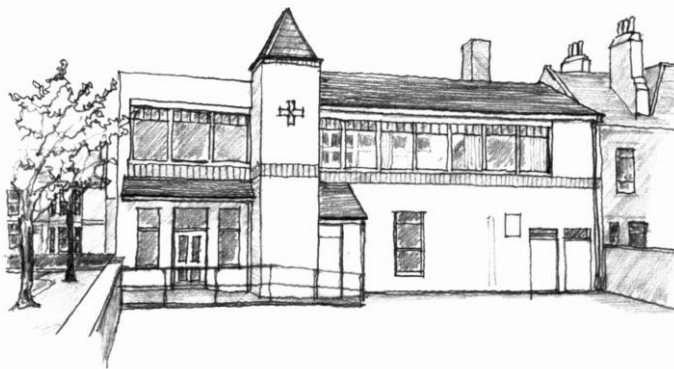
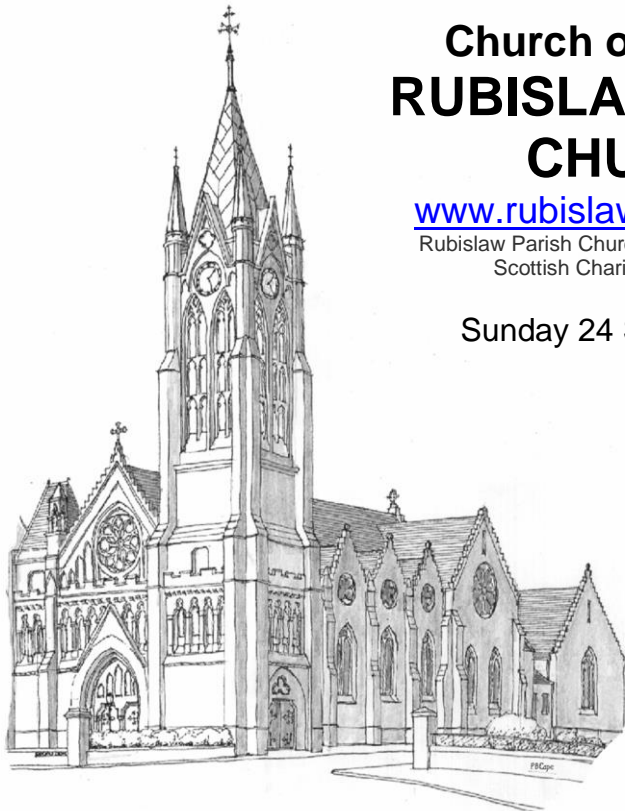


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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen  
Scottish Charity No. SC015841

Sunday 24 September 2017



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



**WELCOME****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Come, let's praise God together!

**ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Minister: Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, His mighty acts throughout history:

**ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Minister: Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us; His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

**ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Minister: Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

**ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Minister: Let's worship God together!

**Hymn 100** O Lord, thou art my God and King

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 231** For the fruits of all creation

**Anthem**

O God, your goodness reaches wide

(Beethoven)

*O God, your goodness reaches wide, as do the clouds above us.  
You crown us with your perfect love. You guide us and protect us.  
O Lord, our rock, our shield, our friend, unto our thoughts and words attend.  
As now we pray before you, as now we pray before you.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sermon**

**Hymn 529** Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

**Offering** During the offering the choir will sing Hymn 31 Psalm 40 I waited patiently for God

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 154** How great thou art

**Benediction** **Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Prelude ..... Johann Rinck (1770-1846)

**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.

**RUBISLAW LADS’ CLUB** will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Dan Fraser ☎01224 591187. All Welcome.

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER** 9.15 am Early Service; 10.30 am Morning Worship with Sacrament of Holy Communion led by the Rev Robert L Smith Jr.

**CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Minutes and Agenda now available in the Church Centre pigeonholes for those not on email.

