

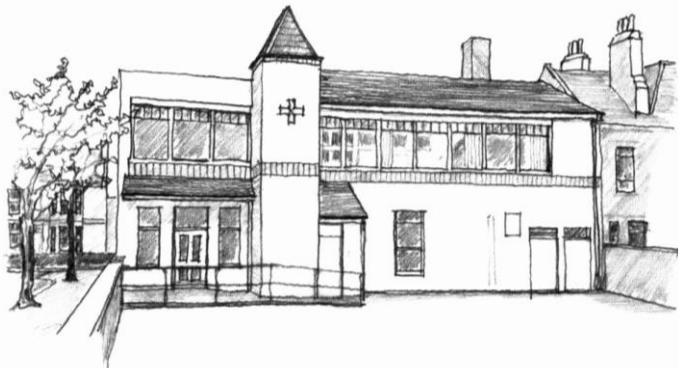
Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 20 October 2019

Service led by: Mrs Maureen Simpson
Organist & Director of Music: Allan Bicket



Growing together, sharing God's love, building faith, bringing hope

10.30 am

Prelude

Meditation on Ombersley (Lord of all being, throned afar)

Kyle McCallum

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing psalms to your name, Most High,
to declare your love in the morning
and your faithfulness every night.

All: Let us worship God.

Hymn 81

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

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 577

Christ be beside me

WORD OF GOD

Psalm 121
Luke Ch 18 vv 1 – 8

Pg 616 Pew Bible OT
Pg 103 Pew Bible NT

Anthem

The heav'ns sing praises to God

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The heav'ns sing praises to God in his glory,
And all earth echoes with his name.
The universe tells the wonderful story
And to the spheres his might proclaim!

Who set the numberless stars in the heavens?
Who gave to us the mighty sun?
That shines so brightly upon us,
And lights our path as we sing praise.

GUILD The first evening meeting of the session will be held in the Church Centre on Monday, 28th October at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Rev Alison Harvey who will speak about her work as a Prison Chaplain. This will be a 'Donations to Guild Projects' Evening. Tea/coffee and cakes will be served. Visitors and new members will be most welcome.

BINGO NIGHT – Great Fun! Thursday 31st October Following on from the very enjoyable and successful Bingo Night held last year, the Centre Management have organised repeat performance for Thursday 31st October 7.00 for 7.30 at the Ashvale, Great Western Road. Tickets costing £15, including a fish supper, are available from the Centre Office or Team members. There will be a raffle and donations for that will be most gratefully received (please hand in to the Centre Manager or give to Miles Paterson). It does not matter whether you are a seasoned player or completely new to the game you can be assured of a great night out – just ask anyone who's been there on previous occasions!

SENIOR SCHOOL SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL The senior girls at St Margaret's School put on a school show each year and this year they are performing four short Agatha Christie plays. To help the pupils get ready for their big performance on 7th November they are looking for audience members for the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 6th November. This will be in the morning at 10.00am at the Arts Centre and they wondered if members of Rubislaw Parish Church might be interested in attending the dress rehearsal on the 6th? If so, please contact the Church Office. Their pupils would very much appreciate a real audience for the dress rehearsal.

CHURCH CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 9th November This year's Christmas Fair promises to be even better than before and it definitely will be with **your** support! Tickets, priced at £3.00, will be available from Committee Members and the Centre Manager. There will be the evergreen favourites of Home Baking/Produce (all worthy of The Great British Bake Off Participants), Fresh Eggs, Nearly New (hidden treasures to be discovered?), Chocolate Tombola (no age restriction), Books/toys etc and a selection of Charity Stalls. **We are particularly indebted to all those who faithfully donate year on year to the Home baking stall – we cannot have too much!! In addition, we have a very generous donation of 200 jars of home-made jam across six different varieties – put a selection together and make a 'different' Christmas present! Donations to all stalls will be most welcome.** Donations may be left with the Centre Manager. Further details may be obtained from Miles Paterson (milespaterson@hotmail.com / 01224 314014). Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to seeing **you** on the 9th.

UPDATE ON OUR MINISTER

Good news on Robert's progress – he has begun a Phased Return to Work. This will involve limited duties and will exclude leading worship for some weeks. It is vital that this process is not rushed, and therefore the tasks which Robert takes on will be carefully arranged.

While the Phased Return to Work is in progress, **the Interim Moderator, Rev Eddie McKenna, will remain in place and anyone requiring the services of a Minister should contact him** (07460 725353 or emckenna@churchofscotland.org.uk). Any pastoral care information or requests should continue to be passed to Margaret Parkinson or Eunice McConnach (rubislawcares@btconnect.com).

Robert and family express their deep appreciation of the continuing prayers and support of all at Rubislaw.

NEW PRESBYTERY PLAN and NECESSARY BUILDINGS SURVEY REPORT – OCT 2019

The draft of the new Presbytery Plan for the next 10 years and the Report completed in summer 2019 following the Necessary Buildings Survey have now been released for consultation and consideration by congregations, before a Presbytery Conference on Saturday 23 November 2019. These documents are of vital importance to every congregation in Aberdeen Presbytery.

Extracts from the report are available to be collected from the Church doors today. Please email the Church Office if you would like an electronic copy of the full report.

The Kirk Session has already begun discussions on the Plan. In addition, the Interim Moderator, Rev Eddie McKenna, has agreed to make himself available at the Church Centre at 10.30 am – 11.30 am; 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm; and 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm on **29th October 2019** for individual members of the congregation to make their views known in a private setting. It is hoped, therefore that all members will have an opportunity to hear about the changes in the new Plan and make their views known prior to the November Conference. Otherwise if you have comments please address them to the Session Clerks.

Rubislaw Church Centre

Saturday 9th

Christmas

November

Fair

10 am to 12

noon



Admission

Adults: £3

Children: Free

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Prayer Pointers: 20.10.19

*Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
(Psalm 23:16)*

Extracts of “Brexit prayer” from Rev Dr Richard Frazer, Greyfriars
Edinburgh.

- ❖ Gracious God - in these times of confusion, uncertainty and fearfulness about our nation’s future we need your wisdom, your reassurance and your compassion.
- ❖ Speak to all of us now, leaders, citizens, fearful residents, those with a voice and those whose voices seem never to be heard. We lay before you the life of our nation and long for your gentle rule to be established amongst us.
- ❖ As our leaders try to make decisions that will address an impasse, give them wisdom and a true capacity for discernment, that at the forefront of people’s minds is not political advantage but the wellbeing of all people.
- ❖ As we witness heated argument that could so readily turn to aggression, sooth us and inspire in us all your gentleness so that we may curb attitudes that lead to strife. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- ❖ 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.