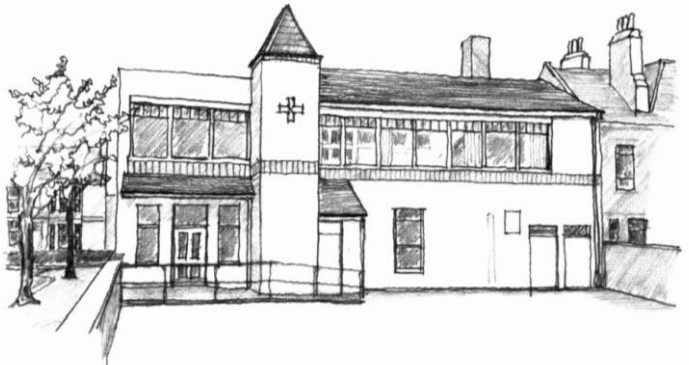
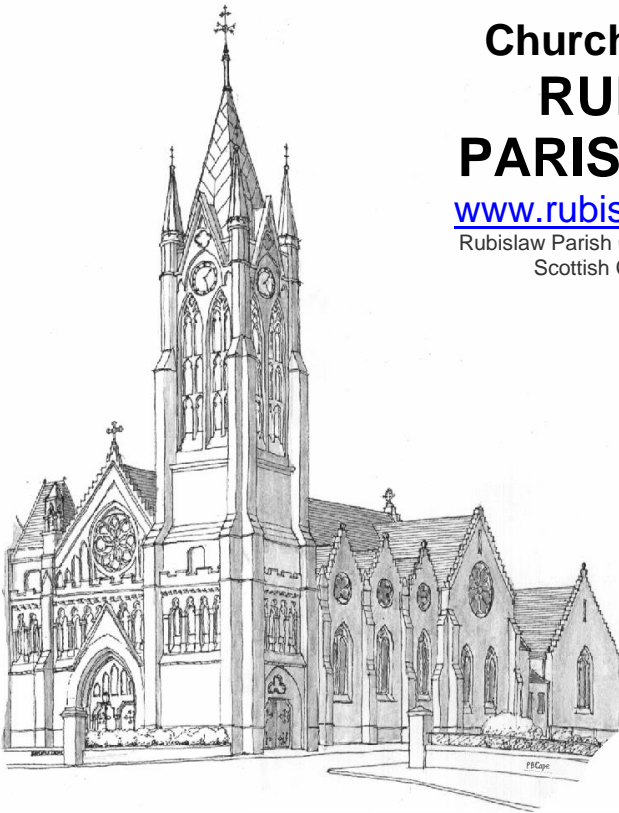


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Sunday 26 March 2017
Minister: The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr
Organist and Director of Music: Allan Bicket

10.30 am

Prelude Hymn Prelude on Pastor Pastorum Quentin Thomas (b 1972)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah


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 374 From heaven you came

(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 9 vv 1 – 41 Pg 129 Pew Bible NT

Sermon

Hymn (Tune 161)

1. God, we rage at hurtful things
Beyond our own control
Like all the pain that illness brings
to body mind and soul.
2. There's much we cannot understand;
O Lord, we ask you, "Why?"
And yet in Christ you know first hand
The tears your people cry.
3. O Christ, your loving, saving touch
Heals children, women, men.
We pray for ones we love so much;
Lord, make them whole again.
4. And when the journey seems too rough
And you seem far away,
Remind us, Lord: you are enough
To bring us through each day.

Offering During the offering the Choir will sing the Anthem

Anthem My soul doth magnify the Lord - Magnificat: F H Shera (1882-1956)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.*

Luke 1.46-55

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

The Annual Business Meeting of the Church Centre and Congregation of Rubislaw Parish Church

Minute of Meeting held on 20 March 2016

Our life and work (i) Report from Alan Sinclair – Congregational Treasurer

Presentation of the Accounts of Rubislaw Parish Church for 2016

Our life and work (ii) Richard Morrison – Convener of the Centre Management Committee

Annual Report on Rubislaw Church Centre

Retiral, Nomination and Election of members of the Congregational Board

Members retiring:

Alan Foubister, Marion McDonald

Nominees:

Marion McDonald, Derek Rettie

Retiral, Nomination and Election of members of the Centre Management Committee

Members retiring:

Ciorstan Blake, Jenny Stark, Liz McCaw, Dave Whitcombe

Nominees:

Liz McCaw, Joy MacDonald, Claire Scott

**Review of the year 2016
Robert Smith - Minister**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

Hymn 352 O for a thousand tongues, to sing!

Benediction **Choral Amen (Sung by All)**

Postlude Cornet Piece in B minor Charles Burney (1726-1814)

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.

PARISH EASTER CARDS Our Easter Cards are ready for distribution to the Parish. Please help to deliver these by taking a bundle of cards at the end of today's service.

ELDERS' PACKS now ready for collection from Church Centre.

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.

GUILD The next meeting takes place tomorrow evening, 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 moved on 22 March to the new manse which is at 13 Oakhill Road, AB15 5ER. The landline will remain the same: 01224 314 773.

SUNDAY 2 APRIL 9.15 am Early Service and 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Stiùbhart MacChoille.

MONDAY LUNCHESES the next Monday lunch in the Church Centre will be Monday 3rd April, 12.15 – 1.30 pm.

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 (“Hymns and Hymn Singing in the Church of Scotland”). 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.

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!

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



Prayer Pointers: 26.3.17

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

- ❖ Pray for those who are awaiting medical results and diagnoses. Pray that they would know patience and strength from God through times of waiting and anxiety.
- ❖ Remember victims of disasters around the world, some situations man made and some natural. Pray that peace and relief might swiftly come, and men of evil be defeated.
- ❖ Pray for the political leaders in the UK. May God grant them all true wisdom and guidance as they discuss future political relationships inside and outside the UK. Enable them to be constructive and respectful of each other's views.
- ❖ Pray for Lianne and the boys in Robert's absence, and pray for Robert that his travelling be safe and he would have a good visit to the USA.
- ❖ Give thanks for the lengthening daylight, the warmer sun, and new life to celebrate as Spring breaks through.
- ❖ 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.



