



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 6

Sunday 20 July 2014

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.

Today's worship is led by:

Gwen Haggart (Worship Task Group Convener)

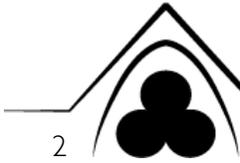
Lorna Glen (Session Clerk)

Kevin Haggart (Organist)

Margaret Barclay (Readings)

Louise Robertson (Beadle)

The chancel flowers are donated by Louise & Sandy Robertson, in celebration of 28 years of marriage and 30 years of friendship.



Order of Service

Gathering Song

Come all you people (sung 3 times)

CH 757

Introduction and Call to Worship

Leader: God of heaven,

All: sower of good seed.

Leader: God of the growing,

All: sower of good seed.

Leader: God of the harvest,

All: sower of good seed.

Leader: God of us all, strong and weak,

All: gather us in and let us praise God.

Praise

Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure CH 141

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

Matthew, chapter 13, verses 24-30, 36-43

Reflection

The sun warmed the ground

Praise

God in such love for us lent us this planet CH 240

Dialogue

Is it a weed or is it wheat?

Message

Sowing and reaping in a chaotic world

The Offering

Offering Praise

There's a spirit in the air CH 616

Prayer of Dedication

O God you are generous beyond our understanding,
giving us all we need, and so much more,
but we have not shared it equally.

Lord help s to be generous, as you are generous,
to give freely of our time, our talents and our money.

Take and use all that we offer this day,
so that all people might come to know of your love
for them, through the work of your church,
for we are the Body of Christ here on Earth.

Amen.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Praise

The reign of God, like farmer's field CH 343

The Sending

Sung Amen

During The Week

Try employing greater powers of observation during the week as you walk around our community (or the community in which you reside).

While doing so try these reflective activities:

- Take time to look at the gardens you pass as you walk. Ponder on the continual struggle between the relentless growth of weeds and the gardener's intent.
- How does this mirror the internal struggles we sometimes feel at work within us?
- Look around at the other aspects of your community. Where is life struggling to maintain its hold? What are the distractions that prevent people from living life to the full?
- If you have a garden yourself, spend some time in your garden. Let this be time to be present, not necessarily time to be active.



1. **Instant Neighbour:** The food supply at Instant Neighbour has run dry and they are in desperate need of donations to help feed the hungry in our community. Please bring food items to the church to help this worthy cause.
2. **Pastoral Information** should be directed through Lorna Glen (583599) for the next weeks rather than the church office. Pastoral cover is being provided between 16 and 30 July by Rev Bob Brown (491451).
3. **Jam jars needed:** The Summer Club are looking for jam jars with lids (roughly 1lb /450g size), old plates (whole, chipped or broken) and hair coloured wool. If you can donate these items, please put them in the box provided in the Atrium.
4. **Used stamps for Oxfam:** Used stamps collected in the church are now being passed to Oxfam which can sell them on as part of their fundraising. Any stamps are welcome and will make money. Please do NOT remove them from the envelopes as the perforations on the edges are also collected and any damage to the stamps themselves makes them worthless. Ideally, they should be cut out with a margin of about half a centimetre all round, otherwise simply tear them out roughly from the envelope leaving some paper all around. Please put your stamps in the box under the pigeonholes in the atrium.
5. **Putting for Adults 65+:** a free taster session is taking place on Friday 25 July at 1 p.m. at Albury Putting Green, with a cuppa provided afterwards,
6. **Summer Club:** Preparation meetings have been scheduled for the Summer Club on 24, and 31 of July at 7:30 in the Upper Room.
7. **Parish News:** The Autumn issue is fast approaching, if you have any information to be included (particularly thinking about groups starting back up after the summer break) please send information/articles to Shelagh Bain at editor@ferryhillparishchurch.org.
8. **Roll Up For The Circus:** Parents/guardians can register their children for this year's Summer Club already on the church website. See the website or flyers available for more details.
9. **Fairtrade Stall:** Stop by the stall today to see what's up for grabs!

Don't forget the Summer Club in August!

Register online at
www.ferryhillparishchurch.org



This Week's Eco Tip

Foods in season in July

This month is a great time to enjoy cherries and other soft fruits such as strawberries and raspberries. On the veggie front, look out for broad beans, beetroots, radishes and artichokes.



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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