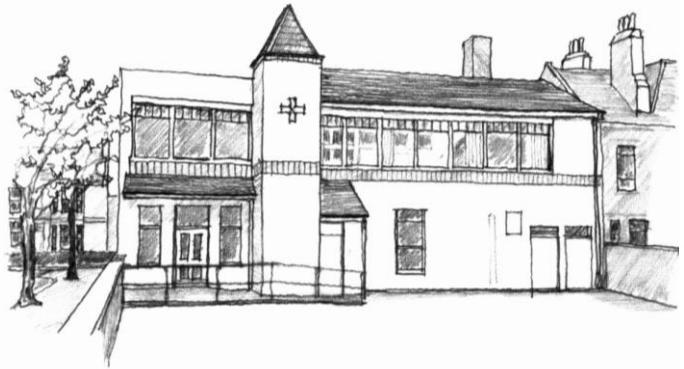
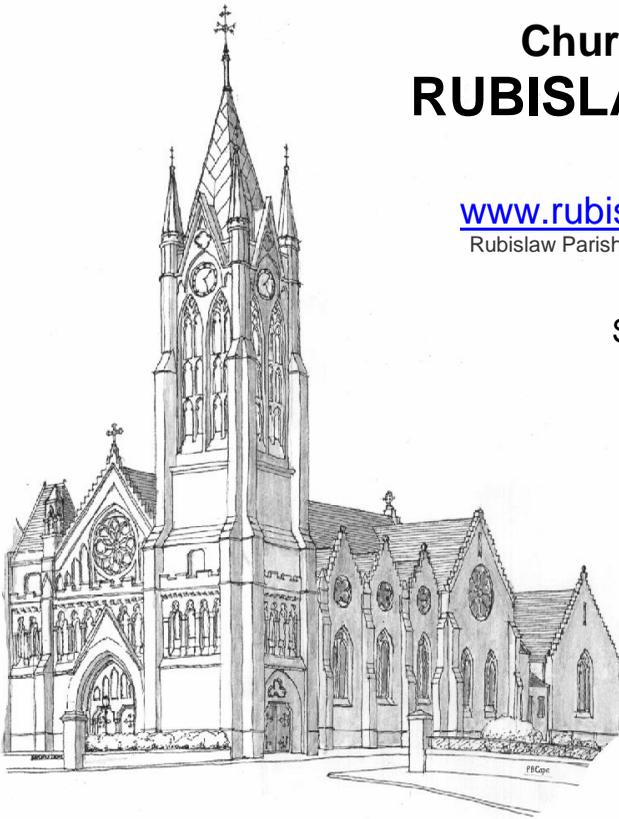


Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 21 May 2017



Minister: The Rev Mark Rodgers
Organist & Director of Music: Allan Bicket

9.15 am

Prelude Hymn Prelude on Just a closer walk Andrew Fletcher (b 1950)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 55 Safe in the shadow

**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** Psalm 22 vv 1 – 24 Pg 548 Pew Bible OT

Meditation

Offering

Reflective Prayer

Hymn 513 Courage, brother!

Benediction

Postlude Voluntary in A minor William Walond (1725-1770)



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 Just a closer walk Andrew Fletcher (b 1950)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 55 Safe in the shadow

Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship

The Lord's Prayer

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hallowed be thy name;
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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)

 **WORD OF GOD** Psalm 22 vv 1 – 24 Pg 548 Pew Bible OT
Matthew Ch 6 vv 25 – 34 Pg 10 Pew Bible NT

Anthem Oh, for a closer walk with God
words W Cowper (1731-1800); music J Scott Skinner (1843-1927)

1. Oh, for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb !
2. Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I saw the Lord ?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
of Jesus and his word ?
3. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed !
How sweet their memory still !
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.
4. Return, O Holy Dove ! return,
sweet messenger of rest !
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

5. The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

6. So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame ;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731–1800)

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Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father

Offering During the offering the choir will sing Hymn 83 (Psalm 122) I rejoiced when they said to me (vv 1, 4 and 5)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 513 Courage, brother!

