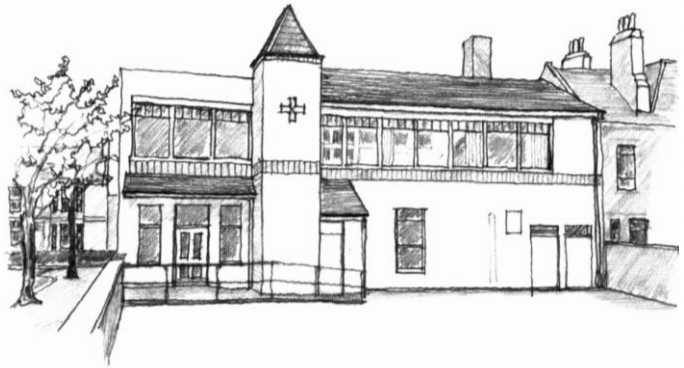
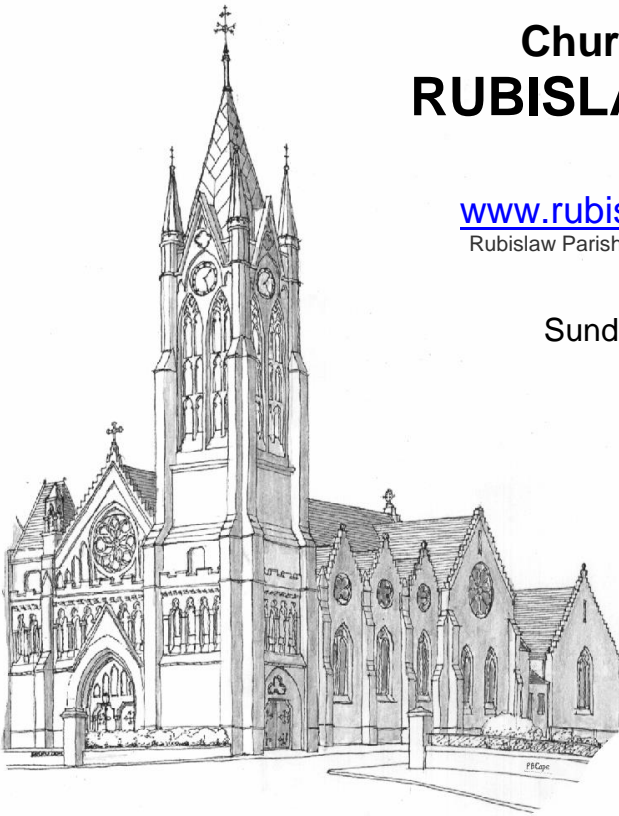


Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 26 February 2017



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

10.30 am

Prelude Hymn Prelude on Childhood Martin Setchell (b 1949)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God touches the world, and the world changes.

ALL: God touches us, and we are transformed.

Minister: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,

ALL: on mountain, in valley, everywhere.

Minister: This morning, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

ALL: And through the change – we worship our God who is holy!

Hymn 111 Holy, holy, holy

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 143 Who put the colours in the rainbow?

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

 **WORD OF GOD**

Psalm 99
Matthew Ch 17 vv 1 – 9

Pg 597 Pew Bible OT
Pg 25 Pew Bible NT

*May the Lord show His mercy upon you;
may the light of His presence be your guide:
May He guard you and uphold you;
may His spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep, may His angels watch over you;
when you wake, may He fill you with His grace.
May you love Him and serve Him all your days,
Then in heaven may you see His face.*

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn O Lord, as you were on the way (sung to Repton)

O Lord, as you were on your way to where you'd one day die,
You wanted time to rest and pray, to hear God's word to you that day.
You climbed a mountain high with three good friends close by.

So soon, the three became aware of such a wondrous sight.
Your face shone bright beyond compare, just like a glimpse of heaven there!
Your clothes were dazzling white; your glory came to light.

Why could you not remain with them and there in glory stay?
God said, "This is my own dear Son! Now listen to him everyone!"
And so you turned to say you'd go the harder way.

O Lord, how often we pursue success at any cost,
And yet we hear God's word anew, that we are called to follow you,
Who served the poor and the lost and journeyed to the cross.

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Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 512 To God be the glory

Benediction Choral Amen

Postlude Voluntary in G major

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Starling Goodwin (1713-1774)



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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD will meet in the Church Centre on Tuesday 28 February 2015 at 7.30pm. Minutes and Agenda available in the Church Centre pigeonholes for those not on email.

DRAFT ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE TODAY FOR BOARD AND KIRK SESSION

MEMBERS ONLY.

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.

GUILD Our next evening meeting takes place tomorrow evening, Monday, 27th February, at 7.30 pm in the Church Centre. Our speaker, Helen Plumb, is an internationally recognised gem expert and jeweller, and her topic will be 'Scottish Gemstones'. Tea/coffee will be served. All welcome.

HOUSEGROUP Thursday Housegroup 2nd March. Meeting starts at 7.30 pm at the Starks home, 27 Desswood Place, ☎ 01224 640560 New members very welcome.

COMMUNICATION As one part of our Local Church Review we are looking at **Communication**. What is important to you about the way we communicate? How can we improve? Come along to a 30 minute brainstorming session [on Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm](#) in the Church Centre Raven Room and share your ideas. If you cannot attend, please send your ideas to Robert at the Church office or email rsmith@churchofscotland.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm in Midsocket Church. Please come along if you can.

SUNDAY 5th MARCH 9.15 am Early Service with Sacrament of Holy Communion and 10.30 am Morning Worship led by The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

LIGHT LUNCHES There will be a light lunch on 5th March following the 10.30 am service and it will be slightly different to normal. The caring and fellowship committee have decided on a simpler meal as it is Lent. We will offer bread, crackers, cheese, fruit, shortbread and fruit loaves and there will be no meat or chocolate. We hope you will join us and enjoy the food and fellowship on that day.

DISPLAY OF SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIAN HYMN BOOKS On Sunday 5th March Gordon will be displaying these hymn books, being part of the William Bell Library, in the Centre Lounge after the 10.30 am service.

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

LUNCHLINK The next Lunchlink is on Thursday 9th March 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.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY The annual Macmillan Cancer Support Quiz will be held in the Church Centre on Friday 24th March. Details available later.



Guild Projects Coffee Morning

Rubislaw Church Guild

Rubislaw Church Centre

Saturday 11th March 2017

10 am—12 noon

Usual Stalls

Adults £2.50

Children Free



Prayer Pointers: 26.2.17

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23 v6

- ❖ Pray for those who mourn. They will be comforted.
- ❖ Pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit on the current church review process, that as a congregation we would discern God's will and plan for Rubislaw through the next five years. And pray for Robert our minister as he leads us.
- ❖ Pray for all those who are facing great uncertainty, whether in their health, their relationships, their employment or for other reasons.
- ❖ Remember our overseas partners at Adesa in Peru and the Spot Valley Basic School in Jamaica, that all their work would be blessed.
- ❖ Pray for carers, that they would be given the strength they need to work under the pressures they face.
- ❖ 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.



