

# Church of Scotland **RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH**

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



Sunday 3 December 2017  
Minister: The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr  
Organist and Director of Music: Allan Bicket

**9.15 am**

**Prelude**      Andante      .....      Adolph Friedrich Hesse (1809-1863)


**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn 472**      Come, thou long expected 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**      Psalm 80 vv 1 – 7, 17 – 19      Pg 587 Pew Bible OT

**Communion**

**Offering**

**Hymn 273**      O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      Wachet auf      .....      Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

**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**

Andante

.....

Adolph Friedrich Hesse (1809-1863)

**WELCOME**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: On this first Sunday in Advent, are we ready? Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Are we ready?

**ALL: Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Minister: Are we ready; ready for the coming of Christ Jesus with the mercy which is judgement and the judgement which is mercy? Are we ready?

**ALL: Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Hymn 472** Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship

The Lord's Prayer  
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**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Isla Catriona Haggerty  
Samuel Tian McIntosh**


**The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you.  
And be gracious unto you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you peace. Amen

**Giving of Gifts**

**Hymn 374** From heaven you came

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

 **WORD OF GOD** Psalm 80 vv 1 – 7, 17 – 19  
Isaiah Ch 64 vv 1 – 9

Pg 587 Pew Bible OT  
Pg 726 Pew Bible OT

**Anthem** My soul doth magnify the Lord ..... Frank Shea  
The Magnificat (Mary's Song - Luke 1.46-55)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord.  
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden:  
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sermon**

**Hymn 490** Jesus, lover of my soul

**Offering** During the offering the choir will sing Hymn 278 'Wake, awake! for night is flying'

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Hymn 273** O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude** Wachet auf ..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)





# 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 LUNCHESES** will be served by the Guild in the Church Centre after the 10.30 service today. Proceeds will go to this year's Guild projects. These are Mission International's Haiti Project and Let's Stick Together's Care for the Family Project. All are most welcome.

**ELDERS' PACKS** Winter Edition of Outlook, WFO envelopes and Christmas Cards are now ready for collection from the Church Centre.

**CHURCH CENTRE** open for coffee, tea, home bakes, in the mornings Monday – Friday. Enjoy the hospitality of our Centre Lounge and entertain your friends there.

**CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm in the Church Centre. Minutes and Agenda now available in the Church Centre pigeonholes for those not on email.

**BIG SING** for Christian Aid, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Centre, 4-5pm followed by refreshments.

Please come along to sing all your favourite carols and raise money for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal - 'Enough for Everyone'. Donations will go to support projects helping malnourished children in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. Bring along your family, friends and neighbours and join in the fun. ALL WELCOME.

**GUILD** The Guild Christmas Party for members and guests will be held in the Church Centre on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

**HOUSE GROUP** The next meeting of the Thursday House Group will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.30 pm at the home of Maureen Simpson, 63 Angusfield Avenue, AB15 6AT. This will be the last meeting before Christmas. All welcome. Tel 01224 310248.

**GIFT SERVICE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** This year, as in previous years, we are inviting you to buy a gift for a young person aged 10 to 12, 12 to 14, 14 to 16 who is in a care home or supported accommodation in Aberdeen. Gift tags are now available and gifts are to be brought along to the service on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**LIFE AND WORK** The subscription for 2018 is now due and will be £30. Payment by cheque to Rubislaw Parish Church may be given to Mrs Edna Forbes ☎ 01224 640684

or handed in to the Church Office. Please contact Edna if you wish your name to be added to the list of subscribers.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** Thank you to all who have contributed to the church flowers during 2017. The Flower List 2018 is located outside the small hall and you are invited to fill in your choice of dates.

**TRAIDCRAFT** Our Christmas orders this year have totalled almost £1000. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us reach this excellent sum.



**Sunday 10 December Second Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am Morning Worship

4.00 pm Big Sing for Christian Aid

**Sunday 17 December Third Sunday in Advent**

9.15 am Early Service

10.30 am Children's Gift Service

**Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10.30 am Festival of Carols and Readings

7.00 pm Family Service by Candlelight & Torchlight

11.30 pm Watchnight Worship at Queen's Cross Church

**Monday 25 December Christmas Day**

10.30 am Area Christmas Day Service at Rubislaw Church



## Prayer Pointers: 03.12.17

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people.*

*Titus 2 v11*

- ❖ Pray for an awareness of God's presence with you during this Advent time, that you may see Jesus and share His love with those around you.
- ❖ Pray for those who for whatever reason find Christmas difficult that they would know God's love and peace.
- ❖ Pray for the many difficult and distressing situations in our world, that God would break through bringing peace, reconciliation and hope.
- ❖ Remember those we know who are currently in hospital, asking for strength for them, and for all those caring for them.
- ❖ Give thanks for every prayer answered, in so many different ways.
- ❖ 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.



# Everyone should have enough to eat this Christmas

**Enough  
for Everyone**  
Christmas Appeal 2017

I pray for health. I ask God  
to make my children healthy.  
When they are healthy, I can go  
to work and earn all that we need\*

[christianaid.org.uk/christmas](http://christianaid.org.uk/christmas)

## Join us

#enoughforeveryone

What

# Big Sing

Where

## Rubislaw Church Centre

When

**Sunday 10th Dec 4 - 5 pm**  
Followed by refreshments. Come  
and sing all your favourite carols.  
Donations at the door for Christian Aid.

**christian  
aid**

We believe in life  
before death

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donations with



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Twice the impact! For every pound you give, the UK  
Government will give a pound more.\* That's double  
the support for people living in poverty.

\* Donations made to the Christmas appeal between 6 November 2017 and 5 February  
2018 will be matched up to £2.7 million. Christian Aid will use your donations where  
we consider the need is greatest. The UK Government's match will fund our work in  
South Sudan.