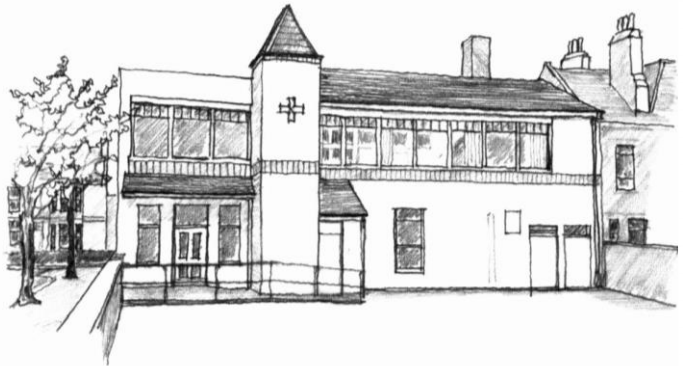
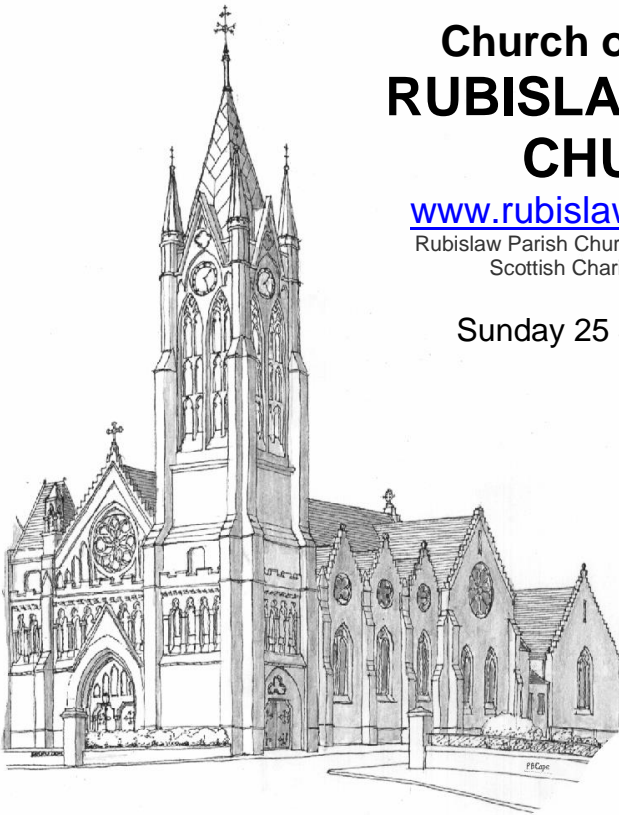


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Sunday 25 June 2017



Minister: Rev Bob Brown
Organist and Director of Music: Allan Bicket

Prelude

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad
ALL Let the seas resound and everything in them
Minister Let the trees of the fields clap their hands
ALL Let all the peoples of the world shout for joy
Minister The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone
ALL This is God's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes

Hymn 39

1. God the Lord, the king almighty,
calls the earth from east to west ;
shining out from Zion's splendour,
city loveliest and best,
comes our God ! He breaks the
silence,
robed in burning majesty :
'Gather all my covenant people,
bound by sacrifice to me'.
2. 'Hear me testify against you ;
listen, Israel, as I speak :
I do not require your offerings,
sacrifice I do not seek.
Mountain birds and meadow creatures,
cattle on a thousand hills,
all the beasts are my possession,
moving as their maker wills.'
3. God who owns the whole creation
needs no gift, no food, no house :
bring to him your heart's thanksgiving :
God most high will hear your vows.
Trust him in the day of trouble,
call to him who will redeem ;
God will be your strong deliverer,
his renown your daily theme.
4. Lies increase and evil prospers ;
God is silent, while men say,
'He has gone ; let us forget him !'
thinking he is false as they.
But his word will judge or save us ;
let us come before his throne
giving thanks, receiving mercy :
God's salvation now made known.

Psalm 50

Christopher Martin Idle (b.1938)

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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 530

1. One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go ;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you :
*And it's from the old I travel to the
new ;
keep me travelling along with you.*
2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn ;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me :
3. As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should ;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know :
4. Give me courage when the world is
rough,
keep me loving though the world is
tough ;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you :
5. You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me ;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you :

Sydney Bertram Carter (1915–2004)

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WORD OF GOD

Romans Ch 6 vv 1 – 11
St Matthew Ch 10 vv 24 – 39

Pg 193 Good News Bible NT
Pg 15 Good News Bible NT

Hymn 619 & 620

Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me ;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me :
break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
move among us all ;
make us one in heart and mind,
makes us one in love,
humble, caring,
selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

Daniel Iverson (1890–1977)

Michael Baughen (b.1930)

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619 and 620 may be sung as one hymn.

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Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn 363

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth ;
the gospel of a Saviour's name :
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross ;
for all he loved his life he gave.
4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn —
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King :
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim :
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b.1938)

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Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 511

1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock, from age to age ;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page ;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record ;
and both of this bear witness :
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least ;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast ;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming :
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
3. Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded :
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone ;
with your right hand to help us,
your victory shall be won ;
by mortals and by angels
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem :
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821–1891) (*alt.*)

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Benediction Choral Amen

Postlude

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 closes for the summer at 12 noon on Friday 30th June. The Centre will be open for coffee, tea, home bakes, in the mornings Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 12 noon. Enjoy the hospitality of our Centre Lounge and entertain your friends there.

Please note there will be no coffees on Friday 30th June.

CHURCH OFFICE closes for the summer at 12 noon on Friday 30th June.

RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 28th June at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Dan Fraser ☎01224 591187. All Welcome.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 28th June, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

SUNDAY 2 JULY 9.15 am Early Service and 10.30 am Morning Worship led by The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

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.

Our minister, Rev Smith, is away from 14 June until 29 June. The Rev Scott Rennie is providing pastoral cover. Should you need a minister while Rev Smith is away, please contact Rev Rennie on 01224 322549. Pulpit supply on Sunday 18 and Sunday 25 June will be provided by the Rev Bob Brown.

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 September. 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: 25.6.17

*This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:
"In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength"
(Isaiah 30:15)*

- ❖ As we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to his Church, pray that the Spirit would guide and inspire us personally, locally and throughout the world. "Come Holy Spirit"
- ❖ Pray for all those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire disaster: for those who witnessed horrific scenes, those who are injured and scarred, those who have died, those who mourn.
- ❖ Continue to pray for all those affected by UK terrorist attacks. Pray too for the strengthening of inter-community relations and respect in the face of these provocative hate-fuelled assaults.
- ❖ Remember in prayer all those who are ill, whether at home or hospital. May they know God's peace and healing power.
- ❖ Continue to pray for Robert, that he has a successful time in the USA and smooth travel home. Pray also for Lianne and the boys, for God's blessing at this time.
- ❖ 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.



