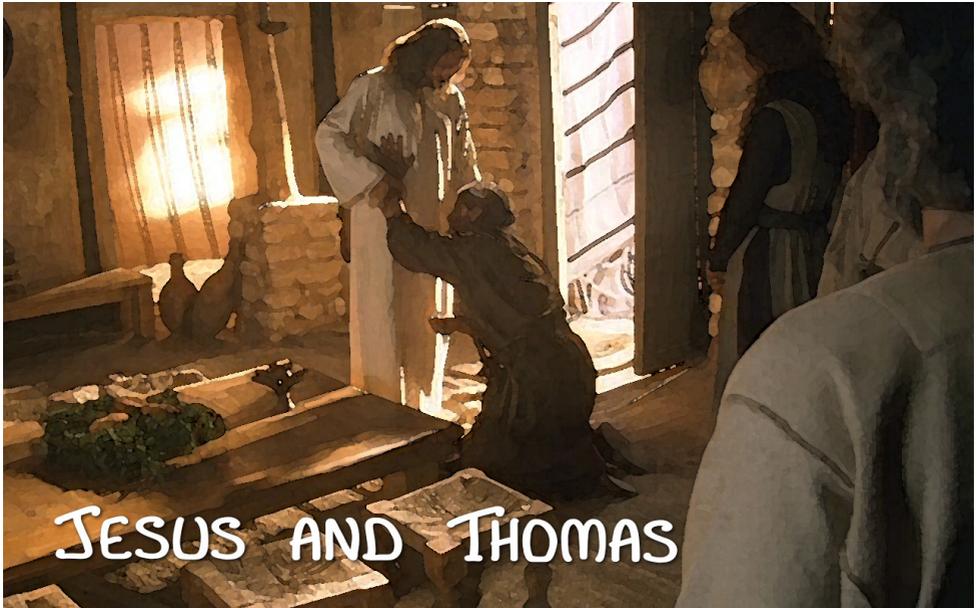


Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Easter I
8 April 2018
11 a.m.



JESUS AND THOMAS

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)
Grace Baxter (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Graeme Craigen (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Maureen Dorward, in memory of loved ones.



Gathering Praise

I danced in the morning

CH 404

Call to Worship

Leader: “Peace be with you”
the risen Christ said three times to his disciples.
We gather together
in the name of the Prince of Peace.

**All: Let us hear the words
of the One who is the Prince of Peace.**

Leader: “My Lord and my God!”
as Thomas said to the risen Christ.
We gather together
in the name of the Lord our God.

**All: Let us worship
the One who is our Lord and our God.**

Praise

Away with gloom, away with doubt!

CH 418

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.

Message 1

Missing Out

The Baptism of Aria Agnes Cull

Prayer

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

For everyone born, a place at the table CH 685

Reading

John 20: 19-31

Reflection

Praise

Do we ask the questions

Words: Peter Johnston

1. Do we ask the questions
that trouble our own hearts?
Do we dare to raise them
knowing what we'll start?
2. Do we ask the questions
that Jesus heard each day?
'Will you feed me, heal me,
and hear what I say?'

3. Do we ask the questions
that Jesus asks of us?
Will you follow him today,
give him all your trust?
4. Do we ask the questions
that wake our sleeping souls?
Turn God's love to action,
broken hearts made whole.
5. Do we ask the questions
that stir the hornet's nest?
Who is welcome in Christ's church?
Must there be a test?
6. Do we ask the questions
to which no answer comes?
Do we stand as witnesses
for the selfless one?
7. Do we ask the questions
that turn our world around?
Let compassion rule our hearts;
peace and grace be found.

Message 2

Is it okay to doubt?

The Offering

Offering Praise

Father, hear the prayer we offer

CH 255

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

God of life, God of love, God of peace,
we thank you for all that you have given us,

the gift of your son, Jesus, who gave
his life that we might live.

What can we offer in return?

We offer our gifts of money,
may they be used to spread
the news of resurrection
to all the ends of the earth.

May they be a sign of all that we offer,
take each one of us and use us
to be your servants.

Amen.

Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Lord of our growing years

CH 687

Blessing

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.



We hope you are enjoying the colour and variety that our Easter Yarnbombing has brought this corner of Ferryhill.

This community artwork has involved people from across Ferryhill and Aberdeen, with contributions to the patchwork coming from as far as England and Portugal.

What does it all mean?

If you look carefully you will realise that not only is the patchwork of knitting and crocheting in many different colours, it is also in numerous different textures, patterns and styles. These beautifully represent the rich diversity amongst all those in the community who contributed their patches, a snapshot of the greater diversity amongst the wider community.

Over the course of Holy Week we adorned a new tree each day, leading up to Easter Sunday. On each tree you will see an original piece of artwork created specially for this project by Leila Kleinedam. These give her impressions of the Bible passage that was the focus for that day.

As we await signs of Spring and new life, the whole project completed for Easter Sunday is a reminder of the Easter Story of new life and resurrection, of hope where all seemed lost, of abundance and generosity, of God's affirmation of life.

The yarnbombing and images are intended to remain in place for the whole of Easter season until the Day of Pentecost, 20 May.



1. The **Friendship Team** meet in the Sanctuary following morning worship today.
2. **Traidcraft Stall:** As a result of extra fundraising before Valentine's Day and at Easter, we have raised £100 for Traidcraft's Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal. It aims to help poor people in developing countries who have all the talent and determination they need to build successful businesses, but who lack the opportunity to do so. This money will be doubled by the UK government. Read more about the appeal at <https://www.traidcraft.org.uk/hidden> Thanks to all who supported our fundraising efforts.
3. **Monday Fellowship:** Come along and join us for music in the foyer on Monday 9 April at 2.15 p.m. All welcome.
4. **Summer Club planning meeting:** 7.30 p.m. Monday 9 April, in the Upper Room. The Summer Club runs every morning from the 6th August to 12th August and is for Primary School aged children. We have a happy band of volunteers who have great fun entertaining around 100 children every morning, but we can always use more helpers! Please speak to Fiona Firth if you would like more information or come along to the meeting.
5. **Funeral Service** for Ella Bruce will be held in the East Chapel, Aberdeen Crematorium on Tuesday 10 April at 2.30 p.m.
6. The **Discipleship Team** will meet in the foyer at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10 April.
7. **Funeral Service** for Norah Ross will take place in the church on Thursday 12 April at 12.45 p.m.
8. The next **Stewardship Team** meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 April at 7.15 p.m. in the Upper Room.
9. **The Guild** will hold their AGM on Wednesday 18 April at 7.30 p.m. in the foyer.
10. If you are interested in finding out what goes on at Ferryhill Kirk, please go to our website - www.ferryhillparishchurch.org - and sign up for our **weekly email newsletter**.
11. **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

Grow some herbs that bees will love

Most herbs will grow easily in a pot on a sunny balcony or in the garden. Why not try chives, mint, thyme, marjoram or sage.

Herbs provide a valuable source of food for bees and other pollinating insects. They also add fantastic fresh flavours to your cooking.



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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