

# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



***TRINITY SUNDAY***

**Order of Service**

**31<sup>st</sup> of May 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 **Laura Langdon**. 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.

In the Christian calendar the Sunday following Pentecost is traditionally celebrated as **Trinity Sunday**. Although every worship service is explicitly trinitarian, Trinity Sunday is an encouragement for worshippers to think about the theological and practical meaning of God as three-in-one, Father, Son and Spirit. Whereas other liturgical services are tied to specific events (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost), this celebration is linked to a doctrine, which is summary of scriptural teaching about God's being. Following the Easter Season, the Church traditionally celebrates the Trinity on the Sunday after Pentecost.

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** (Ephesians 2: 18), 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'.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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## APPROACH TO GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come from scattered lives to this sanctuary:

**Congregation: to seek our unity in the Spirit;**

Minister: to seek the grace of Jesus Christ;

**Congregation: to seek the peace of God the Father;**

Minister: God's people have gathered:

**Congregation: let us worship him together.**

## HYMN 111

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

### 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: Matthew 28: 16 – 20

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

**HYMN 116** Loving Creator

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

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 8

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SERMON

**ANTHEM** 'God Has Chosen Me' Bernadette Farrell

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

**HYMN 132** Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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 110

Glory be to God the Father

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.**