

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."

(Luke 6: 32)

Order of Service
23rd of February 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.

This Sunday is the **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**. Epiphany means 'manifestation' or 'appearance', and during the season of Epiphany we learn more about the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This year Epiphany lasts from 12th of January to the 2nd of March.

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.

There is a **crèche** and a primary **Sunday School** this morning. The reader this morning is **Ian Kirkpatrick**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken** and **Emma McMillan**, our ministry student.

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** (Exodus 15: 11), 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: Trust in the Lord,

All: do good, and enjoy security

Leader: Take delight in the Lord.

All: and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord,

All: trust in him, and he will act.

HYMN 484 Great God, your love has called us here

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: Luke 6: 27 – 38

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 528 Make me a channel of your peace

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

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15

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ANTHEM 'O Praise the Lord'

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 608 Spirit of truth and grace

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:

Minister: Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

SENDING OUT

HYMN 264

Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

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.**