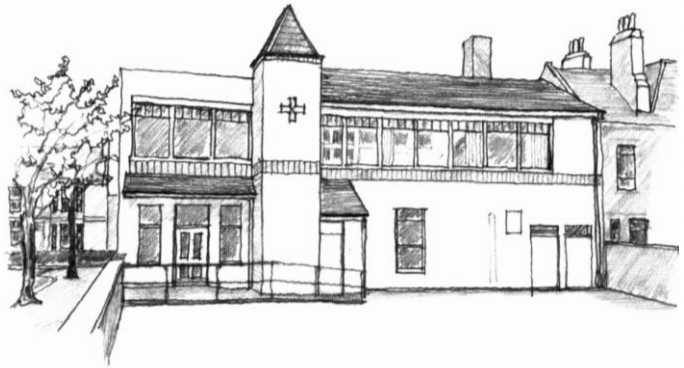
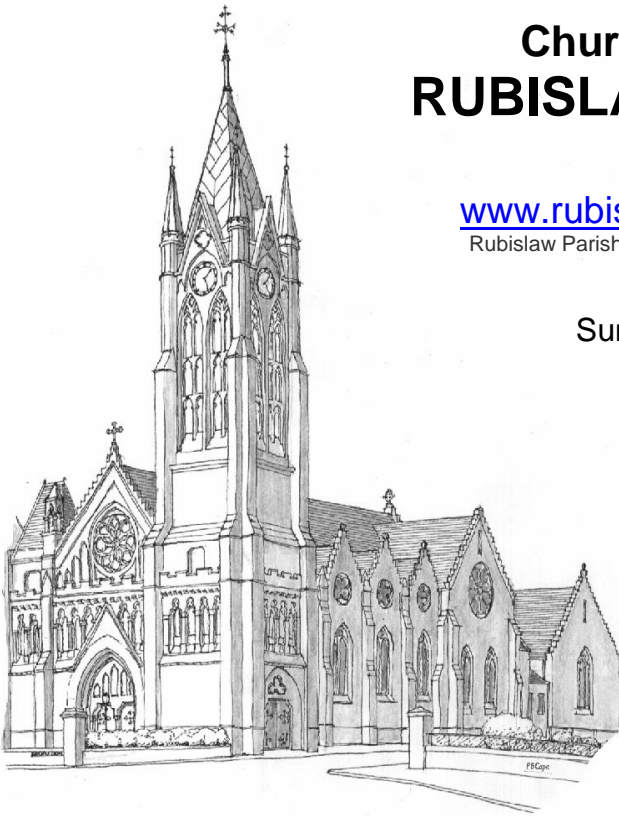


# Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 1 October 2017



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

**9.15 am**

**Prelude**      O crux      .....      Franz Liszt (1811-1886)


**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn 458**      At the name of Jesus

**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**      Matthew Ch 21 vv 23 - 32      Pg 31 Pew Bible NT

**Meditation**

**Offering**

**Reflective Prayer**

**Hymn 646**      Forth in the peace of Christ we go

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      Prelude      .....      Justin Heinrich Knecht (1752-1817)



**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

O crux

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Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come and praise, you servants of God! Praise the name of Jesus!

**ALL: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.**

Minister: From east to west, from north to south, praise the name of Jesus!

**ALL: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.**

Minister: Who can compare to our God? Seated high above the nations of the earth, God's glory fills the skies.

**ALL: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.**

### Hymn 120

God, we praise you. God, we bless you.

### Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship The Lord's Prayer

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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 600

Spirit of God

(After the singing of this hymn children leave for Crèche, Sunday Club and S1-5 Group in the Church Centre)



#### WORD OF GOD

Psalm 25 vv 1 – 9

Matthew Ch 21 vv 23 - 32

Pg 550 Pew Bible OT

Pg 31 Pew Bible NT

#### Anthem

Bread of the world

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trad. Scottish, arr. Alan Bullard

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be your feast to us the token, that by your grace our souls are fed.*

# Prayer of Preparation

## Sermon

## Offering

Hymn 658      Before I take the body of my Lord

## Entrance of the Elements

### Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Minister:      Let us stand and affirm our faith in God

**ALL:**            I believe in  
GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH  
and in  
JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in  
the HOLY GHOST;  
the HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;  
the COMMUNION OF SAINTS;  
the FORGIVENESS OF SINS;  
the RESURRECTION OF THE BODY;  
and the LIFE EVERLASTING.    Amen.

