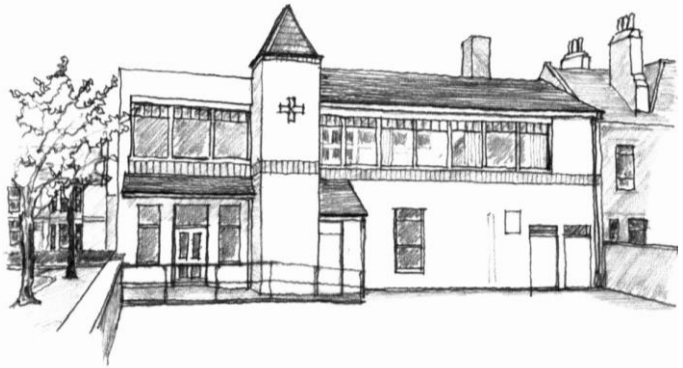
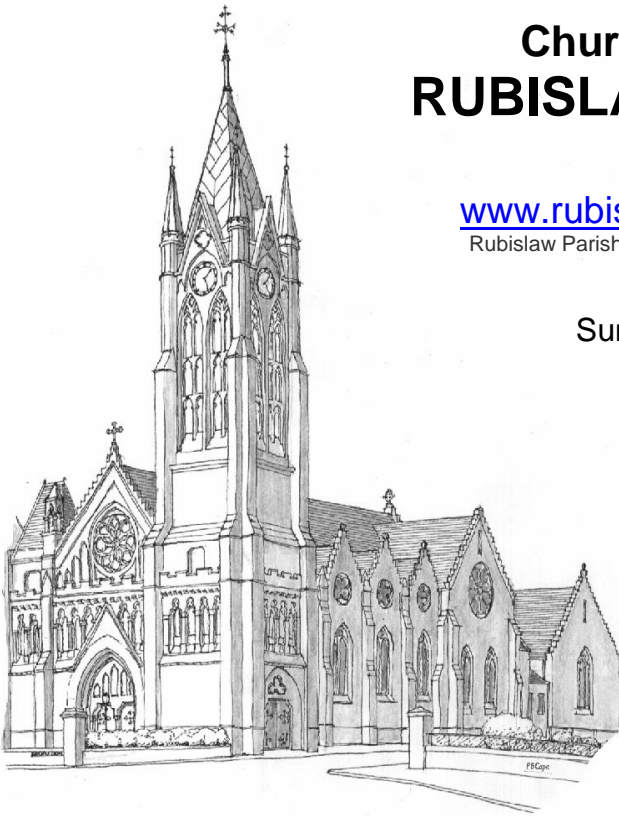


Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 8 January 2017



Minister: The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr
Organist & Director of Music: Allan Bicket

10.30 am

Prelude

The Holy Boy

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John Ireland

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

ALL: I have placed my Spirit on him; he will bring true justice to the nations.

Minister: When Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened,

ALL: And the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted upon him

Minister: And there was a voice from heaven saying: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

ALL: Let us worship Christ together for He is our light, our love and our joy!

Hymn 336

Christ is our light!

Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship 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 283 (v1,2,3,4)

The voice of God goes out to all the world

 **WORD OF GOD**

Isaiah Ch 42 vv 1 – 9
Matthew Ch 3 vv 13 – 17

Pg 704 Pew Bible OT
Pg 5 Pew Bible NT

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Offering Noel sur les Flutes Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Hymn 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Let us stand and affirm our faith in God

ALL: I believe in
GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
and in
JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in
the HOLY GHOST;
the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;
the COMMUNION OF SAINTS;
the FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
the RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;
and the LIFE EVERLASTING.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(The wine we use in the Lord's Supper is non-alcoholic)

Minister: The Lord be with you

ALL: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Minister: Lift up your hearts

ALL: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

ALL: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE**

Minister: Let us pray

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.**

Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God
ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.
Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins
ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.
Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world
ALL: GRANT US PEACE.

SHARING COMMUNION TOGETHER

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 457 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Benediction **Choral Amen**

Postlude Noel Suisse Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)



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.

SOUPER SUNDAY – TODAY – Soup and bread lunch in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV Programme which currently supports 27 projects in 15 countries of the world through partnership with church-related and other faith-based organisations to bring hope to those affected by HIV.

CHURCH CENTRE re-opens tomorrow, Monday 9th January. The 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 Our next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday, 9th January at 2.15pm, in the Church Centre. After short worship, Prof Henry Ellington will speak on 'The Life and Times of Robert Burns'. Tea/coffee and cakes will be served. All welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE re-opens Tuesday 10th January.

RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 11th January at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Dan Fraser ☎01224 591187. All Welcome.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 11th January, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

LUNCHLINK The next Lunchlink is on Thursday 12th January at 12.30 pm in the Church Centre. If you would like to come along and require transport please contact the Church Centre ☎01224 645477. This is open to ALL, we would be delighted to see some new diners.

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 9.15 am Early Service, 10.30 am Morning Worship led by The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

TRAIDCRAFT Our Fairtrade stall will be available in the Church Centre after worship next Sunday. Selection of teas, coffees and mueslis in stock. Please come along to show your support for the world's poorest producers.

MONDAY LUNCHESES the next Monday lunch in the Church Centre will be Monday 16th January, 12.15 – 1.30 pm.

KIRK SESSION MEETING Monday 16th January in the Church Centre. Minutes and Agenda are available in the Church Centre pigeonholes for those not on email.

SEEKERS' CLASSES

Do you have any questions about the Christian faith? Questions like 'What does being a Christian mean? What is the role of the Bible in our lives? What does being a church member mean?' Well, you are not alone! We all seek answers to different questions about our faith; and that is a good thing!

To help you understand your faith and find meaningful answers to your questions, we hold Seekers' Classes here at Rubislaw. These informative and fun classes allow us to learn, share and grow in our faith. You don't have to be a member of the church; just come with your questions! Seekers' Classes are held twice a year— in September and in February—for anyone interested. We are also putting together a Young Person's Seekers Class (S1 – S6) for the New Year. If you are interested in coming along to a Seekers' Class, please contact the Church Office.



Prayer Pointers: 08.01.17

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven
(Ecclesiastes 3 v 1)*

- ❖ Give thanks to God that because of Jesus we can bring all our concerns to Him, knowing that He hears and loves us.
- ❖ Pray for those affected by loss and bereavement over the Christmas period that they may be comforted.
- ❖ Pray for those ill at home or in hospital that they would know God's healing presence, His comfort and peace.
- ❖ Pray for our world as a new year begins. Pray that the Light of the World would shine in the darkness bringing peace and hope.
- ❖ Give thanks again to God as we begin another year, knowing He is with us always - "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13 v5)
- ❖ 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.



