

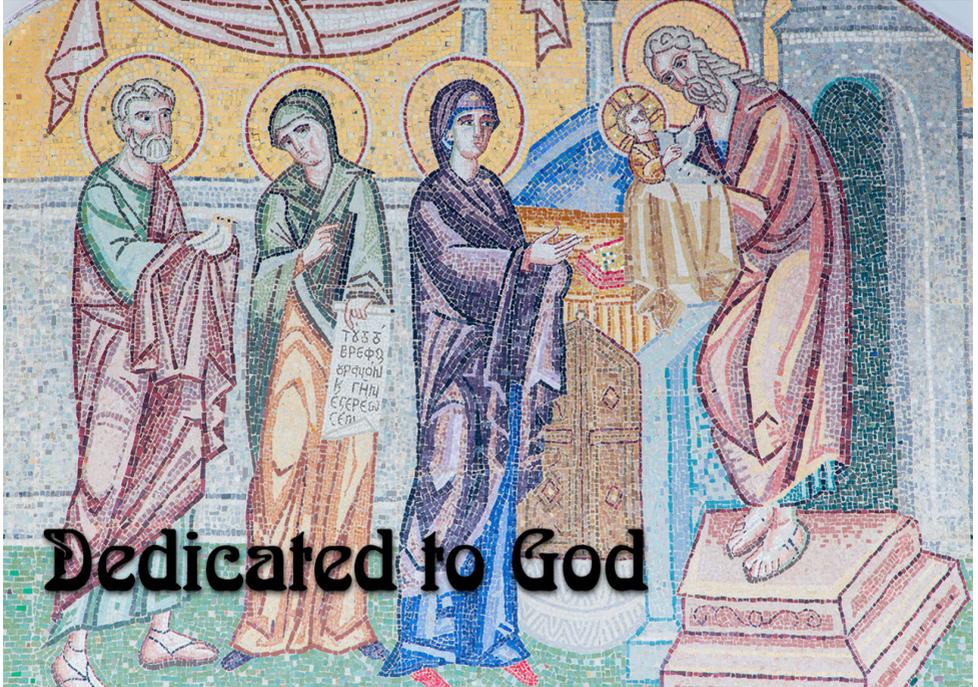


Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 1 January 2017

11:00 a.m.



You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church. Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer. Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Please note that we are experimenting with live streaming of worship. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast stream, the seating below the gallery and in the gallery is beyond the view of the cameras.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Margaret Barclay (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Doug Guy (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Ida Scott. Ida and family remembering Brian with love.



Gathering Praise Love came down at Christmas CH 316

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy God, a New Year begins
All: so we gather this day to greet that New Year,
 Leader: we come to remember promises fulfilled,
All: and we come to give thanks for the
opportunities that the future brings.
 Leader: Accept our worship as we gather
All: and encourage us to live and worship you
through all we do and are in 2017.
 Leader: Now let us worship God.

Praise Unto us a boy is born CH 331

Welcome and Church Notices

New Year Prayer

Reading Psalm 131

Praise The race that long in darkness pined CH 290

Reading Luke, chapter 2, verses 21-28

Praise When Mary brought her treasure CH 332

What Do They Know?

Praise Now, Lord! According to thy word CH 333

Message Making the Break

The Offering

Offering Praise

Bethlehem, a noble city

CH 325

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Loving God,
fresh to the world and hardly a breath taken,
yet already your light is changing everything.
We still hope in hope,
we still long for justice,
we still imagine love's evolution is possible.

May we never let that go.
May we always believe into it
even when it seems most difficult,
in normal days, colder days,
in the low days.

For now
in the dulling light of Christmas
and the birthing moments of new year,
may we gather round your promise,
may we dedicated ourselves
and what we have to that promise
and begin to set it free,
in our living and our loving,
so that all generations here
from youngest to oldest
speak into the world
your words of life,
and see beyond the surface of things
into the growing intent of love.

With Anna, the ancient prophetess,
and Simeon, the old doorkeeper of faith,
we keep believing,

hold the word and trust the future
beyond what we can see.
May we believe more.
Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise Good Christians, all rejoice CH322

The Blessing

Sung Amen Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Take Home Ideas

To your Jar of Blessings add a photo of a person who has had a positive influence on your life. Or if you do not have a photo put their name on a folded piece of paper or make a star with their name on it.



1. **Care Home Service:** Join us at **11:00 a.m.** at the Cowdray Club on **Wednesday 4 January.**
2. **Coordination Group:** Will meet at on **Thursday 5 January.**
3. **Morning Worship:** Next Sunday's morning worship (**8 January**) will include Holy Communion. Please join us.
4. **The Cosy House:** The youth will meet in the Foyer on **Sunday 8 January at 6:30 p.m.** Join the fun!
5. **Monday Fellowship:** All are welcome to come along at 2.15 p.m. on **Monday 16 January** for an afternoon of gentle exercise with Mary Fraser.
6. **The Guild:** Come along on **18 January at 7.30 p.m.** when we will have Rev. Peter Johnston as our guest.
7. **Traidcraft Stall:** Do you need any last minute stocking fillers? We have Christmas lollies, chocolate bars and other sweet treats - all Fairtrade.
8. **Instant Neighbour:** Are having a break from 21st December and will reopen on 4 January 2017.
9. **Coffee Shop:** Will re-open at **9.30 a.m** on **Monday 16th January.**
10. **Traidcraft Stall:** Happy New Year to all our customers. Thank you for all your support in 2016.
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This Week's Eco Tip

Plant spring bulbs for bees

Now is the time to plant bulbs to help bees feed in the colder months. For winter-flowering bulbs, try glory of the snow, winter aconite and snowdrops. For early spring, try crocuses, snowdrops, bluebells, iris, hyacinths and fritillaries. If you like daffodils and tulips, choose varieties with open flowers that bees can easily feed from.



Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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at Ferryhill**