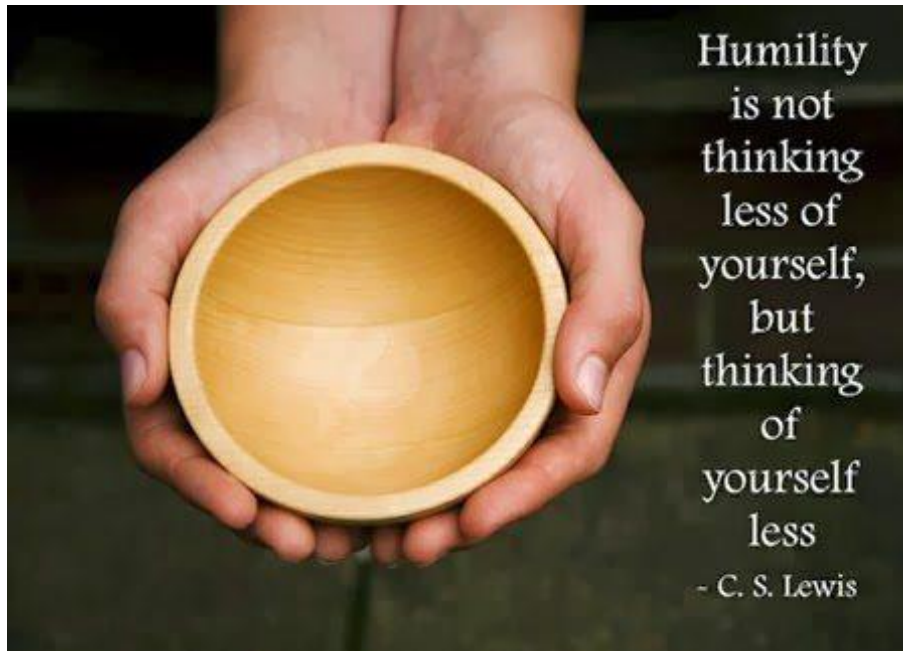


# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Jesus said, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled; and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14: 11)

**Order of Service**  
**31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025**  
**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, the Alpha Room.

There is a **crèche** and both a primary and secondary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Susanne Hope**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

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 2025 we are in Year C and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Luke**. 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 Peter 5: 6), 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 (Psalm 112: 1, 3, 8, 9)

Minister: Happy are those who fear God

**All: they are gracious, compassionate and good;**

Minister a beacon in the darkness for honest people.

**All: Happy are those who fear God,**

Minister: for their confidence is strong and they have no fear,

**All: righteousness shall be theirs for ever.**

## HYMN 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him (vv 1 – 3)

### 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: Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16

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### CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

**HYMN 142** A small thing like a hazelnut

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

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14: 1, 7 – 14

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**HYMN 694** Brother, sister, let me serve you

### SERMON

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

**HYMN 685** For everyone born a place at the table

### 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 771**) -*

**If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free,  
and set God's people free, and set God's people free,  
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.**

### 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 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky

### 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.**