

INTIMATIONS

WELCOME to our Worship today. If you are visiting we hope you enjoy being with us, and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning service. The Church and hall have loop systems and those with hearing aids should switch to position 'T'.

SUNDAY CLUB AND FYF Sunday Club and FYF will return next Sunday 11th January. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet again on Wednesday 7th January at 10am in the small hall.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Don't hesitate to make contact if you need some help. You can contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and we will do our best to assist. Please remember to give as much notice as you can to allow arrangements to be made.

GUILD The first meeting of 2015 will take place in the Church Hall tomorrow Monday 5th January at 2pm. We will look at this year's Discussion Topic "Let's Talk About.... how to share". This is usually a very interesting meeting and the Guild Team extends a very warm welcome to anyone who'd care to come along. As has been said before, the Guild is for all – young, old; male, female. You'd be made most welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group resumes on Wednesday 7th January. It meets in the Church Hall at 1.30pm for approximately an hour. This session we hope to study using "LifeBuilder Bible Study" on the topic of "Evangelisim - A Way of Life". At the first meeting we will ask ourselves, "Why spread the Good News?" having read Luke 15: 1-2, 11- 32. This group is friendly, non- threatening where each person's opinion and view is taken into account. We discuss freely but if you'd rather just listen, that's OK too. Please prayerfully consider coming along to give it a try, as they say.

COMMUNITY CHOIR Unfortunately we are unable to restart the Community Choir this term. Thank you to all who have supported it over the last 18 months.

PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Graham can be contacted on 861275 if required for any Pastoral duties.

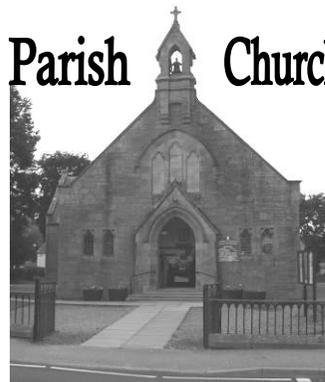
Services next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00 am with Mrs Heidi Hercus

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



(If you are able, please stand as the Bible is brought in)

Order of Service

for

Sunday 4th January 2015

11.00 am
Morning Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 325 'Bethlehem, a noble city'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 326 'As with gladness men of old'

Readings
Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 (*page 746 in Bible*)
Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (*page 966 in Bible*)

Hymn: 645 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord'

Sermon

Hymn: 655 'For your generous providing'

Celebration of Communion

Hymn: 512 'To God be the glory'

Benediction

No Evening Service tonight

**Please take this home with you to
help you with your prayers this week.**

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD A reminder for all Congregational Board members that there will be a meeting with Fiona Penny from the National Stewardship Team on **Thursday 15th January (not 25th as previously intimated)** at 7.00pm in the Church hall. Please can we have as high a turnout as possible at this meeting as Fiona will be travelling some distance to get here. The Board and Session will meet for a short while after Fiona has finished to discuss our initial thoughts on what she has said – while it is still fresh in our minds.

***What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God - through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7: 24-25***

- † Give thanks for another New Year and pray that God will be with us, guiding us through whatever it brings. Remember that God is always with us and that we can achieve much more through his strength. (CrossReach Prayer Diary)

- † Remember people who have overcome a harmful habit or been set free from the power of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual activities or gambling. Pray that they will sustain their resolve and find the ongoing support they need.

- † Pray for all who have suffered in the many disasters we read about or hear about on TV. Pray for the families who had loved ones on the lost plane; pray for the families and survivors of the ferry fire; pray for the ebola sufferers and their families and carers; pray for the families of those shot deliberately or accidentally in Canada and the USA. Pray that God will be near to all and will sustain them in their hours of need.

- † On the threshold of a New Year, let's renew our commitment to stand with persecuted Christians in prayer. Let's pray that the New Year will see many prisoners of faith released from jail and restored to their families.

Lord Jesus, I thank you that you hear my prayers. I praise you because you stand at God's right hand and you intercede for me and my persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. (Romans 8: 34) I praise you, Jesus, because nothing can separate us from your love and that we are "more than conquerors" through you. I pray that persecuted believers will know this, today and always. Help me and them to walk more closely with you, our Lord and Shepherd. (Release Issue 82)