



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Sunday 30 April 2017

11 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)

Grace Baxter (Reader)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Alastair King (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Cecilia Davies, remembering Sid with love.



Gathering Praise      Do not be afraid      CH 191

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Holy risen One, we gather this day  
coming just as we are:

**All:** **witnessing to your promises,  
proclaiming God's love.**

**Leader:** Accept all we bring before you today;

**All:** **accept our worship, we pray.**

Praise      The Lord is King!      CH 129

Welcome and Church Notices

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us the wrong we have done,  
as we forgive those who have wronged us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from  
evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are  
yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Reading      Acts, chapter 6, verse 1 - chapter 7, verse 2a

Praise      The Seven Men, Respected All

*Words: Peter Johnston*

*Tune: St Stephen (Newington) CH 686*

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1. The seven men, respected all,  
were sent to serve the Lord;  
with blessing and the Spirit's power  
their ministry outpoured.
2. Amongst these men and strong of faith  
came Stephen, filled with grace.  
His love and care was known to them  
who saw in him God's face.
- (WOMEN) 3. Through miracles and signs he worked  
to spread Good News to all;  
but questioned and maligned by some  
he faced his highest call.
- (MEN) 4. In Temple's courts the high priest asked:  
"Is what they say the truth?"  
But Stephen's face shone bright with light,  
his voice was raised anew.
5. "Listen to me!" he called aloud,  
and preached with holy fire.  
From Abraham to Moses he  
proclaimed God's righteous ire:
- (WOMEN) 6. "You stubborn people, deaf to truth.  
Why do you resist me?"  
And Stephen joined the ranks of those  
whose voices stilled must be.
- (MEN) 7. "I see the Son of Man!" he cried,  
his eyes gazed heavenwards.  
The mob descended, stones flew down,  
yet grace was their reward.
8. Did Stephen know the cost he'd pay,  
for living Jesus' way?

May we know Stephen's courage strong:  
witness for God each day.

Reading

Acts, chapter 7, verses 44 - 60

Dialogue

A Tin of Soup

Praise

Chain of Love

*Words & music: Garth Hewitt*

*Chain of love, chain of love,  
working together on a chain of love.  
Forged in the fire of the Father's love,  
Working together on a chain of love.*

1. There's a chain of love – starts at the heart of God,  
it reaches to the cross in those outstretched arms  
of love.  
Reaches out to you, reaches out to me, it calls us to  
be partners in a community of peace.

*Chain of love...*

2. There's a chain of love – a two-way chain,  
a bridge to friendship – to give and to gain.  
To support one another, to share and to receive,  
To stand with each other in the hour of need.

*Chain of love...*

3. Reach out to the downcast, reach out to the poor,  
those who are forgotten, oppressed and more,  
linking arms together across the divides  
of greed and prejudice and racial pride.

*Chain of love...*

Message

Liberating Grace

## The Offering

### Offering Praise

Courage, brother!

CH 513

*Words: Arthur Sullivan*

1. Courage, brother! do not stumble,  
though your path be dark as night;  
there's a star to guide the humble:  
trust in God, and do the right.  
Let the road be rough and dreary,  
and its end far out of sight,  
foot it bravely; strong or weary,  
  
*trust in God, trust in God,  
trust in God and do the right.*
2. Perish policy and cunning,  
perish all that fears the light!  
Whether losing, whether winning,  
trust in God and do the right.  
Some will hate you, some will love you,  
some will flatter, some will slight;  
heed them not, and look above you:  
  
*trust in God, trust in God,  
trust in God and do the right.*
3. Simple rule, and safest guiding,  
inward peace and inward might,  
star upon our path abiding,  
trust in God, and do the right.  
Courage, sister! do not stumble, though your path  
be dark as night;  
there's a star to guide the humble:  
  
*trust in God, trust in God,  
trust in God and do the right.*

## Act of Dedication

*Please remain standing*

Lord,  
we bring these our gifts asking,  
'Have we given sacrificially?  
Could we do more?'

As we ponder these questions,  
bless what we have given,  
may these gifts be used  
to serve you  
as you see fit.  
Amen.

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Be thou my vision

CH 465

Sending

Sung Amen

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



1. **The Cosy House:** Join us in the Foyer **this evening at 6.30 p.m.** for fun and fellowship.
2. **Presbytery Meeting:** The next meeting will take place at **7.15 p.m.** on **Tuesday 2 May** at Holburn West Church.
3. **Cowdray Club:** There will be a service at Cowdray Club Care Home on **Wednesday 3 May at 11 a.m.**
4. **Local Election Day:** Local Elections will be taking place in the church all day on **Thursday 4 May.**
5. **Café Connect:** Will resume at **7 p.m.** on **Sunday 7 May.** Join us in the Foyer for discussion and fellowship.
6. **Parish News:** The deadline for the Summer issue of Parish News is **Sunday 7 May.** Don't forget to pass any articles for inclusion in Parish News to Shelagh Bain, Editor, by that date.
7. **The Living Well Café:** Due to the Church premises being unavailable on Local Election Day there will be no Living Well Cafe on Thursday 4th May. Our next get together will be on **Thursday 11th May** from **1-3pm.**
8. **Quiz Night:** Give those brain cells a work out and come along to our quiz night on **Friday 12 May 2017**, in aid of the Manse Appeal Fund. Head to the church halls at **7 pm for a 7:30 pm.** start. Bring your own team of four or join a team when you arrive. Tickets £5 including light refreshments. For those who prefer something less 'light', you can bring your own bottle! Tickets are available from the church coffee shop.
9. **City-Wide Prayer Gathering:** Come along to the Citadel on **Friday 19 May** from **7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**
10. **Indoor Car Boot Sale:** Dig out any unwanted items and sell them here on Saturday **27 May** from **10 a.m. to 12 noon.** Tables, £10, must be booked in advance. Please call Fiona on 01224 590806 to book. Entry is a bargain at 50p! We will have our own home-baking, raffle and book stall and you can enjoy the delights of the coffee shop whilst you peruse. Come and join us!
11. **Instant Neighbour:** Due to increasing demand for assistance please continue to support Instant Neighbour by leaving your donations of non-perishable items in the trolley which you will find in the Atrium during the week and in the Foyer on Sundays.

# Useful Information



## Christian Aid News

Sixty years ago a generation of Christians decided they would not stand by while people suffered in refugee camps. Today our generation are rising to the challenge again.



## 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**