



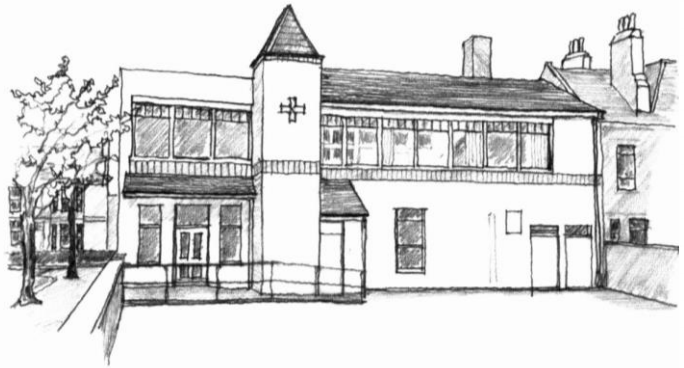
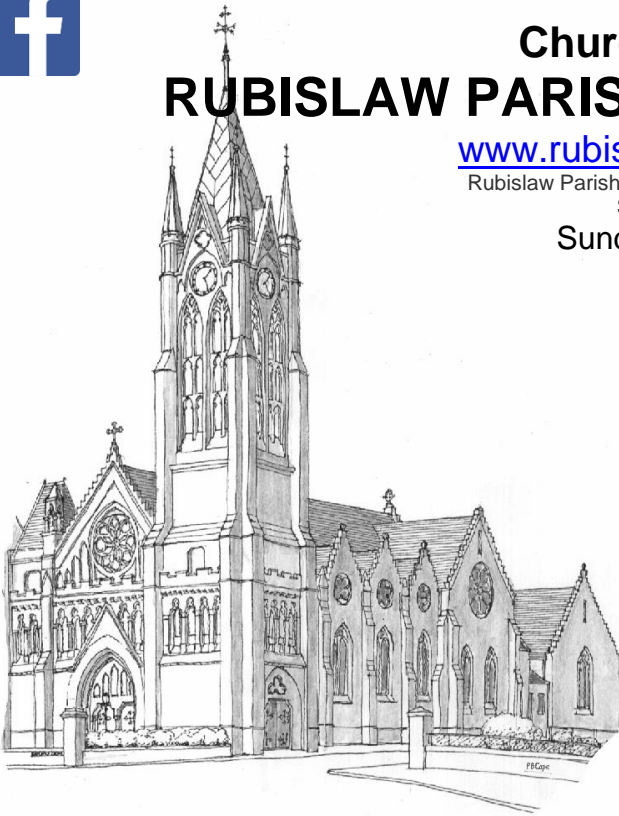
# Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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Rubislaw Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen

Scottish Charity No. SC015841

Sunday 19 January 2020



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

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

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Listen everyone! God has given us work to do.

**All: God has called each of us before we were even born.**

Minister: It was God who named us.

**All: It is God who claims us.**

Minister: The light of God's love shines in us.

**All: Let's shine God's love into all the world!**

**Hymn 543** Christ be our light!

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 641** Seek ye first

(After the singing of this hymn children leave for Crèche, Sunday Club and S1-6 Group)

 **WORD OF GOD** Genesis Ch 12 vv 1 – 3  
John Ch 1 vv 29 – 42

Pg 12 Pew Bible OT  
Pg 117 Pew Bible NT

**Anthem** Fairest Lord Jesus ..... Silesian folk song arr. Martin How (b 1931)  
Fairest Lord Jesus! Lord of all creation!  
Jesus of God and Mary the Son!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour,  
O Thou, my soul's delight and crown!

Fair are the meadows Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes the saddest heart to sing!

Fair are the flowers, Fairer still the sons of men,  
In all the freshness of youth arrayed;  
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;  
My Jesus thine will never fade.

