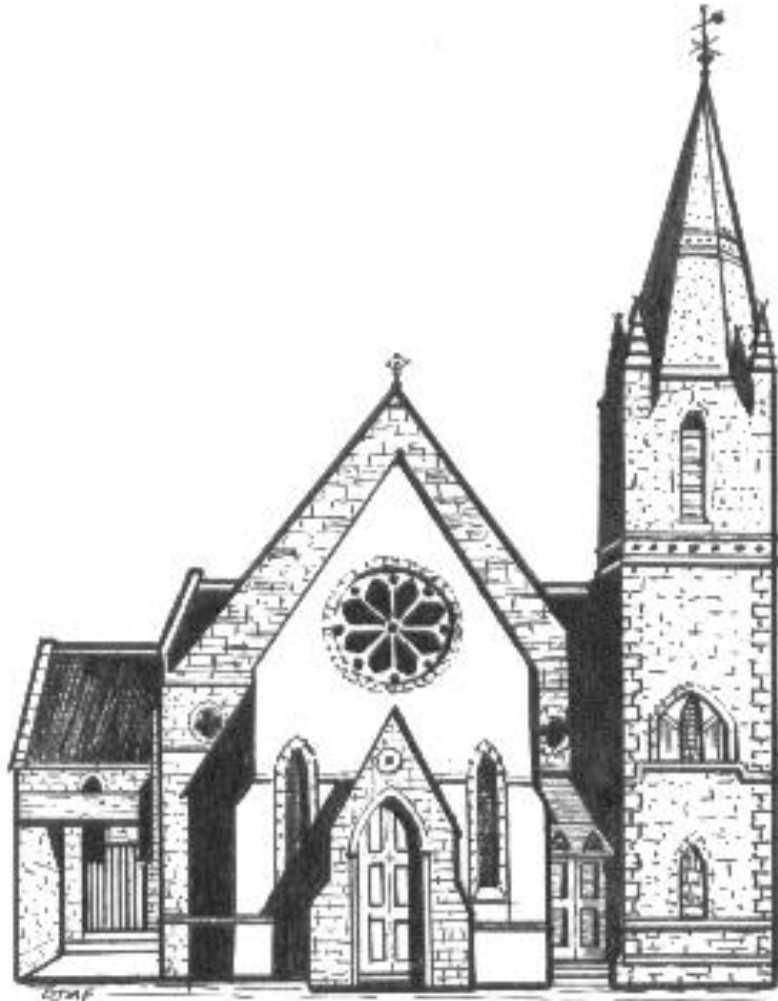


ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Order of Service
20th September 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.

For young people, there is a **crèche** and **Sunday School** this morning. The reader this morning is **Alec Millar**. The organist this morning is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The Beadle is **Donna Short**. Leading worship is **Graeme Allan**.

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** Psalm 105 2-3), 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: I will extol you my God and King

All: and bless your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Every day I will bless you

All: and praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

All: His greatness is unsearchable.

HYMN 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell

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: Jonah 3: 10-4: 11

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 351 Jesus' hands were kind hands doing
good to all

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20: 1-16

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 528 Make me a channel of your peace

SERMON

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 360 Jesus Christ is waiting

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 622

We sing a love that sets all people free

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.**