



RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen
Scottish Charity No. SC015841

Sunday 13 October 2019

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Minister: The Rev Eddie McKenna
Organist: Marnoch C Johnston



Growing together, sharing God's love, building faith, bringing hope

Prelude

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 225 Summer suns are glowing

Presentation of Harvest Gifts

Prayer for Harvest Gifts


Prayers of Approach

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen

Children's Talk

Hymn 229 We plough the fields and scatter

 **WORD OF GOD** Luke Ch 15 vv 1 – 10
The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

Pg 99 Pew Bible NT

Hymn 181 For the beauty of the earth

Sermon

Hymn 237 Look forward in faith

Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn 159 Lord, for the years

Blessing Choral Amen

Postlude



RUBISLAW CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME to worship today, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer to Rubislaw. We invite you most warmly to coffee after worship in the lounge of the Church Centre at the corner of Beaconsfield Place.

LOOP SYSTEM for hearing aid users – turn to T position.

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARD DISPLAY is now in the Church Centre Lounge.

Please help yourself to a catalogue and pop your order form into the box provided. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH CENTRE will be open for coffee, tea, home bakes, in the mornings Monday – Friday, 10 am – 12 noon. Enjoy the hospitality of our Centre Lounge and entertain your friends there.

GUILD The first afternoon meeting of the session will be held on Monday, 14th October in the Church Centre lounge at 2.15pm. Our speaker will be Rev Flora Munro, who will tell us about the Iona Community. Tea/ coffee and cakes will be served. Visitors and new members will be most welcome.

WORLDBLINK EVENT Hebron Church Saturday 19th at 7pm, "Persecution has a Face", film premier and talk on the persecution people are facing worldwide and how God continues to work through them.

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Mrs Maureen Simpson. Please note there will be no 9.15 am service.

TRAIDCRAFT Our Fairtrade stall will be available in the Church Centre after worship on Sunday, 20th October. As well as our usual teas and coffees, we have a good selection of plain, milk and flavoured chocolate this month. Please come along to show your support for the world's poorest producers.

BINGO NIGHT – Great Fun! Thursday 31st October Following on from the very enjoyable and successful Bingo Night held last year, the Centre Management have organised repeat performance for Thursday 31st October 7.00 for 7.30 at the Ashvale, Great Western Road. Tickets costing £15, including a fish supper, are available from the Centre Office or Team members. There will be a raffle and donations for that will be most gratefully received (please hand in to the Centre Manager or give to Miles Paterson). It does not matter whether you are a seasoned player or completely new to the game you can be assured of a great night out – just ask anyone who's been there on previous occasions!

CHURCH CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 9th November This year's Christmas Fair promises to be even better than before and it definitely will be with **your** support! Tickets, priced at £3.00, will be available from Committee Members and the Centre Manager. There will be the evergreen favourites of Home Baking/Produce (all worthy of The Great British Bake Off Participants), Fresh Eggs, Nearly New (hidden treasures to be discovered?), Chocolate Tombola (no age restriction), Books/toys etc and a selection of Charity Stalls. **We are particularly indebted to all those who faithfully donate year on year to the Home baking stall – we cannot have too much!!** In addition, we have a very generous donation of 200 jars of home-made jam across six different varieties – put a selection together and make a 'different' Christmas present! **Donations to all stalls will be most welcome.** Donations may be left with the Centre Manager. Further details may be obtained from Miles Paterson

(milespaterson@hotmail.com / 01224 314014). Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to seeing **you** on the 9th.

UPDATE ON OUR MINISTER

Good news on Robert's progress – he has begun a Phased Return to Work. This will involve limited duties and will exclude leading worship for some weeks. It is vital that this process is not rushed, and therefore the tasks which Robert takes on will be carefully arranged.

While the Phased Return to Work is in progress, **the Interim Moderator, Rev Eddie McKenna, will remain in place and anyone requiring the services of a Minister should contact him** (07460 725353 or emckenna@churchofscotland.org.uk). Any pastoral care information or requests should continue to be passed to Margaret Parkinson or Eunice McConnach (rubislawcares@btconnect.com).

Robert and family express their deep appreciation of the continuing prayers and support of all at Rubislaw.

NEW PRESBYTERY PLAN and NECESSARY BUILDINGS SURVEY REPORT – OCT 2019

The draft of the new Presbytery Plan for the next 10 years and the Report completed in summer 2019 following the Necessary Buildings Survey have now been released for consultation and consideration by congregations, before a Presbytery Conference on Saturday 23 November 2019. These documents are of vital importance to every congregation in Aberdeen Presbytery.

Extracts from the report are available to be collected from the Church doors today. Please email the Church Office if you would like an electronic copy of the full report.

The Kirk Session has already begun discussions on the Plan. In addition, the Interim Moderator, Rev Eddie McKenna, has agreed to make himself available at the Church Centre at 10.30 am – 11.30 am; 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm; and 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm on **29th October 2019** for individual members of the congregation to make their views known in a private setting. It is hoped, therefore that all members will have an opportunity to hear about the changes in the new Plan and make their views known prior to the November Conference. Otherwise if you have comments please address them to the Session Clerks.

Rubislaw Church Centre

Saturday 9th

Christmas

November

Fair

10 am to 12

noon



Admission

Adults: £3

Children: Free

Prayer Pointers: 13.10.19

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
And your plans will succeed
Proverbs 16, 3)*

- ❖ God of dialogue and relationship we pray for the Presbytery Plan. Help us to create the right atmosphere for discussion and lasting agreement. By your Spirit grant us wisdom, courage and hope as we adjust to change.
- ❖ God of might, strengthen those facing times of uncertainty and stress, that they would feel your strength and deep calm in their particular situations.
- ❖ Heavenly father stay close to families coping with illness, pain or bereavement that they would know Your presence, healing and peace.
- ❖ Lord of the harvest we thank you for all the bounty we receive from your creation. Keep us mindful of the needs of others who lack even the essentials of life.
- ❖ Heavenly father we continue to pray for the aftermaths of natural disasters, and that medical and material relief may be effectively distributed to all who are suffering.
- ❖ Pray now for yourself, family or friends and those you know who are in particular need of prayer at this time.

*We give thanks Lord for the week gone by and
look to You in the week ahead*

To make a prayer request speak to Fiona Chaloner (01224 318039) or Doug Boyd (01224 633073), or place a note in an offering bag/prayer box. All prayer requests will be treated with strict confidentiality. No information will be shared outside the Prayer Group and every request will be considered anonymous unless you say otherwise. If you wish your request can also be included in the weekly prayer bulletin. As always, you may contact the Minister with any pastoral concern.

