

**Church of Scotland
RUBISLAW PARISH
CHURCH**

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

Sunday 7 January 2018

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



9.15 am

Prelude

The Holy Boy

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John Ireland

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 160

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

**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

Mark 1 vv 4 - 11

Pg 45 Pew Bible NT

Meditation

Offering

Reflective Prayer

Hymn 153

Great is Thy faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

Noel Suisse

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Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

10.30 am

Prelude

The Holy Boy

.....

John Ireland

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings; praise his glory and strength.

Praise the Lord's glorious name; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.
Let's worship our God together**

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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Sacrament of Baptism

Sebastian Hamilton Will

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

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn

We Enter Your Church, Lord (Tune: "Away in a Manger")

We enter your church, Lord, through welcoming doors.
We enter it, too, where you claim us as yours.
It's here at the font that you offer a sign:
You tell us, "My children, you're baptized! You're mine!"

O God, you have called us, inviting us in;
You've made us your household and freed us from sin.
From youngest to oldest, we find in this place
Your waters of welcome, your family, your grace.

We've heard here your welcome, and also your call;
Your Spirit inspires us to share Christ with all.
The life we receive here is life we can share;
We'll carry your message of love everywhere.

Tune: William James Kirkpatrick, 1895
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Offering

Noel sur les Flutes Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Prayers of the People

Hymn 465

Be Thou my vision

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

Noel Suisse Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

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 will reopen tomorrow, Monday 8th January 2018.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE will reopen on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

SOUPER SUNDAY Please join us after the 10.30 am service today for a warming bowl of soup. Donations will help support Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS projects.

GUILD The first Guild meeting of 2018 will be held in the Church Centre on Monday, 8th January, at 2.15pm. Our speaker will be Brian Callaghan of the Search and Rescue Dogs Association. Brian will be bringing along one of his dogs this afternoon. **Members and visitors will be made very welcome.** Tea/ coffee and cakes will be served.

RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 10th January at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. Anyone requiring a lift please contact Dan Fraser ☎01224 591187. All Welcome.

SOUP N' PUD LUNCH The next Soup n' Pud Lunch will be held in the Church Centre on Thursday 11th January at 12.30 pm. Soup, pudding, coffee & biscuit – all for £5. Why not come along and bring a friend? All are most welcome.

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 10.30 am Morning Worship led by The Rev Dr Robert L Smith Jr.

KIRK SESSION meeting Monday 15th January. Minutes and Agenda now in the Church Centre pigeonholes for those not on email.

PRAYER MEETING Wednesday, 10th January 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 daytime House Group will be on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 10.30 am in the Quiet Room of the Church Centre. All welcome.

Our minister will be away from Tuesday 16 January until Wednesday 31 January. The Rev Scott Rennie will provide pastoral cover. Should you need a minister during this time, please contact Rev Rennie on 01224 322549.

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



Prayer Pointers: 07.01.18

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2 v20

- ❖ The shepherds returned to their ordinary work, glorifying and praising God. As we return to our normal day to day routines let us continue to also glorify and praise God for all that He does.
- ❖ Continue to pray for all those ill in hospital or at home. Pray for God's healing and strength.
- ❖ Pray for those who have lost loved ones, that God's comfort would surround them.
- ❖ Pray for those that are worried about the future and what this year will hold. May they be aware of God's never failing presence with them.
- ❖ Pray for those who do not know Jesus that they would come to know Him and experience His saving love and care.
- ❖ Pray for our congregation, that we will be inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, to catch God's vision as He leads us into a new church year.

*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.





THE ABERDEEN ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY: THINKING AND LIVING FAITHFULLY WINTER 2018 CLASSES

PASTORAL CARE

Led by Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey

Rubislaw Church Centre, Beaconsfield Place, Aberdeen, AB15 4AB 9.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 27 January: What is care and why do we care?
Saturday 24 February: Who, when and where do we care?
Saturday 24 March: How do we care?

'Pastoral Care is, in essence, surprisingly simple. It has one fundamental aim: to help people to know love, both as something to be received and as something to give'. Alastair Campbell

The command to 'Love one another' sits at the heart of the Christian faith.

In this series of classes Rev Dr Ken Jeffrey will explore pastoral care as it has been understood in Scripture and the Christian tradition, and will examine our calling to practice love for one another in the church and in the world today.

Course costs £45/£30 Unwaged

To Register Contact clare.davidson@abdn.ac.uk Phone 01224 272138

- 9.30am Welcome and Introductions
- 9.45am Session 1
- 10.30am Coffee
- 10.45am Session 2
- 11.30am Small Group Discussion Time around set questions
- 12.00pm Plenary
- 12.15pm Closing Comments and Prayer
- 12.30pm The End



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