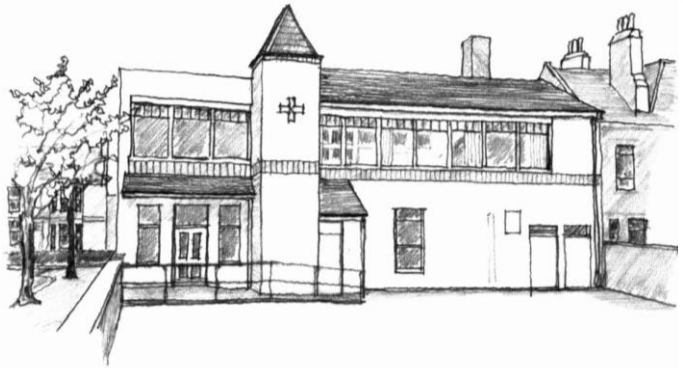
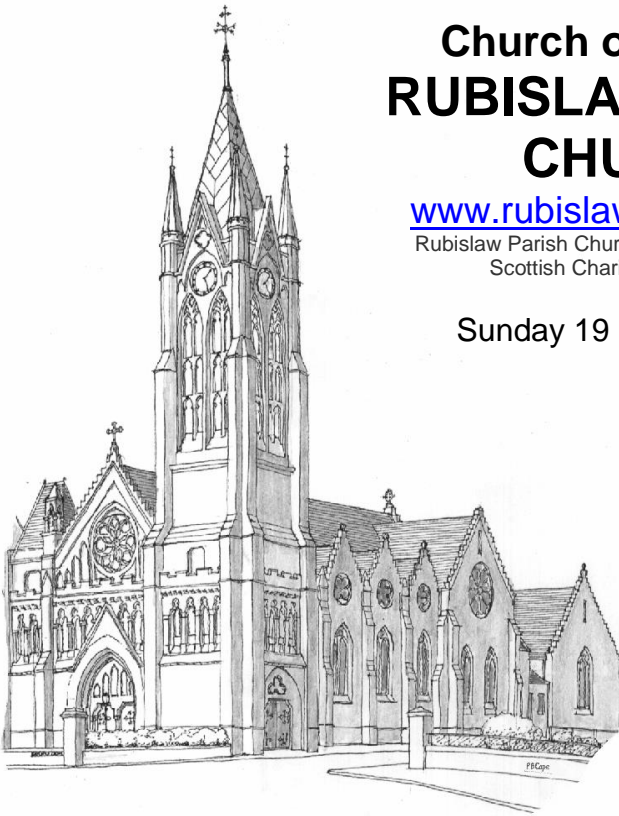


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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen
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Sunday 19 March 2017



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

9.15 am

Prelude Hymn Prelude on Eisenach Richard Lloyd (b 1933)


Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 662 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts

**Prayer 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

 **WORD OF GOD** John Ch 4 vv 5 – 30 Pg 120 Pew Bible NT

Meditation

Offering

Reflective Prayer

Hymn 622 We sing a love that sets all people free

Benediction

Postlude Voluntary in D major G F Handel (1685-1759)



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

10.30 am

Prelude Hymn Prelude on Eisenach Richard Lloyd (b 1933)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 198 Let us build a house


Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
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Children's Talk

Hymn 600 Spirit of God

(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** John Ch 4 vv 5 – 42 Pg 120 Pew Bible NT

Anthem O holy Jesus LJ White
A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester
*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.*

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Offering

During the offering the choir will sing **Hymn 40** (Psalm 51) O God, be gracious to me in your love (vv 1, 3 and 4)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 396

And can it be?

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

Voluntary in D major

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G F Handel (1685-1759)



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.

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.

TRAIDCRAFT Our Fairtrade stall will be available in the Church Centre after worship today. In addition to our usual teas, coffees, biscuits and snacks, we have some Easter cards this month, too.

ELDERS' PACKS now ready for collection from Church Centre.

MONDAY LUNCHESES the next Monday lunch in the Church Centre will be Monday 20th March, 12.15 – 1.30 pm.

RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 22nd March at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Dan Fraser ☎01224 591187. All Welcome.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 22nd March, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

INSTANT NEIGHBOUR Donations of non-perishable food can be put in the basket in the Church Centre (located outside the Manager's Office), **at any time**, in addition to the regular collection on the first Sunday of the month in the Church. All contributions gratefully received.

THE ANNUAL MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Quiz will be held in the Church Centre on Friday 24th March. Tickets £6 are available from Dick Wallis ☎01224 640730.

NORTHERN VOICES are giving a short concert on Friday 24th March at 7.30 pm in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, North Anderson Drive. All welcome. Donations at the door.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH 10.30 AM A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF RUBISLAW CHURCH IN WORSHIP WITH THE ABM OF THE CONGREGATION AND CHURCH CENTRE, LED BY THE REV DR ROBERT L SMITH. COPIES OF ACCOUNTS AND MINUTE OF 2016 MEETING AVAILABLE TODAY.

GUILD The next meeting takes place on Monday, 27th March at 7.30pm, in the Church Centre. Our speaker this evening will be a member of our own congregation, Liz Foubister. Her topic will be Family History, and has the intriguing title 'The hunt for James'. Do come along and find out how the mystery unfolds. All welcome.

OUR MINISTER will be away from 29 March to 13 April. The early service and the main service on Sunday 2 April will be taken by Stiùbhart MacChoille and the Palm Sunday service on 9 April will be taken by the Rev Prof John Swinton. Pastoral cover will be provided from 29 March to 7 April by the Rev Sarah Nicol (01224 561358) and from 8 April to 13 April by the Rev Scott Rennie (01224 322549).

THE MANSE We sold the manse at 45 Rubislaw Den South and have purchased a new one. Our minister and his family will be moving on 22 March to the new manse which is at 13 Oakhill Road, AB15 5ER. The landline will remain the same: 01224 314 773.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES A series of three talks on the theme of "Music in Worship" will be held in the Lawrence Lounge on the 4th, 18th and 25th of April. The first will be by Professor David Smith of Aberdeen University Music Department ("Music and Worship: some historical reflections"), the second by Derrick McClure ("The Psalms in the Reformation period"), and the third by Gordon Bell (The Church of Scotland hymnaries of the last 200 years"). The talks will be at 7.30 p.m. Tea and coffee will be served, and there will be time for questions and discussion.

INDOOR POT PLANTS I have some pot geraniums and pelargoniums surplus – free to good homes – contact Walter 01224 573673.

THANK YOU The total raised at the recent Guild Coffee Morning was £1207. This will be much appreciated by the projects we are supporting this year. They are Prospects in Scotland and Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia. Many thanks to folks who came along on a wet morning, and everyone who helped towards such an excellent sum. Thank you all.

DOORS OPEN DAY On 9th September 2017 Rubislaw Church and Centre will be participating in Doors Open Day. This will be an opportunity to showcase all the activities that take place in the Centre as well as our beautiful Victorian church.

We are in the early stages of planning the event - if you have any ideas or expertise you would like to share, please speak to Margaret Parkinson Tel 01224 319777

We will be looking for volunteers nearer the time so please save the date!



Prayer Pointers: 19.03.17

Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of Himself to us.

(Ephesians 5 v2 The Message Translation)

- ❖ As we reflect in this time of Lent let us seek a fresh appreciation of what Jesus has done for us.
- ❖ Pray for all those recovering after operations in hospital and at home. Pray for healing, peace and strength. Pray for those caring for them.
- ❖ Pray for those who look to the future with fear and uncertainty. Pray they will know God's peace and hope.
- ❖ Pray for Allan Bicket, the Choir and the Young People's Music Group as they help lead us in worship.
- ❖ Pray for Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria as the UN warns of a humanitarian crisis with the threat of mass of starvation and famine. Pray the Disasters Fund will get the finances needed so work bringing the help and aid can continue.
- ❖ 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.



