



Parish News

Ferryhill Parish Church Magazine

Summer 2016

DOING IT RIGHT

Minister's Message

The great Scottish philosopher David Hume in the eighteenth century identified the "is-ought problem" when studying the works of others. The problem, simply stated (I hope), is that we find ourselves all too easily slipping from statements about what we see around us (the "is" part) into prescriptive statements about what we should do (the "ought" part) and do so without any real evidence to back up how the "ought" statement follows from the "is" statement. This has been a nagging question for many an ethics scholar over the years as they try to mould how we make decisions that are inherently good.



We see this challenge at the time of writing as the nation ponders the "is" statements relating to our relationship with the European Union.

We read many stories from either side of the debate about what "is": the costs and benefits of membership of the EU, the feelings of antipathy towards Brussels rule, the historical background to the formation of the EU, the open borders, and so on.

And we hear a lot of statements about what we "ought" to do as a result. But as I have read these statements I have pondered the disconnect Hume identified. Does this action follow? Is what I am being asked to do really follow from the statements made?



A guiding principle I have decided to deploy to at least make me feel I am doing it right is the love/harm principle that Saint Paul describes in Romans (13:10) when trying to clarify the purpose of the law: "Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law."

Brexit or Remain? The choice is ours to make.

Ferryhill Kirk will be acting as a polling station for the referendum on 23 June.

A Community of Belonging

If you feel comfortable living in Ferryhill and you feel you belong in the area then what difference does it make whether you connect with the kirk at the top of the hill or not?

The only way to really know the answer to this question is to get involved and to find out for yourself.

In a world where everything is constantly changing, do we take it for granted that the church will always be there when we need it?

The Ferryhill church family endeavour to ensure the church will indeed

always be there. We are made up of a mix of people, some who have attended church for years, others for only a few months, some who just come along once a month and some who used to come along as a child and have started coming back. We know that the first step to joining a community can often be the hardest, in fact many folk put it off feeling it might be just too difficult. We strive to be a church with an environment where you will find open-mindedness and respect for all.

We value people because we know God values each and every one of us, offering each other support as we muddle through the complex challenges of living in this ever-changing world.

It is our belief that we all need some experience of such a community of belonging: we are fully ourselves when we are in community with others. The church has and will always strive to provide that kind of community. You will be very welcome to become a part of this community of belonging.

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Table Sale

The Fundraising Team are organising another Table Sale or 'Indoor Car Boot Sale' on Saturday 25 June 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Large Hall. This is an ideal opportunity to clear out cupboards and boxes, and then turn your unwanted items into cash. Tables must be booked in advance, by phoning Fiona on 01224 590806, and cost £10. All the money you make at the sale is yours to take home.

If you wish to support the fundraiser but do not want a table, then please donate home baking, plants or raffle prizes on the morning or just come along to enjoy a coffee and browse the stalls.

Resources Library

The Discipleship Team are setting up a library of resource books for use by members of the congregation. This includes books which may help us on our faith journey, books of prayers, and we hope to have resources for child, youth and adult work within the congregation and parish. The library can be found in the bookcase in the West Transept of the church so feel free to have a browse and use any book you wish, returning them once you are done for others to use.

Malawi Bikeathon

An update on the presbytery Aberdeen Malawi Bikeathon fundraiser as of the end of April: with most money having been received from the participating congregations, £16,212 has thus far been raised (though this will go up with Gift Aid contributions). This is a tremendous gift for us to be able to contribute to the poorest rural churches and communities around Blantyre City in Malawi.



UbaLe Film Premiere

This summer you are invited to attend the first showing of UBALE a new film telling the story of the partnership between Aberdeen Presbytery in Scotland and Blantyre City Presbytery in Malawi. This will take place in Rubislaw Church Centre on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The film includes images from recent trips to Malawi, interviews from those who have been involved in setting up and running the partnership, and stories from congregations that are involved in twinning agreements with congregations in Malawi.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Coffee Shop

Please remember that the Ferryhill Kirk Coffee Shop is open every morning (Mon-Sat) and is a perfect place to relax over a cuppa, meet up with friends, and enjoy some freshly made food. The Coffee Shop will be open throughout the summer holiday period.

Zefi's Zoo Summer Club

The Summer is coming... and with it the Summer Club team are busy planning for another fun packed Summer Club week for primary school children that will be running from Monday 1 to Sunday 7 August, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please see the back page of this issue for further details.

For leaders and volunteers, preparation meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room on:

- Monday 13 June 2016
- Monday 27 June 2016
- Monday 18 July 2016
- Thursday 28 July 2016



Experienced With Insurance Or IT?

The Stewardship Team is looking for additional help in two areas. We need someone to advise on insurance issues relating to the church and its buildings and we also need someone to advise on Information Technology matters.

