

Auchterarder Parish Church

15th March 2020: Service led by **Rev Iain Paton**

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10.30am

We seek God's presence

Welcome

Intimations

Introit: Lead me, Lord

Call to worship

We worship as a family

Praise: CH4 448 Lord, the light of your love is shining

PRAYER and Lord's Prayer (*words on screen*)

Talk time

Praise: If you're black (*words over page*)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

(Groups leave for Centre)

Scripture: Mark 7: 24-37 page 843

Praise: CH4 509 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

Sermon "An Itinerant Saviour"

(Text: Mark 7: 31)

Praise: CH4 562 Through the love of God our Saviour

We remember the needs of others

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession

Praise: CH4 153 Great is thy faithfulness

BENEDICTION

(Sung Amen)

Scripture read by Marjorie Paton

Beadle - Ian Mitchell

Members and friends of Auchterarder Parish

Church welcome you to worship today.

Members of the congregation are at the door to welcome you and to assist you with any enquiries. We have a loop system in operation which can be tuned in to by setting your hearing aid to the loop position. Our Minister Rev Dr Lynn McChlery and our Assistant Minister Rev Iain Paton will be happy to visit any new to our congregation, or to help with any pastoral needs, baptisms or weddings etc. Please don't hesitate to chat to them.

If you have any information to pass on to the minister, please fill out one of the cards on the back of the seat in front of you and hand it to the minister or an elder on your way out. Thank you

Intimations

1. There is a coffee hour through in the Church Centre after this service. Please come through for a short time, if you can, and share your conversation.

2. Next Sunday 22nd March:

9.30 am Breakfast

9.45 am Prayer Group in Board Room

10.10 am Breakfast Plus

10.30 am Morning Service

Breakfast Plus – Mark's Gospel

Breakfast continues to be served every Sunday in the Centre from 9.30am. Breakfast Plus continues every fortnight in the Community Church Centre from 10.10am – 10.20am. Next up, for its two remaining slots in Lent, Breakfast Plus joins our congregational journey through Mark's Gospel, led on 22 March by Bryn Rees then on Palm Sunday, 5 April, by Ian Gourlay.

If you're missing some of the sermons you can catch up! All sermons are now recorded and can be found on the church website.

www.auchterarderparish.org

Hygiene & Coronavirus

For peace of mind and reduced risk of infection, we will be following the latest guidelines from the Church and the Government.

* Food should not be left open for communal sharing. For example, at coffee time there will be no open plates of cakes or biscuits but only items that are individually wrapped.

* The offering will not be taken using the communal bags but will instead be placed in the plates before and after the service.

* Those who count the offering should follow good practice of washing their hands before and after.

* The ministers and those on door duty will be delighted to greet you, but there will be no handshakes.

* Communion will continue to be served as usual but the common cup will not be used for the elders. The bread will be prepared by one person, who will observe scrupulous hand hygiene.

* At present there are no restrictions on meetings or on serving food, but that will be kept under review.

There is no reason to be fearful, but we should observe best hygiene practices. Unless you are unwell you need not stop coming to Church, but if you choose to stay at home the sermons will still be available on the website.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please contact Lynn or Iain.

If you're black or if you're white
or if you're in between, God loves you
If you're tall or if you're small
or if you're fat or thin, God loves you.

He loves you when you're happy
He loves you when you're sad
He loves you when you're feeling good
He loves you when you're bad.

No matter what you look like
no matter what you do, God loves you
He really loves you
God loves you, (He loves me too)

EASTER CODE is an interactive educational programme devised by Scripture Union for pupils in P7, to teach the Easter story in a fun way! On **Tuesday 24th March**, 75 pupils will come to our church to do this very popular programme. An SU team from Glasgow is coming to lead us and the Guild will serve the children Easter snacks.

We need

* about 10 volunteers to work with the children on the day. No experience or preparation is needed but we must arrive by 12 noon for set-up and briefing.

* volunteers from 11.00am to move the chairs in the sanctuary and from 3.15pm to replace them.

Please enthusiastically support this event, by helping if you can (please contact the minister) and by praying!! Thank you.

LENT, MARK'S GOSPEL, AND FOOD!

During Lent we take up the challenge of reading Mark's Gospel together as a congregation. To help us, we can meet to share our thoughts and questions over food. Please feel free to attend either group - you will be most welcome!



SOUP LUNCHES - Thursdays from 5th March, 12.30-1.30 in the Church Centre.

BREAKFASTS - Saturdays from 7th March at 9am in Delivinos, beside the church.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB - SAVE THE DATE!

Auchterarder's new summer holiday club for children will take place on 10-14th August, 10am-12.30. Helpers are required for various jobs (music, food, registration etc) as well as looking after children!

For more information, we will have an initial short meeting after church on **Sunday 22nd March** finishing by 12.30pm (yes, I know it's Mothers Day!) Please come and find out more!

Auchterarder Parish Church Guild

Companions on the Road

Guild News



Thursday 19th March 7:30pm is the Guild AGM. This will be held in the church as the Blood Transfusion Service will be in the Centre. Rev. Iain Paton will be our speaker.

The Annual Spring Tea will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 7:30pm. The Entertainers are a group called Second Row who are coming from Edinburgh. This should be an enjoyable evening of popular music and of course the usual good tea. Tickets will hopefully be available next Sunday and are priced at £10.

Whose we are and whom we serve.

Church Magazine

I am hoping to produce the next edition of the church magazine in time for Easter (aiming to be ready for distribution on Sunday 5th April). Please remember it is Your Magazine which hopefully everyone enjoys reading.

I am looking for your contributions for the magazine by next Sunday 22nd March at the very latest.

All contributions including notices, photos, poems and prayers are welcome. Material can be e-mailed to Sylvia Elsmere at sylvia.elsmere@hotmail.co.uk ☎ 01764 660146 or handed into the church office.

Remember I need your articles, as without them I can not produce a magazine.



Weekly Intimations - please let Sylvia Elsmere know by **Thursday evening**. Intimations can be posted or handed into the church office, or email sylvia.elsmere@hotmail.co.uk (01764 660146)

Thought for the Week



1 Peter 1:8

Though you do not see him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

God of all hope, fill us with Your joy and peace as we trust in You despite our circumstances. We love You!

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