

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.
(Exodus 1: 6)

Order of Service
23rd August 2026
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 Martin Shields' Hall, please join us.

For young people, there is a **crèche** and a primary **Sunday School** this morning. Visiting children are welcome. Please leave after the second hymn. The reader this morning is **Margo Dunn**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The beadle is **Margaret Hunter**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

Following worship there is fellowship, friendship, and refreshments in the Martin Shields' Hall. This Sunday is **St. Ninian's annual Congregational Lunch**. Everyone is welcome to join us after the service.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2026 we are in Year A and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Matthew**. 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 John 5: 20), 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

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APPROACH TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let all the earth acclaim the Lord!

All: Let us worship the Lord in gladness.

HYMN 194 This is the day

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

We celebrate what God has given us, and confess how we have harmed God, God's creation, and each other.

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: Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10 Pg 58

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 366

Come into the streets with me

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

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12: 1 – 8 Pg 1139

HYMN 158

God moves in mysterious ways

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 160

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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.**