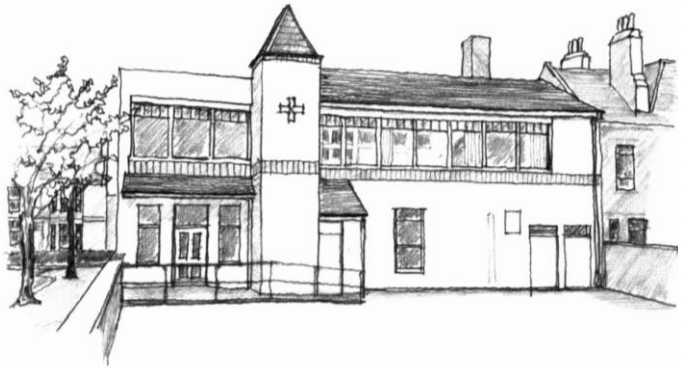
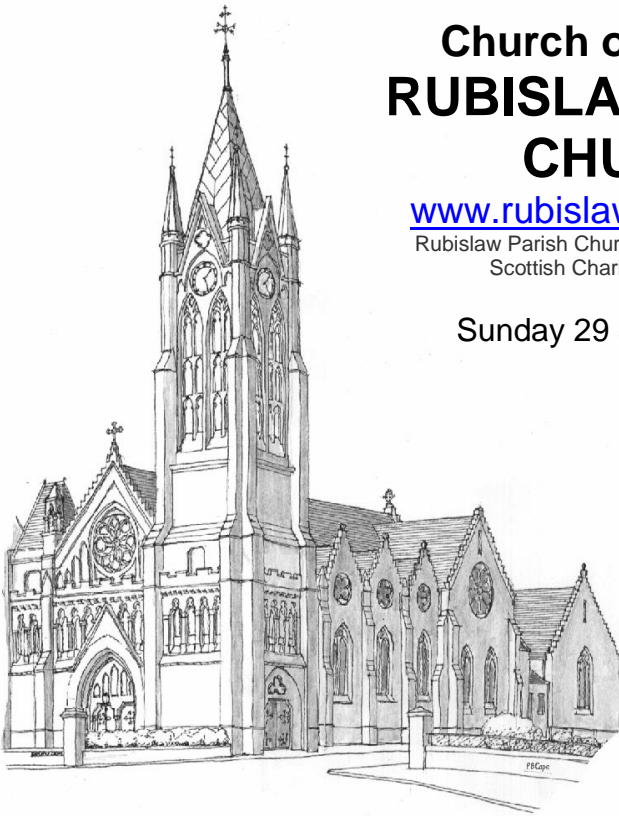


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**RUBISLAW PARISH
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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen
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Sunday 29 January 2017



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

10.30 am

Prelude

Hymn Prelude on Blessed Assurance

Richard Pantcheff (b 1959)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing

ALL: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

Minister: Blessed are those who mourn and those who are grieving

ALL: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

Minister: Blessed are those who seek justice and righteousness

ALL: They will find it in God's reign forever.

Minister: Blessed are we when we love our neighbours and seek their needs

ALL: We will live in God's reign forever.

Minister: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name

ALL: We will glory in God's reign forever.

Minister: Let's worship together and sing praises to Almighty God.

Hymn 103

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

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 641

Seek ye first

(After the singing of this hymn children leave for Crèche, Sunday Club and S1,2,3,4 Group in the Church Centre)

Anthem My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells

1. *My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddes grace :
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.*
2. *One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above :
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*
3. *And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.*

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn **Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.
2. Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.
3. Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life he brings.

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Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 513 Courage, brother! do not stumble

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude Voluntary in Eb major George Green (c 1775)



PEW CARDS are available should you wish to leave a message/information or request information. Completed cards may be handed to a duty elder.

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. There are no prerequisites; just come with your questions!

Seekers' Classes will be held twice a year; in September and in February. These classes are for all ages and all people! You don't have to be a member, just have an interest in learning more about our faith. So, please invite your friends, neighbours or work colleagues; everyone is welcome!

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office on 01224 645 477.

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.

CRÈCHE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS every Sunday in Room 3 in the Centre, for children up to age 3. Crèche children come in to Church with their families for the first part of the service and then leave to go to the Church Centre at the same time as the Sunday Club.

SUNDAY CLUB for children 3+, and **S1,2,3,4 Group** meet today, beginning in church with families and friends followed by their programme in the Church Centre.

CHURCH CENTRE 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.

HOUSEGROUPS

Thursday Housegroup resumes on 2nd February. Meeting starts at 7.30 pm at the Starks home, 27 Desswood Place. Thereafter every fortnight. New members very welcome.

There will be a Housegroup on Tuesday 7th February at 2 Carlton place at 7.30 pm. We are studying a booklet on the Gospel of Mark. Please come along and join us or phone Gillian McArthur on 01224 640870 for details.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey, coordinator of the Centre for Ministry Studies at Aberdeen University, seeks mid-week, overnight accommodation in Aberdeen on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you are able to help, please contact Ken on 07413 068680 or at ksjeffrey@abdn.ac.uk

SINGLE & PARENTING There aren't many people who truly understand the unique challenges single parents face. You deeply desire to do what's best for your kids, but sometimes it's all you can do to survive from one day to the next. Single & parenting is a special weekly group that will bring hope to your life. We'd love for you to join us. 7 pm Tuesdays, 7th Feb – 16th May, Aberdeen Christian Fellowship, 168-174 Union Grove.

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 9.15 am Early Service and 10.30 am Morning Worship led by The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

LIGHT LUNCHESES will be served in the Church Centre after Morning Worship on Sunday 5th February. All welcome.

MONDAY LUNCHESES the next Monday lunch in the Church Centre will be Monday 6th February, 12.15 – 1.30 pm.

LUNCHLINK The next Lunchlink is on Thursday 9th February 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.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY SERVICE AND PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE

CERTIFICATES St George's Tillydrone, Friday 10th February at 7.30 pm. The preacher will be the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev Dr Russell Barr. Certificates for 40 years of service will be presented to two Rubislaw elders: Mr Alan Sinclair and Mr William Stark. All are most welcome to attend.

ITALIAN EVENING – SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Following on from the successful Italian Evening in 2016, the Centre Management is hosting a repeat performance on Saturday 11th February 2017 7.00 for 7.30pm. The evening will consist of a two course meal, wine & soft drinks and conclude with 'light entertainment'. Tickets (£18) are available from the Centre Manager, Neil Williamson, Richard Morrison or Miles Paterson. All will be most welcome. **Ciao!**

CHURCH FLOWERS Thank you to all who have contributed to the church flowers during 2016. The Flower List 2017 is located outside the small hall and you are invited to fill in your choice of dates.



Prayer Pointers: 29.1.17

Lord, we each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us — but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost (Billy Graham)

- ❖ Pray for our congregation, that we would know God's presence and the power of His Holy Spirit guiding us.
- ❖ Remember Robert our minister in prayer, thankful for his wide ranging ministry to us. Pray too for God's blessing on Lianne, Daniel and David.
- ❖ Pray that world leaders would be given great wisdom to together pursue justice and peace in these volatile and uncertain times.
- ❖ Seek God's blessing on the young people of Rubislaw. May God guide them in their growing up and in the many decisions they are faced with.
- ❖ Pray for all those we know who are ill in hospital or at home. May they sense God's love, grace and peace accompanying them.
- ❖ 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.



Italian Evening



Rubislaw Church Centre

Saturday 11th February

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Two course meal with tea/coffee

Followed by

light hearted entertainment

Tickets £18

(includes wine/soft drinks)

