Here we submit to your authority,  
which demands that we take responsibility for ourselves.  
Here we commit ourselves to the search for truth,  
which will bring us straight back to you,  
through the one who is Way and Truth and Life.  
Amen.

## Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Christ triumphant

MP 77

## Sending Response

Leader: What is truth?

**All: We have heard again the story of an innocent man  
challenging the powers that constrain  
in order to bring freedom.**

Leader: What is truth?

**All: Truth is your Way of living, God of hope.  
May we go from here ready to challenge all  
who deny life and freedom.**

Leader: What is truth?

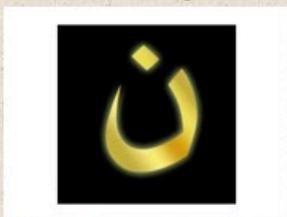
**All: Truth is the Way of love.**

## Blessing

Sung Amen

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

**City-wide Prayer Gatherings, Aberdeen 2018**  
**Friday evenings – 7.30pm – 9pm**



**For the City  
 For the Issues  
 For the refugees**



**For the People  
 For the World  
 For Christ**

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| <b>19th January</b>              | <b>Mannofield Parish Church</b>         |
| <b>16th February</b>             | <b>St Mary's Episcopal Church, Cove</b> |
| <b>16th March</b>                | <b>Bridge of Don Oldmachar Church</b>   |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>     | <b>Ferryhill Parish Church</b>          |
| <b>18th May</b>                  | <b>Summerhill Parish Church</b>         |
| <b>15th June</b>                 | <b>Kirk of St Nicholas Uniting</b>      |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>      | <b>South Holburn Parish Church</b>      |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>    | <b>Kings Community Church</b>           |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b> | <b>Woodside Parish Church</b>           |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | <b>St Nicholas South of Kincorth</b>    |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | <b>Midstocket Parish Church</b>         |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <b>St Mary's Parish Church</b>          |

*Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.* (Jeremiah 29:7)



1. **Traidcraft Stall:** It's Fairtrade Fortnight ( 26 February - 11 March) and this year's theme is " Fairtrade opens doors, so come on in." Come to the stall today and get 10% off all purchases and taste Traidcraft's delicious new chocolate.
2. **The Cosy House:** Our youth group will meet **this evening at 6.30 p.m.** in the large hall and foyer.
3. **Monday Fellowship:** Come along and join us for games in the foyer on **Monday 12 March at 2.15 p.m.** All welcome.
4. **Lent Bible Study:** We continue our evening Bible studies on **Wednesday 14 March**, at which we will look at some of the Passion story telling of Jesus' last days, and talk about what this still has to say to us today. This is open to everyone and you are welcome to dip in as you can. We will meet in the foyer at **7 p.m.**
5. **Christian Aid Gathering:** Hear from Ms Sally Foster-Fulton, Head of Christian Aid Scotland and discover new ways to support their work. The event will be held at **Holburn West Church** on **Thursday 15 March** from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
6. **Kirk Session:** We will meet on **Thursday 15 March** at **7.15 p.m.** in the foyer. Reports for submission to Kirk Session should be handed to Lorna Glen, Session Clerk, by **today**.
7. **Quiz Night:** for Katherine Johnston's trip to build school classrooms in Nicaragua will be held on **Friday 16 March** at **7 p.m.** in the Church Hall. £5 per person, tickets are available on Sundays from Katherine and in the coffee shop.
8. **Trustees Meeting for Annual Report:** will be held after morning service on **Sunday 18 March** in the sanctuary.
9. **Worship Team:** We will meet in the Upper Room at **7.15 p.m.** on **Monday 19 March**.
10. **Table Sale: Saturday 24 March, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Tables must be prebooked by speaking to Fiona Firth or texting / calling 07759 929172. Donations of home bakes, books, bric a brac and raffle prizes would be very welcome for the church stalls.

# Useful Information



## Eco-Tip

### Keep Flowers Fresh

Extend the life of drooping flowers by adding a crushed aspirin tablet into the vase of water then placing your blooms back in. You'll still need to remember to change the water but your flowers will last longer.



## 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**