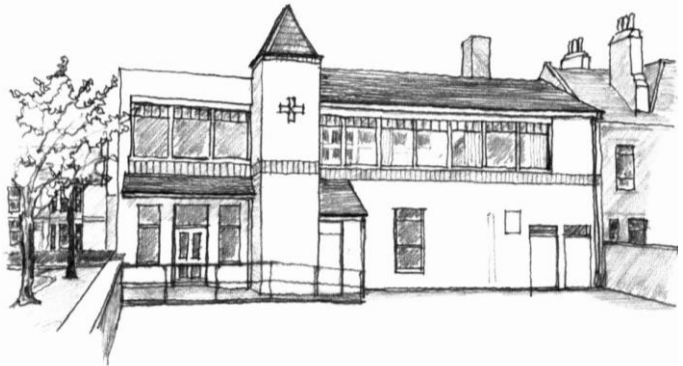
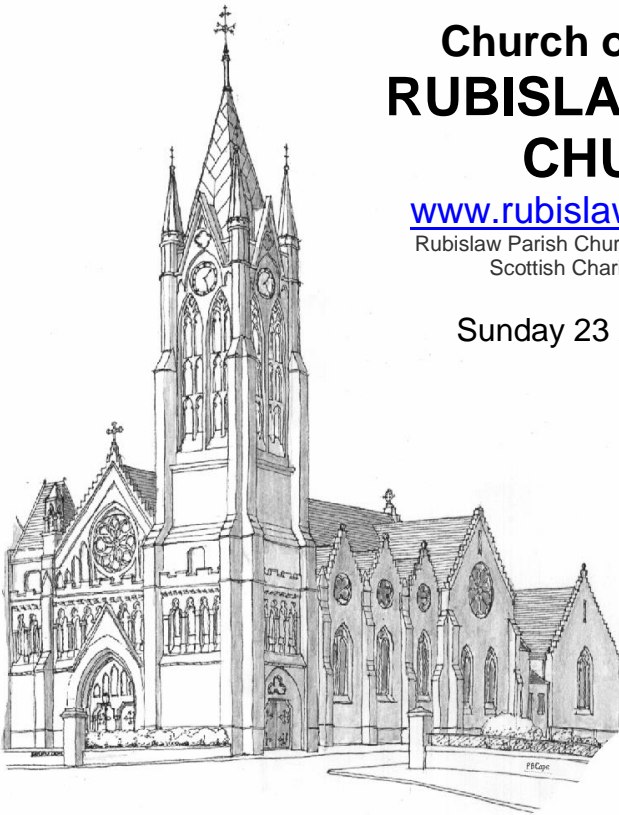


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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen  
Scottish Charity No. SC015841

Sunday 23 April 2017



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

## Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Christ ist erstanden (Christ is risen)

Heinrich Bach (1615-1692)

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Minister: God is alive.

**ALL: New birth is given.**

Minister: Love is alive

**ALL: Death cannot harm us.**

Minister: We are alive.

**ALL: New life is within us.**

Minister: The church is alive.

**ALL: God's spirit is within us.**

**God of life, we worship you. God of creation, we glorify you. God of resurrection, we come to give you praise.**

**Hymn 412** The strife is o'er, the battle done

### 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 443** He is Lord

(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 16

John Ch 20 vv 19 – 31

Pg 544 Pew Bible OT

Pg 145 Pew Bible NT

## Anthem

Now the green blade rises

Trad French - arr Alan Bullard (b 1947)

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has  
lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up  
green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love whom we had  
slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up  
green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up  
green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
Then Your touch can call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have  
been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up  
green.*

## Prayer of Preparation

### Sermon

#### Hymn When Thomas heard from Jesus

When Thomas heard from Jesus, "Now come and follow me,"  
He surely went with gladness, for there was much to see.  
He witnessed Jesus' teaching and saw his healing touch;  
He found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.

When Jesus spoke of heaven, bold Thomas dared to say,  
"We don't know where you're going! How can we know the way?"  
He wanted understanding of what he could not see.  
Then Jesus reassured him, "The way is here — through me."

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,  
Brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with him and die."  
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;  
Yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!  
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.  
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;  
He gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

That man of faith saw Jesus at breakfast by the sea;  
At Pentecost he witnessed so others would believe.  
O Lord, may we — like Thomas — keep growing day by day;  
Increase our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")  
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### Offering

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Hymn 286** Tell out my soul

**Benediction** Choral Amen

**Postlude** Voluntary in F major

George Berg (1730-1775)

# Christian Aid Week

14-20 May 2017



## NAME THAT TUNE

Fun Music Quiz

& Pre-owned CD/Vinyl Stall

Friday 19th May 2017



7pm - Rubislaw Church Centre



Adults £6 Children £3

Tickets from Church Centre or Committee members  
Winner of green paper Musical Quiz will be announced

Refreshments served

A Christian Aid Fundraiser

# We've been there for refugees since 1945

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14-20 MAY

## Join us

at the Rubislaw Church Christian Aid Souper Sunday Lunch  
after worship on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Christian Aid red donation envelopes will be available in church on  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May and throughout the week in the Church Centre.

We believe in life before death

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# 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.

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP** A series of three talks on the theme of “Music in Worship” will be held in the Lawrence Lounge on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GUILD** The next meeting takes place on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Church Centre. This will be our Annual General Meeting. There will be entertainment and, of course, tea and cakes will be served. All welcome.

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

**SUNDAY 30 APRIL** 10.30 am Morning Worship led by the Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May. Fundraisers this year include a paper Musical Quiz, currently on sale from Committee members and in the Centre. Box in Centre for completed quizzes.

After worship on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, homemade soup will be served at our **SOUPER SUNDAY LUNCH**. Normal Light Lunch charges will apply.

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm, join us at our **FUN MUSIC QUIZ** in the Centre. Tickets available now from Committee members. We need **YOUR DONATIONS** of pre-owned CDs and vinyl records for our sales stall. Box for donations in the Centre.

Christian Aid red donation envelopes will be available in Church on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, and throughout the week in the Centre.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** - when more than 20,000 churches unite to achieve incredible things. Let's be one of them!

**MONDAY LUNCHES** the next Monday lunch in the Church Centre will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 12.15 – 1.30 pm.

**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.

**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: 23.04.17

*Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter "It is the Lord!"  
(John 21 v7a)*

- ❖ Give thanks to the risen Lord Jesus, remembering the hope He brings in every situation.
- ❖ Pray for world leaders as they wrestle with so many issues and problems. Pray for wisdom and the desire for peace not conflict.
- ❖ Pray for all those affected by recent terrorist attacks. Those dealing with the aftermath and those who have lost loved ones. Pray they would know God's presence and love.
- ❖ Pray for the members of our armed forces, especially those serving overseas. Pray also for the chaplains who minister to them.
- ❖ Continue to pray for all those who are ill in hospital, recovering at home or who are in care homes, that they would know God's healing presence, comfort and strength.
- ❖ 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.

