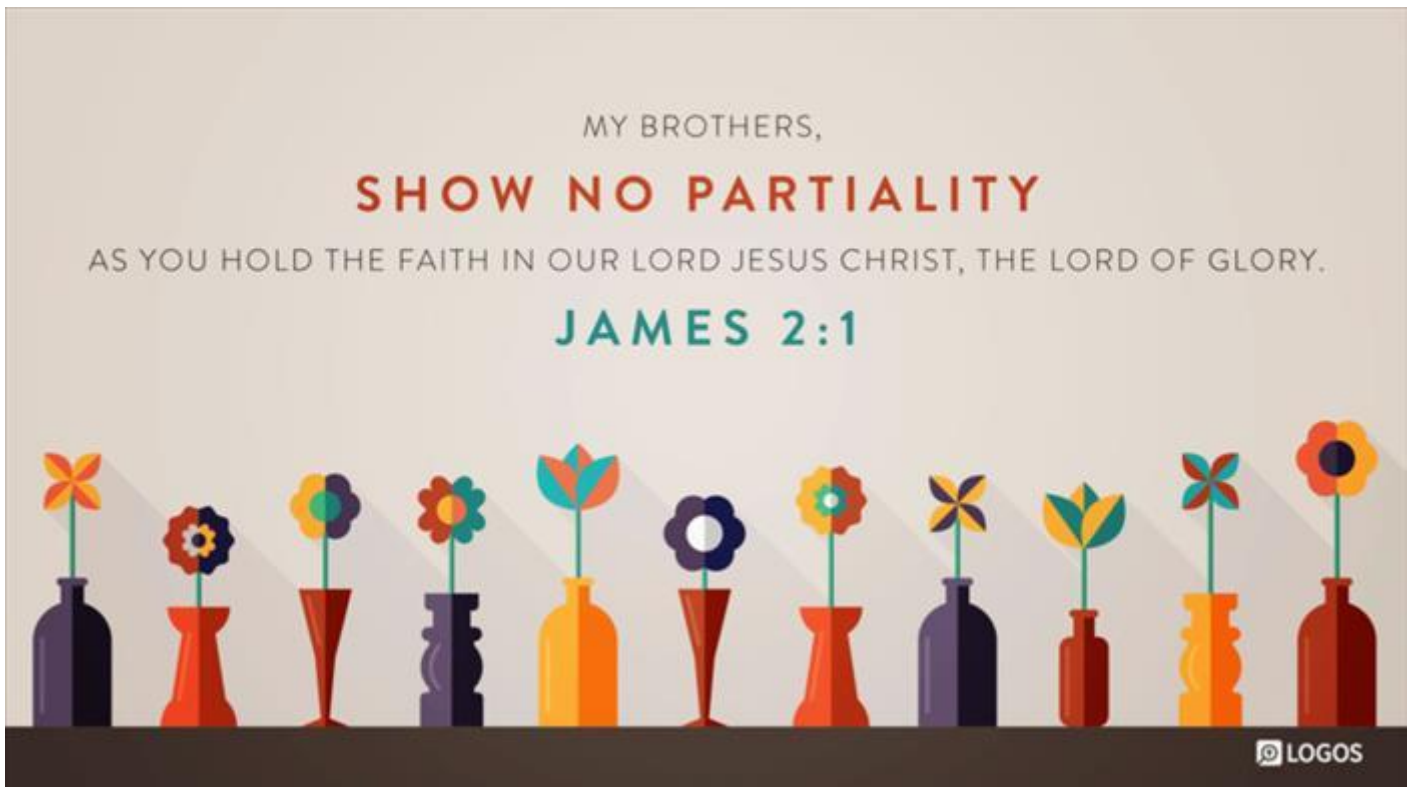


ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Order of Service
8th of September 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.

Before the service there is weekly a **Prayer Group** that meets in Room 6 (the Alpha Room) from 10:00am – 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, please ask a steward for Room 6 Alpha Room.

For preschool children there is a **crèche** and for primary aged children there is a **Sunday School** this morning. *Alpha*, St. Ninian's Sunday School for children in secondary school meets on the first Sunday of the month. Children should leave for Sunday School after the second hymn.

The reader this morning is **Sarah Aitken**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

This morning we **celebrate and dedicate the members and work of St. Ninian's Guild**. Nationally the strategy for the Church of Scotland Guild, 2024 - 2026, is: *Let us Build a House*; and 2024's theme in particular is: *Sure Foundations*. St. Ninian's Guild welcomes everyone – men and women. It meets on Tuesdays at 2:15pm for friendship, fellowship, talks and tea and coffee. The first meeting of the Guild for this session is on the 1st of October.

Following worship there is fellowship, friendship, and refreshments in the Martin Shields' 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** (1 Cor 16: 13. 14), 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

Minister: God calls us to worship; we come, some with laughter and joy.

All: God calls us to worship.

Minister: We come, some with hearts heavy with sadness, worry, or anxiety

All: God calls us to worship.

Minister: We come, some with out of obligation, duty, or habit.

All: God calls us to worship.

Minister: We come, some with a spirit of hope burning inside them.

All: God calls us to worship.

Minister: We come, some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

All: God calls us to worship.

Minister: We come, some with stress, loneliness, or grief.

All: God calls us to worship,

Minister: We come together, each of us with our joy and pain, our hurt and hopes into this space of Spirit-filled peace, love and mercy, and to become one body, the body of Jesus Christ alive on earth today.

HYMN 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell

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: James 2: 1 – 10, 14 – 17

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 360 Jesus Christ is waiting

Children leave for Sunday School. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 146

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HYMN 606 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 616 There's a spirit in the air

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.

DEDICATION OF THE GUILD 2024/2025

Members of the Guild stand for the dedication the work of the Guild and its members in their service to the church.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

Inspire us, Lord

This hymn to the tune Londonderry Air was written by Dianne Cumming to celebrate the Guild's 125th anniversary in 2012.

Inspire us, Lord, give us the strength and courage
to serve with grace, unselfish and sincere.
Commit our lives, supporting one another
with hope and peace replacing hurt and fear.
Reach out and help with love and compassion
give strength and hope to those who are in need;
to work as one, to change the lives of many.
Express our faith in worship, prayer and deed.

So, Lord, awaken us to every challenge
with confidence, determined to succeed.
Let us act justly, always showing mercy;
break down the walls, transform lives indeed.
With willing hearts, we gladly serve the Lord our God
in Him we trust and in Him we believe
and reach beyond our every expectation.
Let us have faith in all that we can achieve.

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:*

Minister: Lord in your mercy,
Congregation: Hear our prayer.

SENDING OUT

HYMN 479

View the present through the promise

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.**