**MONYMUSK 850: a celebration in words and music:** Monymusk Church is celebrating its 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**, there will be a pageant held in Monymusk Church, illustrating through narrative, drama and music the story of Monymusk from its priory foundation to the present. Rubislaw Church Choir and friends will be joining singers from Monymusk and Cluny to contribute music to the pageant, marking significant points in the musical history of worship in Scotland. Because of limited seating in Monymusk Church, admission to the event is by ticket only (no charge): there are 2 tickets left for the 3pm presentation, and 5 for the 7pm presentation. These tickets are available from Allan Bicket after the service today, and next Sunday: please wait at the front pews if you wish a ticket

**COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 10 am – 12 noon, in aid of Spot Valley Basic School, Mount Zion Church and Barret Town Church, Jamaica. Tickets £2.50 available now from Mrs Fiona Benzie.

**CROSSREACH** The Christmas catalogues for cards and calendars has arrived in the Church Centre. Please have a look at your leisure and if you wish to place an order complete a form and leave it in the folder provided. Orders will be delivered by 29th October. Contact Isobel Robb ☎01224 310239 if you need any help. Thank you as always for your continued support.

**CHRISTMAS CATALOGUES** Traidcraft Christmas catalogues are available to customers now. You can pick one up from the Church door or from the Centre. Please take it home and enjoy browsing. If you wish to place an order, it should be put in the Traidcraft Christmas box in the Centre. Thank you.

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

## **SEEKERS' CLASSES**

Do you have any questions about the Christian faith? Questions like 'What does being a Christian mean? What is the role of the Bible in our lives? What does being a church member mean?' Well, you are not alone! We all seek answers to different questions about our faith; and that is a good thing!

To help you understand your faith and find meaningful answers to your questions, we hold Seekers' Classes here at Rubislaw. These informative and fun classes allow us to learn, share and grow in our faith. There are no prerequisites; just come with your questions!

These classes are for all ages and all people! You don't have to be a member, just have an interest in learning more about our faith. So, please invite your friends, neighbours or work colleagues; everyone is welcome!

If you are interested, please contact us now for classes in the Autumn.

Church Office ☎ 01224 645 477.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 8 October

To celebrate Harvest time, we will be buying plants to share with our housebound or elderly members of the congregation. We would therefore request monetary donations to allow us to buy the plants. There will be baskets for donations at the Church doors over **2 Sundays (today and 1 October)**. Donations can also be handed in to the Church Office.

We also welcome gifts for Instant Neighbour. To help provide emergency food parcels to those in need in Aberdeen, they have requested any of the following items:

Milk (UHT or Powdered)	Rice Pudding (tinned)
Sugar (500g)	Tea Bags/Instant Coffee
Fruit Juice (carton)	Instant Mash Potato
Pasta Sauces	Sponge Pudding (tinned)
Soup	Rice/pasta
Tinned meat/fish	Tinned Fruit
Tinned tomatoes	Biscuits or snack bars
Breakfast cereals	

Gifts may be brought to the Church on **Saturday 7 October from 10am to 12 noon or to the Service on Sunday 8 October.**

Please show your thanks to God for all his blessings at this Harvest time by remembering others through your gift.



# Prayer Pointers: 24.09.17

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

*(Psalm 23: 6)*

- ❖ Pray for all those suffering due to the destruction wreaked by recent natural disasters - including hurricanes in the Caribbean and USA, flooding in SE Asia, the earthquake in Mexico. May they receive the care and relief they need so that they can start rebuilding their lives.
- ❖ Continue to pray for stability on the Korean Peninsula, that the leaders of the nations would have wisdom and calm during these tense and dangerous times, and that war would be avoided.
- ❖ Give thanks for the great success of the Doors Open Day. Pray that the welcome experienced by visitors at Rubislaw would be used by God to draw people into his kingdom.
- ❖ Remember in your prayers all those who are undergoing surgery in the next while, that they would know God's strength, peace and healing.
- ❖ Give thanks for all our answered prayers - answered in different ways. And pray for faith to trust God's presence and promises accompanying us in whatever circumstances of life we may face.
- ❖ 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.