### HOLY COMMUNION

(The wine we use in the Lord's Supper is non-alcoholic)

Minister:      The Lord be with you

**ALL:**            **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

Minister:      Lift up your hearts

**ALL:**            **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD**

Minister:      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**ALL:**            **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE**

Minister:      Let us pray .....

**ALL:**            **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD:  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

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Minister: Jesus, Lamb of God  
**ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.**  
Minister: Jesus, bearer of our sins  
**ALL: HAVE MERCY ON US.**  
Minister: Jesus, redeemer of the world  
**ALL: GRANT US PEACE.**

## SHARING COMMUNION TOGETHER

### Prayers of the People

**Hymn 646** Forth in the name of Christ I go

**Benediction** **Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Prelude ..... Justin Heinrich Knecht  
(1752-1817)



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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.

**CRÈCHE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS** every Sunday in Room 3 in the Centre, for children up to age 3. Crèche children come in to Church with their families for the first part of the service and then leave to go to the Church Centre at the same time as the Sunday Club.

**SUNDAY CLUB** for children 3+, and **S1-5 Group** meet today, beginning in church with families and friends followed by their programme in the Church Centre.

**LIGHT LUNCHES** will be served in the Church Centre today, after the 10.30 am service. Proceeds to charity. All are most welcome.

**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.

**ELDERS' DISTRICT PACKS** As a result of the recent computer breakdown in the Church Office completion of the District Packs has been delayed. We hope to have them ready for collection by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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

**THE THURSDAY HOUSE GROUP** will recommence on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. at the house of Maureen Simpson, 63 Angusfield Avenue, ☎ 01224 310248. New members will be made very welcome.

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** 10.30 am Harvest Thanksgiving All Age Service led by the Rev Robert L Smith Jr.

**GUILD** Our first afternoon meeting of the session will be held in the Church Centre on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, at 2.15pm. After short worship, our speakers will be Alison Haig and Diane Stephen. Friends for over 25 years, they followed very different professional career paths. Last year, they decided to turn a passion for property into setting up in business together in Aberdeen. Their talk, 'Two Designing Women', will be followed by tea/coffee and cakes. All members, friends and visitors will be made very welcome.

**SOUP N' PUD LUNCH** The next Soup n' Pud Lunch will be held in the Church Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 pm. Soup, pudding, coffee & biscuit – all for £5. Why not come along and bring a friend? All are most welcome.

**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.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH

When CH4 was published in 2005, it was greeted with a variety of emotions: a welcome change to CH3 which was seemed stuck in the 1970s; concern that traditional worship items which we had grown up with were being replaced by modern hymns, or hymns from a non-Scottish background; interest in and anticipation of exploring new worship traditions. Over the next months we shall be introducing hymns from CH4 (and perhaps other sources) which we have not used in the past, or have sung only rarely. We plan to present the Hymn of the Month, then repeat it later that month in order to widen our hymn repertoire.

## 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 are baskets for donations at the Church doors **today**. **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)

Sugar (500g)

Fruit Juice (carton)

Pasta Sauces

Soup

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned tomatoes

Breakfast cereals

Rice Pudding (tinned)

Tea Bags/Instant Coffee

Instant Mash Potato

Sponge Pudding (tinned)

Rice/pasta

Tinned Fruit

Biscuits or snack bars

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: 1.10.17



*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*(Philippians 4:6)*

- ❖ Pray for the leaders of the nations, that they would be given wisdom in their interactions and deliberations, and so be enabled to create and protect peace.
- ❖ Remember in prayer our overseas partners in Africa – Scott Christian University in Kenya and Limbe Church in Malawi. Pray for God’s guidance and protection on them.
- ❖ Remember those we know who are in hospital, and give peace and strength to patients and to medical staff.
- ❖ Continue to bless Robert our minister and his wife Lianne, that they would be refreshed and encouraged in their work.
- ❖ Remember those who are anxious at this time due to change: at work, at home, or dealing with issues of relationships or health. May all know the peace of God that passes all understanding.
- ❖ 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.

