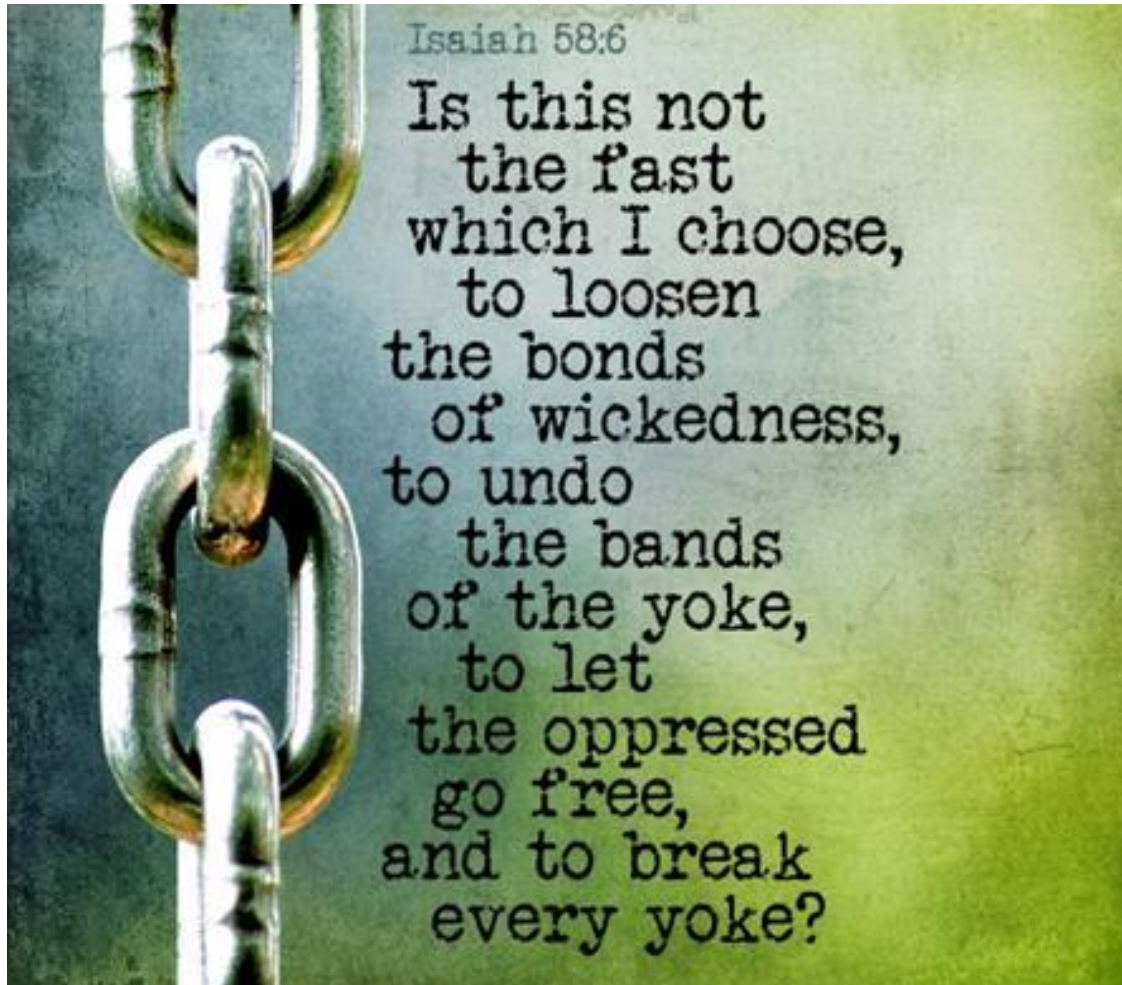


ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Order of Service
8th of February 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.

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 a primary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Donna Short**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in the **Season of Epiphany**.

Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or appearance. On the Sundays between Christmas and Lent our Gospel readings focus on the emergence of Jesus Christ in the world through his ministry, mission, teaching and healing. During this season we grow more aware of the significance of Jesus' entire life aside from his birth, passion, death and resurrection that mark the significant seasons of the Christian year.

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 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** (John 8: 12), 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: Let all the earth acclaim God.

All: Let us sing to the glory of his name.

Minister: Come and see what God has done,

All: let the sound of his praise be heard.

HYMN 160

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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: Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 523

Hands to work and feet to run

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

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 5: 13 – 20

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ANTHEM

'Be Thou My Vision'

Chilcott

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 537

We do not hope to ease our minds

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 – **HYMN 180***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks.**

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 529

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,

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.**