



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Day of Epiphany  
6 January 2019  
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)  
Grace Baxter (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Bob Nicol (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Ida Scott and family, remembering Brian with love.



*Children to meet in the Sunday Club*

Gathering Song      Before the world began      CH 317

Call to Worship

Leader:      Welcome to church:  
not a place,

**All:      but an invitation;**

Leader:      not a building,

**All:      but a way of engaging;**

Leader:      not a service,

**All:      but a way of serving;**

Leader:      not an institution,

**All:      but a path to adventure.**

Leader:      In this new year let us gather

**All:      and welcome each other,  
make space for all,  
decide to love more  
and overcome worldly rules  
with the generosity of God's kin-dom,  
and let God's light stream in.**

Leader:      Let us worship God.

Praise      Here in this place      CH 623

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

Reflection      Do we ever know darkness today?

Reading      John 8: 12-20

Offering Praise      Longing for light      CH 543

## Act of Dedication

*Please remain standing*

Loving God,  
in the light of this new year  
may we see you more clearly  
and follow you more nearly  
that we might find a faith  
that holds a mystery  
enough for us to come and see  
where you are going,  
the God who never settles down.  
May we find light around the next turning,  
beyond the next bend  
in the mist that still falls over the future.  
May we find in all our travelling  
a presence that loves  
a grace that cares,  
a compassion that welcomes,  
a place to grow,  
a light to follow.  
Amen.

## Message

The Guiding Light

## Statement of Faith

*Please stand if you are able*

We believe in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.  
We praise God the Father:  
who created the universe and keeps it in being.  
He who made us his sons and daughters to share his joy,  
living together in justice and peace,  
caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:  
born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.  
He made known God's compassion and mercy,  
giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,  
offering healing and wholeness to all.  
By his death on the cross and by his resurrection,  
he has triumphed over evil.  
Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit:  
who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church;  
who brings us to repentance  
and assures us of forgiveness.  
The Spirit guides us  
in our understanding of the bible,  
renews us in the sacraments,  
and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:  
we have sure and certain hope  
of resurrection through Christ,  
and we look for his coming again to judge the world.  
Then all things will be made new;  
and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,  
through the Son,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
one God, blessed for ever.  
Amen.

The Invitation

Praise

Ye gates, lift up your heads

CH 19

Preparation

## Prayers of Thanks and Concern

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Ascription of Glory

**All: Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.**

## 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Peace of Christ

Prayer

Praise

Immortal, invisible

CH 132

Blessing

Sung Amen

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



1. **Ferryburn Fellowship:** Our youth group resumes next Sunday 13 January in the large hall at 6.30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you then.
2. **Coffee Shop Break:** Our Coffee shop is closed for the annual break. We will reopen on Monday 14 January.
3. **The Guild:** In our first meeting of the new year on Wednesday 16 January we welcome Peter Johnston. We look forward to seeing you at 7.30 p.m. in the foyer.
4. **Kirk Session:** We will meet on Thursday 17 January at 7.15 p.m. in the foyer. Reports for submission to Kirk Session should be handed to Lorna Glen, Session Clerk, by Sunday 13 January.
5. **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

### **Don't be foiled**

When a recipe suggests wrapping chicken, fish or vegetables in foil before cooking, try a lidded dish instead. Instead of lining with foil, just try a baking sheet. It'll taste just as good and saves wasting aluminium foil which is resource-intensive to produce.



## 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**