



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Pentecost 18
23 September 2018
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), Mary Whittaker (Probationer Minister)
Yvonne Haig (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Bob Nicol (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Meg Strachan.



Gathering Praise

There's a rainbow in the sky

Words: Michael Forter

Music: Christopher Tambling

There's a rainbow in the sky, and it's okay!

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It's a sign that God is good.

1. Forty days and nights afloat,
all cooped up on Noah's boat!
Now the rain is almost done;
wake up world, here comes the sun!
There's a rainbow...
2. Now we've got another start,
ev'ryone can play a part:
make the world a better place,
put a smile on ev'ry face!
There's a rainbow...
3. Sometimes, still, the world is bad,
people hungry, people sad.
Jesus wants us all to care,
showing people ev'rywhere:
There's a rainbow...

Call to Worship

Leader: We are rainbow people!

All: We are God's people.

Leader: We are red:

All: people who are angry at injustice.

Leader: We are orange:

All: people who burn with God's spirit.

Leader: We are yellow:

All: people who bring sunshine into others' lives.

Leader: We are green:

All: people who seek to grow in faith.

Leader: We are blue:

All: people whose trust is as deep as the ocean.

Leader: We are indigo:

All: people who seek wisdom and peace.

Leader: We are violet:

All: people who recognise the sacred in everything.

Leader: We are rainbow people.

All: We are God's people
and we come to worship.

Praise From all that dwell below the skies CH 146

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening Prayer

Reading Genesis 9: 1-17

Reflection I Responsibility

Praise Can you be sure

Words: Geoffrey Marshall-Taylor

Music: Roger Hurrell

- I. Can you be sure that the rain will fall?
Can you be sure that the birds will fly?
Can you be sure that rivers will flow,
or that the sun will light the sky?
*God has promised.
God never breaks a promise he makes.
His word is always true.*

2. Can you be sure that the tide will turn?
Can you be sure that grass will grow?
Can you be sure that night will come,
or that the sun will melt the snow?
God has promised...
3. You can be sure that God is near;
you can be sure he won't let you down;
you can be sure he'll always hear;
and that he's given Jesus, his Son.
God has promised...

All-Age Message The Promise

Praise

Shades of purple, shades of blue

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Dix (CH 326)

1. Shades of purple, shades of blue,
green and yellow, orange, red —
Noah and his family, too,
saw the rainbow overhead.
God, Creator, high above
you displayed your sign of love.
2. Soon new life was springing forth,
filling land and sea and air.
God, you chose to bless the earth
with the promise of your care —
and your promised love extends
far beyond our human friends.
3. In the rainbow, you were clear:
every living thing has worth.
You love every creature here
on this planet we call Earth.
God, forgive when we destroy

Bless our gifts, Lord,
and send them out to do your work.
Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

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.

Praise

As man and woman we were made

CH 700

Blessing

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
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- Ferryburn Fellowship:** Our youth group will meet this evening at 6.30 p.m. in the large hall and foyer. All welcome.
- The Scottish Government is forming a “**Just Transition Commission**” to look into how to plan for a future that is transitioning away from being a carbon-based economy (oil & gas). This has obvious ramifications for jobs and industry in Aberdeen and the North East. At this very early stage, Adrian Shaw the Climate Change Officer for the Church of Scotland is holding an introductory conversation at Ferryhill Church to focus on “Just Transition” for those currently working in the oil industry. This conversation is open to all and will be held on Thursday 27 September between 10.30a.m. and 12.30 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel.
- The **Induction Service** for Rev David Stewart, who many will remember had a placement at Ferryhill Church as a student, to South Holburn Parish Church takes place on Thursday 27 September at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend to support our friends at South Holburn.
- Democracy Matters:** Do you think your community should have more say in local decision making? How are decisions made in your local community and how do you think this could be done in a better way?
If you would like to take part in an informal discussion about how democracy works in your local area, you are warmly invited to a community consultation hosted by Ferryhill Parish Church and the Church of Scotland as part of the Scottish Government Democracy Matters consultation. This will take place on Thursday 4 October 2018, 7-9 p.m at Ferryhill Church. Ideas shared at this event will be fed in to the Scotland wide consultation.
- Poppies:** We are planning a display of poppies outside the church door for the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Please get those knitting needles out again! We need poppies in red (and some in white): knitted, crocheted or felt, in fact made in any material that will stand up to rain. There are some knitting and crochet patterns available in the Foyer near the coffee shop till, but feel free to use your own. Please put your poppies in the box provided in the Atrium by the end of October.
- Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.

Useful Information



Eco-Tip

Recharge those batteries

Use electronics with rechargeable batteries and avoid single-use ones. You will save money and reduce the amount of waste. At the end of the life cycle of the batteries always recycle them in dedicated containers which can generally be found in supermarkets and other large shops. Batteries are toxic and should not be sent to landfill.



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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