

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 25th February 2018



Opening Voluntaries:

Song of Peace – Paul Bryan

A Peaceful Charm – Alan Ridout

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 63: All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Reflection – Lent 2

Hymn (sheet & video): Jesus shall reign (Global Hymn Sing)

Readings: James 2: 1-13 (page 290)

Hymn 550: As the deer pants for the water

Sermon

Hymn 532: Lord, you have come to the seashore

Offering

(For God so loved the world – John Stainer)

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 512: To God be the glory

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Doxology: Praise God

Closing Voluntary:

Trumpet Voluntary – John Stanley



LENT

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Preacher: Rev Mandy Hickman **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reading:** Solveig McCulloch

*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 congregations of Stevenston Ardeer linked with Livingstone, and their minister Rev Dave Sutherland.
4. Next Sunday, 4th March, we are going to introduce a short **Time of Prayer** after the morning service at 12 noon in the church. This will be held on the 1st Sunday of every month. Prayer slips will be handed out to everyone next week, and if you wish anything to prayed for, they can be left in a Prayer Box at the end of the service.
5. The **Country Dancing** group will meet at 7.30pm this week.
6. **The Guild** meets on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm and will have a fundraising concert by **The Rural Revellers** on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm. Tickets £4.

The balance of payment for the **theatre outing** to Largs on 29 March is now due (£18) and should be paid to Alison Buick as soon as possible please.

There will be a **Beetle Drive** on Monday 5th March at 7.30pm in the church hall. Tickets £2.

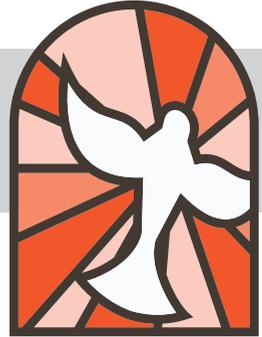
7. Mr Ron Lavelette (Park Church) is arranging a trip to the **Passion Play in Oberammergau** in June 2020. If you are interested in going please contact Mr Lavalette direct on 01294 466849 - brochures will be available by the end of March 2018.
8. Items for the March edition of the **Kirkgate Messenger** should be given to the editor Elizabeth McMahon by today.
9. The Craft Team will be holding **Coffee and Cards** on Saturday 3rd March in the church hall from 10am 12noon. A selection of Easter greetings cards and other hand made cards will be available.
10. The **World Day of Prayer** will take place in St Mary's Church, Saltcoats on Friday 2nd March at 2pm.
11. November 2018 will mark the end of the centenary of the first world war. It is proposed that we have a wall of **knitted poppies** to mark the occasion. If you are able to assist in the knitting of the poppies then patterns are available on the hall vestibule table. See Fiona Liddell for more information.
12. 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

Follow the daily messages and challenges from 40acts throughout Lent on our Facebook page:

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Prayer points and thought for the week



Please pray for:

- *Children, young people and families in our congregation and community*
- *Those who are struggling at this time and are weary*
- *Opportunities to put our faith into action*
- *Hearts and minds that are full of welcome, love, acceptance and generosity*
- *Those who are persecuted for their faith,*
- *Those who have no access to God's Word and the Gospel message*

40acts is a great time to take a step of faith. Maybe God has been challenging you to do something. Maybe a simple act or maybe a big act. You may be hesitating, but it may be that what you have to do is 'Just do it'. Just take a step of faith, to love the poor, care for the broken, and show compassion to the downhearted and lonely

James reminds us that we should show mercy to others just as we have been shown incredible mercy and grace by God. Let us not be tempted to judge by appearance, status, skills and wealth and begin seeing the heart and showing mercy to one another.

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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- Remain calm and leave the building by the nearest exit.
- Do not wait to uplift belongings.
- Do not attempt to go back into the building until instructed it is safe to do so.
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