

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



David spies Bathsheba

Order of Service
28th of July 2024
10.30am

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to **'Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.'** If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it. After the service we have **fellowship** in the Burns Hall, please join us.

For **young people**, there are activities in the hall. Please leave after the second hymn. The reader this morning is **Margo Dunn**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. Leading worship is **Dr Andrew Carter**, a ministry student attached to St. Ninian's. Following worship there is fellowship, friendship, and refreshments in the Burns Hall. Please join us.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2024 we are in Year B and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Mark**. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (Philippians 4: 13), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

INTROIT

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE
We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.

APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we come to God in song and praise,

Congregation: Lord, let our hearts be turned to You

Leader: As we come to God to hear God's word,

Congregation: Lord, let our hearts be turned to You

Leader: As we come to God to pray in trust

Congregation: Lord, let our hearts be turned to You

Leader: As we come to God to present our lives

Congregation: Lord, let our hearts be turned to You

HYMN 559

There is a Redeemer

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God, his creation, and his people.

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 11:1-15, 27b

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 361 Forgiveness is your gift

Children leave for activities in the hall. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 14

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HYMN 548 Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 553 Just as I am, without one plea

OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God. We remain seated to sing our dedication (**CH4 204**) -*

**I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves. During the prayers this response is used periodically:

Leader: Lord, hear us,

Congregation: Lord, graciously hear us.

SENDING OUT

HYMN 396

And can it be, that I should gain

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Intimations:

St. Ninian's Friendly Corner is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Beith Hall (access from St. John's Road and through the church). There is tea and coffee, biscuits, friendship, and a warm welcome for everyone. Drop in anytime.

The **minister will be on holiday** from Monday 22nd July - Tuesday 6th August. Pastoral cover will be provided by **Rev Jamie Griggs** on 0131 316 4740.

There is **no Sunday School or creche** this Sunday, but there are **Summer Sunday** supervised activities in the hall for any children who come to the service but would rather not be in the church beyond the children's address.

Church Coffee will be held in the **Burns Hall** after this morning's service.

Life and Work is now available on the tables at the West Door.

Over the summer our ministry student Andrew Carter is running a **Sunday morning Prayer Group** before the service, 10:00am - 10:15am in Room 6. All welcome.

Andrew is also running a Study Group on **The Kirk in Crisis? Five Crises over Five Centuries of the Church of Scotland**. The remaining sessions will be held in the church on Monday 29th July, Tuesday 6th August and Monday 12th August at 7:30pm.

This year's **Congregational Lunch** will be held in the Burns Hall on Sunday 18th August following morning worship. **Tickets will be on sale after this morning's service**, with all donations going towards Church funds.

Rock Trust: Between April and June 2024, **335** items of food and toiletries were delivered to the **Rock Trust**. Many thanks for your continuing generosity which is greatly appreciated. All types of tinned and packet foods are welcome but no fresh food, please.

The **Corstorphine Art Group Annual Exhibition** is running again this year until Friday 2nd August 10:30am-4:30pm daily, and Saturday 3rd August 10:30am-3:30pm. The exhibition will be open to church members to view following this morning's service. Please come along and enjoy the wide selection of original works by local artists.