

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



“Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder...”

Order of Service

5th July 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 **Sunday School** this morning. The reader this morning is **Alec Millar**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. 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 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** (Galatians 5: 13), 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 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 139 Praise the Lord, you heavens, adore him

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

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 181 For the beauty of the earth

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67 Pg 25

HYMN 540 I heard the voice of Jesus say

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 192 All my hope on God is founded

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 807) -

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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 237 Look forward in faith

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.**