17th century German, trans. Lilian Sinclair Stevenson

## Prayer of Preparation

### Sermon

**Hymn 553 (Saffron Walden)** Just as I am

### Offering

## Prayers of the People

**Hymn 512** To God be the glory

**Benediction** Choral Amen

**Postlude** Voluntary in G major ..... Robert Broderip (c1758-1808)



# 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 **S1-6 Group** meet today, beginning in church with families and friends followed by their programme in the Church Centre.

**CROSSREACH** The first issue for 2020 of CrossReach News is available today at both doors. It has a focus on their special services for older people. They are committed to the ongoing development of their Dementia Care Services. There is also a feature on Clashfarquhar House at Stonehaven. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

**TRAIDCRAFT** Our first Fairtrade stall of the year will be available in the Centre lounge after worship today. Muesli, marmalade, coffee and cookies on sale, as well as Divine dark chocolate. Bargain sale of half-price Christmas cards, too.

**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.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020** 10.30 am Morning Worship led by the Rev David Hutchison.

**RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB** will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. All Welcome.

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7.30 – 8.30 pm in Quiet Room. If you would like a lift please contact Fiona Chaloner on 01224 318039 before Wednesday.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS** There will be training session at Mastrick Parish Church on THURSDAY 23 JANUARY from 7pm- 9.30pm. If you wish to go, please contact Eunice McConnach (01224 324604 or [eunicemcconnach@gmail.com](mailto:eunicemcconnach@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. We have a few volunteers in crèche and Sunday Club who still need to attend training, so this is your chance!

**GUILD** Members and guests are reminded of our Burns Supper to be held in the Church Centre at **7pm on Monday, 27th January.**

**ITALIAN EVENING – FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2020** Following on from the successful Italian Evenings, the Centre Management is hosting a repeat performance on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020** 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The evening will consist of a two course meal + coffee, wine & soft drinks and conclude with 'light entertainment'. Tickets (£21) are available from Richard Morrison, Isobel Robb and Miles Paterson. **Ciao!**

## **UPDATE ON OUR MINISTER**

Robert has begun a Phased Return to Work, with limited duties and limited involvement in worship for the present. 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](mailto:emckenna@churchofscotland.org.uk)). Rev McKenna is on holiday now until 23<sup>rd</sup> January and during that time cover will be provided by Rev Dr Edmond Gatima (01224 588245). Any pastoral care information or requests should continue to be passed to Margaret Parkinson or Eunice McConnach ([rubislawcares@btconnect.com](mailto:rubislawcares@btconnect.com)).

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

## **Church Centre Manager**

We have received a request from the Centre Manager, Neil Williamson, to reduce his working hours from five days to two and a half days per week with effect from the beginning of August 2020. This is being progressed in accordance with employment legislation. Consequently there will be a vacancy for an additional Centre Manager on a 'job sharing' basis.

Our Centre continues to be a vital part of our Christian outreach and this will remain the case as we move forward in faith and in the face of new challenges and opportunities.

One of the first actions in this process is to ascertain whether there is anyone within or known to our congregation who might be interested in this vacancy.

Should you or someone you know wish to find out more of what is involved please contact me in the first instance for an informal discussion.

**M B N Paterson**

**Convener, Rubislaw Church Centre Management Team**

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# Italian Evening



**Rubislaw Church Centre**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Two course meal with tea/coffee

Followed by

light hearted entertainment

Tickets £21

(includes wine/soft drinks)

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# Prayer Pointers: 19.1.20

*This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
Psalm 118: 24*

- ❖ Pray for those who for whatever reason find these winter weeks particularly difficult, that they would know God's joy and peace
- ❖ Pray for the many difficult and distressing situations in our world, that God would break through bringing peace, reconciliation and hope
- ❖ Pray for Robert our minister, and Lianne and the family, that they would be strengthened and encouraged with peace and joy
- ❖ Continue to pray for all those affected by the bush fires in Australia, as they recover their homes and their lives. Pray for the firefighters
- ❖ Continue to pray for all those who are ill in hospital or at home. Pray for God's healing and strength.
- ❖ 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.