

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 11th February 2018



Opening Voluntaries:

Voluntary in G – Henry Heron

Voluntary in D – Henry Coleman

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 161: O God, our help in ages past

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Reflection – Year of the Young Person

Hymn 189: Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Reading: John 9: 1-41 (page 129)

Hymn 356: Meekness and Majesty

Sermon

Hymn (Sheet): Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)

Offering

(To a Wild Rose – McDowall)

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 448: Lord, the light of your love is shining

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Doxology: Jesus, name above all names

Closing Voluntary:

Pop Goes Bach (Ski Sunday theme) – Sam Fonteyn



DOXOLOGY

*Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessèd Redeemer, living Word.*

Preacher: Rev Mandy Hickman **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reading:** Chrissie Baillie

*We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining our service this morning.
You are invited to join us for tea and coffee in the Large Hall after the service.*

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday	10am: Keep Fit Group; 7.30pm: The Guild
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics; 4pm: Craft Group
Wednesday	6.30pm: 1st Saltcoats Girl Guides
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service; Country Dancing Group 2.30pm / 7.30pm alternating weeks

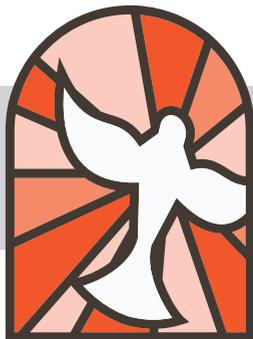
1. Due to Dorothy's continued absence, we have appointed Rev Mandy Hickman as a locum minister to assist with pastoral support and preaching. Rev James McNay is continuing as our Interim Moderator. If you require the services of a minister, please contact Mandy on 01475 675347 or email Mandy at MHickman@churchofscotland.org.uk. Please continue to remember Dorothy in your prayers and we wish her voice a speedy recovery.
2. Please keep the **Pastoral Care Team** up to date with information about people who need pastoral care or support, or visited at home or in hospital. Please don't assume that they already know – they would rather hear several times over than not at all. The main contacts for pastoral care are Miss Alison Buick (01294 464531) and Mrs Morag Forsyth (01294 463762).
3. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the congregation of Saltcoats North Parish and their minister, Rev Alex Noble.
4. The next regular meeting of the **Kirk Session** will be held on Thursday 15th February at 7.30pm.
5. The **Country Dancing** group will meet at 7.30pm this week.
6. **The Guild** meets on Monday 5th February at 7.30pm with a talk about Dwelling Places in Uganda.
7. Tickets (cost £4 inc. light supper) are now on sale for the Guild's fundraising concert by **The Rural Revellers** on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm.
8. Elizabeth Howie and Christine Ewing invite you to a **Peruvian Evening** on Friday 16th February at 7.30pm in the church hall, in aid of Equip KIDS International. They will show photos from Peru, have some Peruvian food, (NOT guinea pig!), and more. Tickets are £5 and are available from Christine and Elizabeth.

9. Anyone wishing to give donations for the **North Ayrshire Foodbank** should either leave them at a local supermarket or hand them in directly to the Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow Street, Ardrossan. Tel: 01294 601312 (Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm) for more details. Other collection points can be found at: www.northayrshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food
10. On Sunday, 18th of February, we will be celebrating **Pancake Sunday** and you are invited to bring along a family member to the church that day. It is hope that you will be able to join with us after the service for pancakes, tea & coffee and a time of fellowship.
11. Mr Ron Lavelette (Park Church) is arranging a trip to the **Passion Play in Oberammergau** in June 2020. If you are interested in going please contact Mr Lavalette direct on 01294 466849 - brochures will be available by the end of March 2018.
12. **Photo Competition:** The Climate Change Project - Church and Society Council works very closely with Eco-Congregation Scotland which, as part of the Year of Young People 2018, are running a photo competition for anyone over the age of 12.

The competition covers 10 categories from Climate Change to wildlife and a £50 gift voucher will be issued to the photographer of the best image in each category. More info at www.ecocongregationscotland.org/get-involved/competition and on the poster on noticeboard. Closing date for entries is 31st March.

1. Biodiversity (*Photos which celebrate natural plants and wildlife*)
2. Care for Creation (*photos of projects, people or activities that demonstrate Care for Creation*)
3. Climate Change (*photos that capture the imagination of changing weather patterns across the world and/or demonstrate the visible impacts of climate change*)
4. Energy (*photos that demonstrate energy production and/or consumption*)
5. Transport (*Photos that demonstrate and/or the link between the environment and transport*)
6. Waste (*photos that demonstrate or represent waste and/or it's effect on the environment, including topics such as recycling, landfill, food waste etc*)
7. Farming (*Photos that demonstrate or represent positive and negative farming, including topics such as sustainable, organic, or intensive farming methods*)
8. Urban Land Use (*photos that demonstrate or represent a relationship between nature and urban sprawl*)
9. Rural Land Use (*photos that demonstrate or represent nature in rural areas, such as wild or managed landscapes*)
10. Pollution (*photos that demonstrate or represent polluted air, land or water , including rubbish, litter and unmanaged waste*)

Prayer points and thought for the week



Please pray for:

- *Families in our congregation and community*
- *Those who have no living family members, children who are orphaned*
- *Vulnerable families and children trying to flourish in difficult circumstances*
- *The different make-up of families in society, step families, dispersed families, cultural and religious differences within families*
- *Families living amidst conflict, those displaced and those seeking refuge*

This week we think about the blind man that Jesus healed and the uproar that then followed. His family were called before the religious leaders to account for their son. Just as we have given support and advocated for family members, God reaches out and support us enabling us to do likewise. Mary brought God's son into our dark world. John came to prepare the way, a witness to the light that was Jesus. The disciples followed in faith. Let us open our hearts and receive Christ into our family, as our friend and saviour.

Anyone wishing to include a notice in the weekly intimations should give details to Stuart McMahon, stuart@md93.co.uk, Tel: 01294 603848 **no later than a Wednesday evening.**

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