

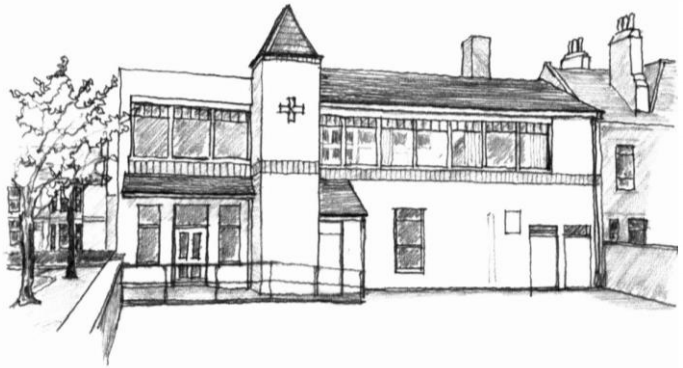
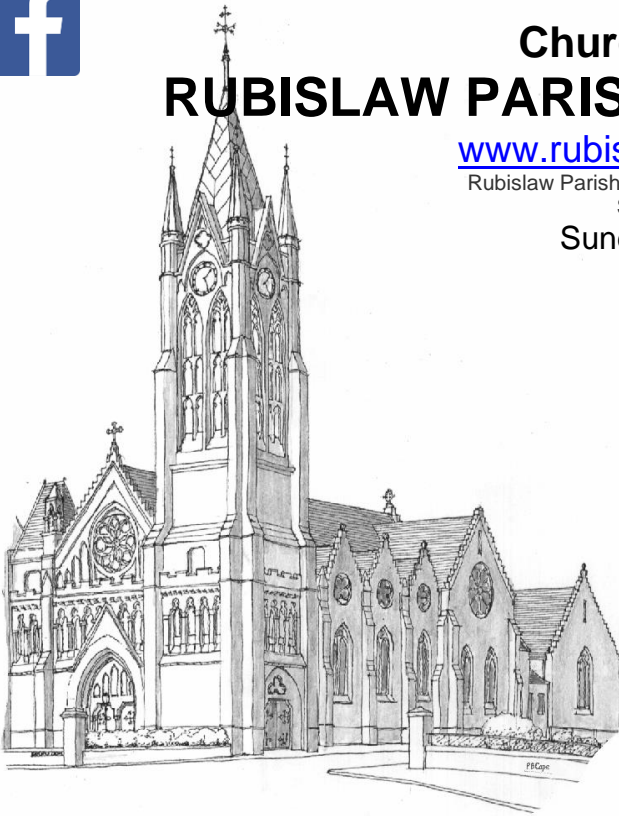


Church of Scotland RUBISLAW PARISH CHURCH

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

Sunday 9 February 2020



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

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

Prelude

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr' (All glory be to God on high)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are called to bring the Good News that God so loves the world.

All: We are the salt of the earth.

Minister: We are called to bring the good News that God gives us new life.

All: We are the light of the world.

Minister: Come, let us be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**All: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.
Let us rise this day to magnify, praise and bless the name of Jesus,
our Lord and King.**

Hymn 100

O Lord, thou art my God and King

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

Hymn 637

Now through the grace of God we claim

Sacrament of Baptism – Joshua Robert Haggerty

The Sung 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

Presentation of Long Service Certificate

Miss Olive Fraser

Hymn 550 As the deer pants for the water

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

 **WORD OF GOD** Psalm 112 vv 1 – 9
Matthew Ch 5 vv 13 – 20

Pg 608 Pew Bible OT
Pg 7 Pew Bible NT

Anthem My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddès grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when Goddès name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Prayer of Preparation

Sermon

Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning

Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn 622 We sing a love that sets all people free

Benediction Choral Amen

Postlude Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
(Praise to the Lord the Almighty)

JG Walther (1684-1748)



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.

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 Our next afternoon meeting will be held in the Church Centre on Monday, 10th February, at 2.15pm. We shall be enjoying 'An Afternoon of Musical Entertainment' by Yvonne Morton. Tea/coffee and cakes will be served too. Everyone will be most welcome to join us.

RUBISLAW LADS' CLUB will meet for coffee and a chat on Wednesday 12th February at 10.30 am at the Church Centre. All Welcome.

SOUP N' PUD LUNCH The next Soup n' Pud Lunch will be held in the Church Centre on Thursday 13th February at 12.30 pm. Soup, pudding, coffee & biscuit – all for £5.

Following the lunch you are invited to join us for a short act of worship in the Lawrence Lounge (1.45 pm – 2.00 pm). Why not come along and bring a friend? All are most welcome.

DRAFT PRESBYTERY PLAN The Kirk Session has appointed a Working Group to examine any alternatives to the above plan and report back to it at the beginning of March. If any member has such a plan they wish to have considered, please send it me, preferably by email, by Wednesday 12th February. I apologise for the tight deadline but time is short. Any alternatives already submitted have already been given to the Group and should not be re-submitted. Any plan should reflect that the 'status quo' is not an option. Maureen Simpson, Convener. tm.simpson@tiscali.co.uk

HOUSEGROUP at the McArthurs, 2 Carlton Place on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Tel 01224 640870 if you require further details.

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2020 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Dr Amy Bender.

TRAIDCRAFT February's Fairtrade stall will be available in the Centre after worship on Sunday 16th February. Ground coffees, teas, marmalade and Divine chocolate on sale. Please come along to support the world's poorest producers.

JOINT YOUTH TRIP Our next joint youth trip for young people in P7-S6 will take place on Tuesday 18th February from 3-4.15 pm. We have 8 free spaces available for a session on the climbing wall at Transition Extreme. Could those interested in attending please contact our youth worker, Jay Thomas, to book their place on the trip and obtain a consent form. Email: Jthomas@churchofscotland.org.uk Mobile: 07496259991

THURSDAY HOUSEGROUP Next meeting will be on 20th February, 7.30 pm at the Benzies. Tel 01224 593926. New members welcome.

ITALIAN EVENING – FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2020 Following on from the successful Italian Evenings, the Centre Management is hosting a repeat performance on **Friday 21st 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!**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE is to be held in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Carden Place at 2pm on Friday 6th March. This year the service has been written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and is entitled 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Everyone is welcome to this ecumenical service. Please support it.

WEST END CHURCHES CHRISTIAN AID BOOK SALE 9 – 16 MAY 2020 We are participating in this joint event and looking for **volunteers** who can help to sort and price books (and other things – see below) in the two weeks ahead of the sale which starts on 9 May 2020. The Sale will include books (hardbacks and paperbacks), pictures, CDs, DVDs, sheet music, postcards, stamps, jigsaw puzzles. We are also looking for **donated items** which can be left with the Church Centre Manager at any time from now until 9 May. The organising group are also looking for an Art Expert! If you can help with this in any way, please contact Eunice McConnach ☎324604 or Margaret Parkinson ☎319777.

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). 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.

Italian Evening



Rubislaw Church Centre

Friday 21st 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: 09.02.20

.. in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2 v2b-3)

- ❖ Pray for farmers as they help provide the food we need. Pray for God's blessing.
- ❖ Continue to pray the spread of the coronavirus would be stopped. Pray for all those affected.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those struggling at work for whatever reason. Pray for God's light to shine.
- ❖ Pray for those living in refugee camps, especially children on their own. Also pray for those working to improve conditions and rebuild lives.
- ❖ Pray for those ill at home or in hospital. Pray for 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.