If anyone has experience and knowledge in either of these areas and is willing to volunteer their help, please contact the church office on 01224 213093 or at office@ferryhillparishchurch.org.

Urgent Instant Neighbour Appeal

It is a sad fact that many people in the UK find themselves relying on food banks. Aberdeen is no exception. Instant Neighbour provide emergency food parcels to individuals in desperate need of assistance.

They rely on donations of food to allow them to continue to provide this vital service and are incredibly grateful for all donations of non-perishable food items. In 2015 they provided 3,877 parcels to 1,237 different clients. Recently they have only been able to give those seeking help a very small amount of supplies such as soup or cereal due to a desperate shortage.

The shelves at Instant Neighbour are in need of constant replenishment and often the workers are unable to provide the assistance they would wish for those in need.

At Ferryhill Church we have a shopping trolley into which people can place their donations when they come to a Sunday service or when visiting the Coffee Shop any morning.

LCR Is Go

As mentioned in the Spring issue of Parish News, our church will be involved in the process of Local Church Review (LCR) by Aberdeen Presbytery, something that every church experiences every five years. The purpose of review is for presbytery to encourage our mission in this parish, to help us set priorities and plans for the next five years.

This process is now underway, with two meetings already having taken place with the minister and some office bearers. A congregational meeting will be planned for early September so please watch out for this and have your input in the process.



Instant Neighbour come to collect the donations every week, so there is a constant need for new donations of tinned food, dried food like rice and pasta, cereals, tea and coffee, jars of sauce, biscuits, sugar, powdered milk, soap, toothbrushes and so on. Next time you do your supermarket shop, please consider adding a few extra items to your trolley to donate to Instant Neighbour.

You can also contact the service directly on 01224 489955 or email reception@instantneighbour.co.uk or find out more from their Facebook page.

AV Project

At the time of writing we are halfway through the installation of a new audiovisual system within the church sanctuary. This will include a much more powerful projector than the one currently in use, a fixed intelligent glass screen, more flexible points for 'repeater' screens, cameras to record and computer systems to allow simulcast streaming of church services or events online—a boon for those unable to come to church regularly.

This project has been funded by generous legacies from Jess & Jimmy Shearer, Alice Miller and Anne Gordon along with many other donations made to the Sanctuary and Music Fund.

Diary

June Services

Sunday 5 June 2016

- 11:00 Worship for all ages
"Hope" including Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday Club and Crèche
- 19:00 Café Connect in the Foyer

Sunday 12 June

- 11:00 Worship for all ages
"Faith"
Sunday Club & Crèche
- 18:30 The Cosy House Youth Group

Sunday 19 June

- 11:00 Worship for all ages
"Reconciliation"
Sunday Club & Crèche
- 18:00 Evening Service in the Memorial Chapel with Holy Communion

Sunday 26 June

- 11:00 Worship for all ages
"Generosity"
Sunday Club & Crèche
- 18:30 The Cosy House Youth Group Summer Party

Care Home Services

Wednesday 1 June

- 11:00 Cowdray Club

Sunday 5 June

- 14:00 Broomhill Park
(Holy Communion)

Sunday Club Planning

Monday 13 & 27 June

- 19:30 Upper Room (Church)

Hall Lets

Ferryhill Parish Church has an extensive suite of rooms and halls available for let. If you would like to enquire about a hall let please contact the office or email bookings@ferryhillparishchurch.org.

Fairtrade In The Garden



Now that summer is (hopefully) here, many of you will be out in your gardens planting flowers, cutting grass, feeding birds and generally enjoying your lovely bit of creation. Traidcraft has many products to help make your garden even more beautiful.

For those with small gardens, planters are ideal as they don't take up too much space, are easily planted with summer bedding plants and provide colour all summer. Traidcraft sells a unique and beautiful range of planters made from recycled rubber tyres—yes, tyres!

Every year, hundreds of millions of tyres are discarded around the world. Most of them are burned as fuel, which

is very damaging for the environment. But the lucky ones are transformed into beautiful, hand painted planters by artisans working for Noah's Ark in Moradabad in Northern India.

The men who paint the planters are often from generations of painters and they see this as their traditional skill. They send money home to their families for general household needs and to send their children to school. They also receive life insurance and medical care. One of the painters, Sagar Pradan, sends this message. "We do our best to make good and beautiful products. As you buy our products, we earn a living and we can do high quality work. God bless you all and the citizens of the UK."

Noah's Ark also makes a gorgeous, decorative metal garden wall planter which will add style and colour to garden walls. Made from matt black coated iron, it comes complete with two metal plant pots for your favourite flowers.

