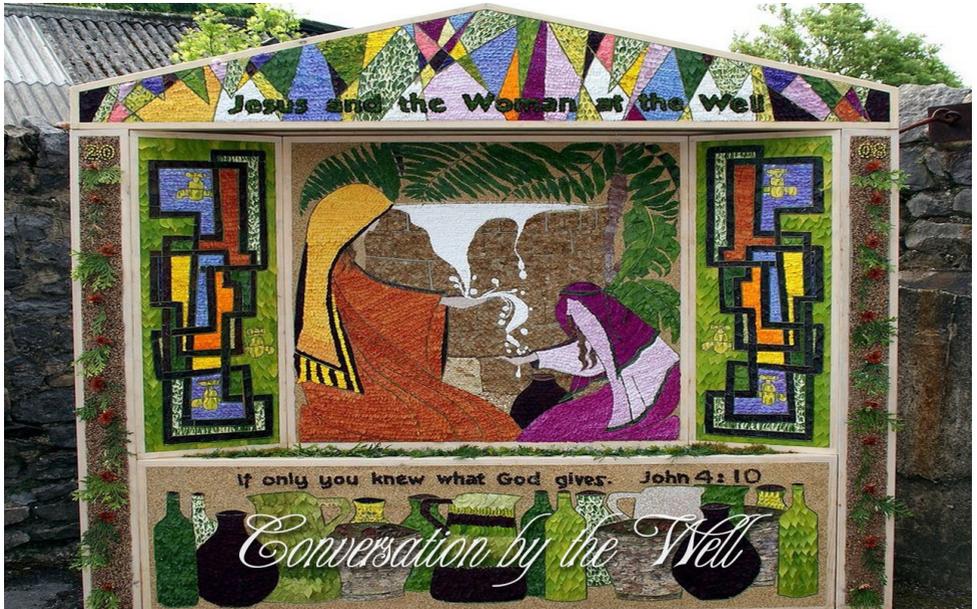


Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Lent 2
15 March 2020
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 live stream our 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)
Diane Cumming (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Noel Hughson (Beadle)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are donated this week by Efe Dawson, in memory of loved ones.



Gathering Praise

MP 37

As the deer pants for the water

Words and music: Martin Nystrom

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*
2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
You alone are...
3. You're my friend and you're my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.
You alone are...

Lenten Candles

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy One, we are outsiders,
avoiding those who would judge us;
yet thirsty for living water that will sustain.

All: **Four purple lights for four weeks.
We come to worship.
We follow the woman to the well;
seeking to quench our thirst;
as we drink of the living water,
we offer our renewal,
our commitment,
our actions.**

Praise

Sing to God new songs of worship

CH 173

Welcome and Church Notices

Opening 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.

Centenary of Royal Corps of Signals

Rededication of Branch Standard

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose messengers go forth in every age
giving light and understanding,
grant that we of the Royal Corps of Signals,
who speed the word from person to person,
may be swift and sure in sending
the message of your truth into all the world.
May we serve you faithfully and,
with the help of the Holy Spirit,
make such success of our soldierly duties on this earth,
that we may be found worthy
to receive the Crown of Life hereafter,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Praise

I, the Lord of sea and sky

CH 251

Children are invited to the Sunday Club

Reading

John 4: 5-42

Praise

I was a stranger

Words and music: Peter Johnston

1. I was a stranger when I saw him
as he told his friends farewell.
He was weary and he asked me
for a drink from Jacob's well.
Now I know men, it's no secret,
but not like this man;
he saw through me, he spoke truly,
and a whole new life began.
2. I was a stranger when I saw him
as he strolled through Jericho,
then he looked up in the treetop
and said hom with me he'd go.
I heard grumbling from the people
but I did not care.
All my stealing, crooked dealing,
it would stop: they'd have their share.
3. I was a stranger when I saw him
shining light in endless dark.
His hands touched me and he asked me,
"Can you see?" was this remark.
"I see people," I said to him,
"like trees walking round."
Once again he touched my eyes, "See!"
Now my life in him I've found.
4. We all are strangers when we meet him,
yet he welcomes us the same,
"Come and follow and you shall grow
into friends that share my name."

We are children of the one God,
we're strangers no more,
for Christ Jesus walks beside us,
walks behind and walks before.

Message

Living Water

The Offering

Offering Praise

Touch the earth lightly

CH 243

Act of Dedication

Take these gifts,
the work of our hands,
the hopes of our hearts
and bring them to bear
upon the hunger and hurts
of the world.

Set us free from fear.
Stand us upright in grace.
May our shame and our anger
be transformed
from burdens that hold us back in fear
to gifts that urge us forward in love.

Lead us to the well
and help us to drink deeply.
Amen.

Prayer for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Once a woman seeking water

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Tune: BEACH SPRING (CH 252)

- I. Once a woman seeking water
at a well not far from home
met a thirsty, waiting stranger
from a people not her own.
Would she give a drink of water
and respond to human need?

- Could she know the joy and wonder
she, the giver, would receive?
2. She drew water for the thirsty;
Jesus offered something more:
Living Water, God's own mercy,
love abundant, freely poured.
One, a blessing for the body;
one, a blessing for the soul!
Both are gifts of our Creator —
gifts that help to make us whole.
 3. Still God's people carry water
from their wells and mountain streams;
still at rivers women gather,
sharing labour, sharing dreams.
Still a cup of water given
in a dry and weary place
is a blessing overflowing
from the fountain of God's grace.
 4. God, we ask your richest favour
on the work we seek to do;
may we gladly share clean water
and your living water, too.
May we see the face of Jesus,
and how far your love extends,
in the ones we call our partners —
no more strangers, now our friends.

Sending

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.

Sung Amen

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



1. **Trustees Meeting for Annual Report:** will be held after morning service today in the sanctuary.
2. **Traidcraft Stall:** The new Spring catalogue is available from the stall today. Come and get your copy.
3. Our “From Now On” **Lent Study Series** continues this evening at 7 p.m. at Ferryhill Church. All are welcome.
4. **Kirk Session:** we meet on Thursday 19 March at 7.15 p.m. in the Foyer.
5. An interactive Climate Change discussion “**What can individuals do about Climate Change?**” with Prof. Pete Smith of Aberdeen University will be held at Queens Cross Church on Friday 20 March at 7.30 p.m. Admission is free.
6. Aberdeen Christian Fellowship invite you to see the wonderful 4Front Theatre performing their nautical musical ‘**Fisherman’s Tail**’ at the church on Union Grove on Saturday 21st March at 11 a.m. This hour-long show is suitable for all ages and promises to be a lot of fun. It follows the stories of Peter, Andrew, James, and John; 4 fishermen whose lives are completely changed when they meet Jesus.
7. **Violence against Women and the Kirk Conference - 28th March 2020:** You are invited to join the first ever one day conference exploring the role of the church in recognising, responding to and preventing violence against women, girls and children and how you and your church can get involved through a mixture of engaging speakers, interactive workshops and learning from other churches. This conference takes place at Dunblane Cathedral Halls between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is suitable for anyone with an interest in the topic but may be of particular relevance to those who are engaged in pastoral care, community engagement or leading worship. Attendance is free and includes lunch. For more information, please contact integrity@churchofscotland.org.uk.
8. **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

DIY pots for seeds

Start your seeds off in DIY pots, made from recycled materials around your home. There's plenty of plastic containers you can experiment with or try paper or cardboard e.g. toilet roll tubes, if you want to transplant straight into the ground without disturbing the roots.



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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