

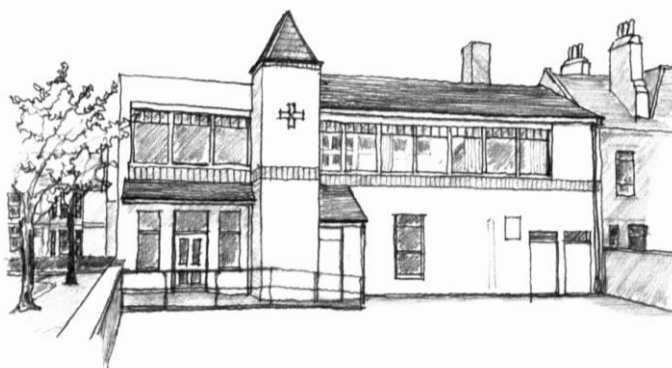
Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 27 October 2019

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



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

10.30 am

Participating in today's service are members of Rubislaw Guild. The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

Prelude Air Alexandre Boëly (1785-1858)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are gathered here,
ALL **in the name of Christ Jesus.**

Minister: So, ask right now,
ALL **and it shall be given to you.**

Minister: Seek right now,
ALL **and you will find.**

Minister: Knock right now,
ALL **and the door will be opened.**

'COMPANIONS ON THE ROAD'

Hymn 159 Lord, for the years

Prayers of Approach to God in Praise and Worship Anne Paterson
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 Margaret Yule

Hymn 530 One more step along the world I go

 **WORD OF GOD** Psalm 16
II Kings Ch 2 vv 1 – 14

Pg 544 Pew Bible OT
Pg 363 Pew Bible OT
Lorna McIntosh

Anthem

The Lord bless you and keep you

John Rutter (b 1945)

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 the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn 724

Christ's is the world in which we move

Offering

Prayers of The People

Mairianna Chrystal

Dedication of the Guild

Hymn 237

Look forward in faith

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

Voluntary in D major

Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733-1796)

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.

TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS CARD DISPLAY is now in the Church Centre Lounge. Please help yourself to a catalogue and pop your order form into the box provided. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH 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.

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.

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 10.30 am Morning Worship led by the Rev Mark Rodgers. Please note there will be no 9.15 am service.

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.

LIFE AND WORK It is time to pay your subscription for Life and Work 2020. The cost is £31 for the year. Payments can be made by cheque (made payable to Rubislaw Parish Church) or cash and handed to Mrs Edna Forbes or the Church Office. Alternatively you can transfer the money direct to the church bank account, please contact the Church Office if you would like to make a direct transfer. rubislawchurch@btconnect.com

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

Prayer Pointers: 27.10.19

His glory covered the heavens and His praise filled the earth. His splendour was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden. (Habakkuk 3 v3-4)

- ❖ Pray for Brexit, remembering during all this time of uncertainty and change that God is faithful and unchanging.
- ❖ Pray for the situation in Hong Kong. Pray protests would be peaceful and the authorities would listen.
- ❖ Pray for those working as missionaries. Pray for safety and God's blessing on the work they do. Pray for encouragement.
- ❖ Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world, that God would be their hope and strength. Pray especially for the families of those murdered.
- ❖ Pray for those struggling with ill health and those caring for them. May they know God's healing presence and His love surrounding them.
- ❖ 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.



ANATOMY OF A GUILD MEMBER

EARS

Used for listening about projects and other important subjects to enable member to take action!

BRAIN

Used for thinking about others, and also important topics, bringing them to the attention of the church.

OUTFIT

Not restricted to twinset and pearls.

MOUTH

Used to speak up for those who need encouragement and support.

HANDS

Not just used for making tea, but also for affecting social change, raising money for worthy causes, lifting up those who are down, and applauding the efforts of those who are making a difference in the world.

HEART

Used in caring for the church, the local community, the country, and the world. Works very hard.

FEET

Used to carry the member in service to wherever they may be needed.