Now you will need compost for your planters and we all know how difficult

it is to drag heavy bags of compost home from the garden centre or DIY store. Traidcraft's coir compost blocks are absolutely ingenious and a great way to add fair trade to your garden: just one of these little blocks generates nine litres of compost! Made from coconut husks, which used to be discarded, they're a fantastically eco-friendly option and are so much easier to store than traditional compost in those large sacks.

Each coir compost block sold by Traidcraft helps to generate new employment opportunities and provides additional income for

workers at Ceylon Garden Coir in Sri Lanka. Because 15% from the export price supports village development projects which provide training and work for women, local families and communities benefit too.



You can also buy latex cotton lined gardening gloves, which are ideal for general gardening tasks as well as garden twine, decorative ornaments, picnic sets, outdoor games, wind chimes and lanterns.



Pick up a copy of the Traidcraft catalogue at the stall on Sunday mornings or from the coffee shop during the week or go online and see the full range of products available at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

You can order directly from Traidcraft, but if you order via the Traidcraft stall or through the Traidcraft co-ordinator, Shelagh Bain (shebain@hotmail.co.uk or 01224 588744) you won't have to pay any postage.



ATTRACTING WILDLIFE INTO YOUR GARDEN



Bird Feeders

A great way of attracting birds to your garden is by putting in a feeder. Put out a combination of nuts, seeds, and fat-balls using different types of feeders to draw in variety. Different species have their favourites, so include a range that means lots of birds can feed at once. Wood pigeons, for example, will feed off seeds on the ground which means the sparrows can have the hanging feeders to themselves.

Be strategic on where you put your feeder to keep the birds safe. Put them in the open so the birds can keep watch for predators, but also near trees or bushes to provide refuge. Don't forget to keep the food fresh and topped up and be patient.

Birds won't always notice food for several weeks but once they do and find it a consistently safe place to feed, they'll keep coming back! You can read tips on feeding British birds at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/makeahomeforwildlife/advice/helpingbirds/feeding/>.

A Wild Patch

Is nature always messing up your garden? That's because it simply doesn't do tidy! From weeds in the flower beds to lichens on a tombstone, nature is always looking for a way to re-wild our work. One of the simplest ways of caring for creation is to let it do the work for you. This doesn't mean doing nothing but it might mean leaving that pile of rocks or letting the ivy grow by selectively letting a patch go wild.

This can be as simple as leaving a pile of logs or leaves in an unruly corner or letting the grass grow by experimenting with an out-of-sight location. RSPB Scotland advocate giving the mower a rest and letting insects and birds roam the grass!

You could even throw some wildflower seed down to grow attractive flowers in the patch you want to let slide.

Compost!

Compost is great because it provides food for some creatures, habitat for others and eventually, rich soil from which more life can grow. It might not be as exciting as birds and bats, but good soil is habitat to many little creatures!

Don't be afraid to throw your kitchen compostables into a compost bin and get your hands stirring it around. This is not only a sustainable, peat-free way of growing fruits and vegetables, but also a superb way to enrich poor soil by inviting worms and other wrigglers to work the soil for you. It also comes without packaging or air-miles!

Diary

July Services

Friday 1 July 2016

10:00 Ferryhill Primary School
End of Year Service

Sunday 3 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Curse?"

Sunday 10 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Lament"

Sunday 17 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Despair" including
Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday 24 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Demand"

Sunday 31 July

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Response"

Sunday Club Planning

Monday 18 July

19:30 Upper Room (Church)

Thursday 28 July

19:30 Upper Room (Church)

School Holidays

Friday 1 July

Term ends for summer holiday

Tuesday 16 August

Schools return

Prayer

Loving God, there was night
and your answer was day.
There was the moon
and your answer was the sun.
There was winter
and your answer was spring.

Thank you, Lord, for knowing what
to do when we don't.
Most of all, thank you for Jesus,
your one word answer, who saw
hatred and gave love. Amen.

COMMUNITY NEWS



National Volunteers Week celebrates the millions of volunteers throughout the country who do so much good for our communities. This year the week is to be extended to twelve days to also coincide with the celebration of the Queen's birthday and Her Majesty's patronage of more than 600 charities.

There will be a range of events held in Aberdeen during this period to recognise, celebrate and thank volunteers for the tremendous contribution people make volunteering. Of particular interest to the community in Ferryhill is the Marquee to be set up in Duthie Park 7-9 June where there will be an opportunity to consider different ways to get involved in volunteering.

Ferryhill Parish Church's Friendship Team will be involved in this event. For more details about volunteering at Ferryhill Parish Church please contact Rita King at ritaking39@gmail.com or 01224 572391, or Ferryhill Parish Church Office on 01224 213093.

Garden Workshops

Over the Summer in Duthie Park there will be three opportunities for gardening workshops organised in partnership with Royal Horticulture Society of Aberdeen City Council.