Benediction Choral Amen

Postlude Voluntary in A minor William Walond (1725-1770)

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.

TRAIDCRAFT Our Fairtrade stall will be available in the Church Centre after worship today. Selection of teas, coffees, cookies and chocolate in stock. If you haven't been along to our stall, why not come this month - you're sure to find something you'll like, and help the world's poorest producers too.

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.

OUTLOOK Material for the Spring edition should be with the Editor by tomorrow, Monday 22nd May. If you have an article that you would like to have included in the next magazine, please leave it in the pigeonhole in the Church Centre or email it to: gavin@gmcewen.co.uk – the sooner the better! Photographs on a CD if possible, please.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 24th May, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

SUNDAY 28ST MAY 10.30 am Morning Worship.

ANNUAL ABERDEEN CORRYMEELA COFFEE MORNING Saturday 3rd June, 10 am – 12 noon, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Huntly Street. Adults £2, Children £1.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

There are a couple of fun events taking place early in June organised by the Centre Management which we hope you would like to attend –

1. **Sunday 4th June – Annual Church Barbeque.** This will take place immediately after Morning Worship on Sunday 4th June in the Centre Car Park. In the unlikely event of rain or anything silly like that we will be serving food in the Centre. There are no tickets for this event so just turn up and enjoy!
Teas & Coffees that Sunday will be served in Room 3.
2. **Thursday 8th June – Bingo Night & Fish Supper @ The Ashvale.** This year the Centre Management are trying something completely different by way of a fundraising event. On Thursday 8th June @ 7.00 p.m. we will gather at the Ashvale Restaurant, Great Western Road, for a fish supper followed by a Bingo Night (no previous experience required!). There will also be a raffle on the night. Tickets, priced at £15, are now available from the Centre Manager and committee members. Please do come and join us for what promises to be a fun filled evening!

We look forward to welcoming you to both of these events!

SUNDAY CLUB PICNIC held jointly with Middlefield Church on Sunday 18th June, at Monymusk, 1 pm – 4 pm. Please note, there will be no bus transport this year. (Please contact Richard Morrison if you require transport.)

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.

CHRISTIAN AID A very big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our fundraising this year, whether you are a music quizzer, a Souper Sunday diner or a red envelope donor - or, for some of you, all three! Thank you all so very much. We will be able to announce the final total raised next week.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

As part of our Local Church Review, we have been looking into the way we celebrate Communion. After good conversation and input from members and a robust discussion at Kirk Session, we have agreed a proposal of change to the frequency and timing of our Communion services. I am happy now to share with you our new Communion schedule.

Beginning immediately, we will now celebrate Communion at the **early 9:15 service** on the **first Sundays** in **March, June, September and December**. If you have not attended Communion at the early service, you will find it quite different from the way we celebrate Communion at the 10:30 service. It is smaller and more informal. Please do come along if you desire a different Communion experience.

Celebration of Communion at our **main 10:30 worship service** will take place on the **first Sundays** in **February, May and October** and will remain a traditional service.

In addition, we will continue to celebrate Communion at Easter during Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and at our Easter Sunrise Service.

Our next celebration of Communion will take place at the early service on the first Sunday in June. Please note that all Communion services will now be observed on first Sundays of the scheduled months.

Please note these changes on your calendars.

Robert Smith
Minister



Prayer Pointers: 21.05.17

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy
(Proverbs 31 v8-9)

- ❖ Pray for the General Assembly, for all those attending and for God's blessing. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Pray for students and young people during their exams. Pray they will achieve their full potential.
- ❖ Pray for all those feeling lonely or afraid. Pray they will know God's presence and love and that we can give encouragement and friendship.
- ❖ Pray for all affected by the Ebola outbreak in DR Congo and for the Cholera outbreak in Yemen. Pray they would be brought under control quickly. Pray especially for the health workers.
- ❖ Continue to pray for our leaders and politicians that they would have wisdom and respect.
- ❖ 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.