- 19 June Herbs for your garden
- 17 June Fruit Trees & Pruning
- 14 Aug Tips on how to showcase your plants



Aberdeen Kilt Walk 5 June 2016

The Friends of Duthie Park is registered as one of the charities of the Kilt Walk and they would be grateful if anyone taking part in the event could register the Friends as their chosen charity and help to raise fund for the Duthie Park Ranger Service Education Programme.

The Kilt Walk starts off at Duthie Park and heads down the old railway line.

For more information on the Kilt Walk please go to www.thekiltwalk.co.uk.



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Duthie Park

Environment Day

Will take place on Sunday 17 July from 12 noon–4 p.m. held on the old bowling green where a variety of environment agencies will provide an opportunity to learn more about their organisation and some fun family activities. The event will also be attended by Owl & the Pussycat, who will have on display a selection of owls and native birds of prey, as well as Animates, who are bringing live exotic animals.

To book please contact Arthur Gill ArGill@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Friends of Duthie Park Open Day

This year's Friends of Duthie Park Open Day will be held on Sunday 21st August: a fun filled afternoon with something for the whole family including music, children's rides and a variety of stalls. More details to be announced on the Friends' website www.friendsofduthiepark.co.uk.

Golden Games 2016

Aberdeen's FREE Sports & Activities Festival for over 65s.

Albury Outdoor Sports Centre is playing host to a number of events during this popular festival which runs from 9-17 June. Pop into the Centre to pick up a free guide and booking form to all the events or call 01224 522270 for further information.

No experience required as tuition is provided.

Friday 10 June, 1-4 p.m. Multi Activity (Putting & Bowling)

Tuesday 14 June, 2-4 p.m. Croquet

Friday 17 June, 1-4 p.m. Multi Activity (Putting & Bowling)



Concordia String Orchestra

The Concordia String Orchestra is a group of 25-30 musicians who are passionate about getting together on Tuesday nights to explore the varied repertoire for string orchestras. Over the last few years we have tackled a wide variety of music from early baroque extravaganzas—Heinrich Biber's *Battalia a 10* was particularly memorable—to 20th century masterpieces by giants such as Shostakovich and Britten and contemporary music, including some excellent pieces by our conductor Tim Ticker.

We typically perform five concerts a year. Our main concerts are usually in November and March in Ferryhill Parish Church, with a lighter summer concert in June. In the last couple of years our June date has been at the Pitmedden Music Festival, a delightful family day out where we have a spot

on Saturday 4 June. We also take part in the CLI C Sargent Christmas Carol concerts in the Aberdeen Music Hall with a repeat performance in Elgin Town Hall.

Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday nights in Ferryhill Parish Church. If you are interested in joining us for a thoroughly enjoyable musical experience we are always interested in new recruits. We expect players to be competent sight readers and to have achieved a good technical standard in their playing but the key ingredient is enthusiasm and pleasure from making music. If you are interested in joining us please contact Phil Rose, email p.rose007@btinternet.com or phone 01569 762206. You can find out more about our orchestra at www.concordiastringorchestra.org.uk or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ConcordiaStringOrchestra.



Zumba @ Ferryhill

Friday Morning 10:00 am
Ferryhill Community Centre

Why not try something different to get fit! Dance and have fun at the same time.
All welcome - No experience required. Come along & Spread the word!

Class is due to start on 27th of May
For information contact FCC

Location: Ferryhill Community Centre FCC
Albury Road, Aberdeen, AB11 6TN
Tel. 01224 584118

Instructor: Patricia Rodrigues
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Website: <http://patricia08.zumba.com>

Diary

August Services

Sunday 7 August 2016

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Zefi's Zoo"
with the Summer Club

Sunday 14 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Job's Restoration"

Sunday 21 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Our Father in heaven"
Sunday Club and Crèche
(Retiring Offering for World
Mission Council)

Sunday 28 August

11:00 Worship for all ages
"Forgive our Sins" including
the Sacrament of
Holy Communion
Sunday Club and Crèche
18:30 The Cosy House Youth Group

Prayer for Daily Bread

Food for the soul;
nourishment for the body;
sustenance for the spirit—
daily renewed, daily fed.

Bread—the stuff of wheat and earth.
Bread—basic, simple fare—
food for the commoner.
Remind us, again and again,
we simply need enough.
We simply need our daily bread.

Enough and enough only.
This day.
This bread.

Enough.
So be it.





Z E F I 'S



Our annual Summer Club for primary school children is back with a wild and wonderful animal theme this year.

Monday 1 August to
Sunday 7 August 2016
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost: £1 per day



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Flyers and registration forms for Zefi's Zoo Summer Club will be available shortly at Ferryhill Parish Church or register your children online at www.ferryhillparishchurch.org

More information from
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A Kirk for All
at Ferryhill