

Focus on Fetteresso

Reverend Michael Phillippo was welcomed again as the guest preacher at morning service, and led the children in a version of the “in the pond, out the pond” game, with the words changed to “into the river, on the bank”. This was to illustrate the story of Naaman and his healing.

Margaret MacDonald read the relevant chapter about the event in 2 Kings, chapter 5.

Rev Phillippo gave several illuminating insights into illness and disease, pointing out that they afflicted people of all ages and social standing. Naaman was a very senior army commander who had contracted leprosy. He tried everything possible in human terms, and took the advice of one of his servant girls to visit a prophet in Israel. He felt that a man of his importance should meet the King of Israel, and was not at all pleased to be re-directed to Elisha the prophet, who gave him the simple instruction to wash in the river Jordan seven times. To his delight and astonishment, Naaman was completely and immediately cured. In later days, Jesus healed a leper and by his touch gave him a whole new life.

As members of the church, we should not forget God’s willingness and ability to heal us. Chaplains in hospitals today are directly involved in the healing process. We should know the presence and support of God as we walk with Him through illness. His presence makes all the difference.

Mary Wood led the congregation in intercessory prayers, focusing on those who were most in need of God’s help.

Keith Stewart led the worship group at the evening service, giving a couple of readings from Psalms. Robert Bell took as his main text “Blessed are those who avoid the steps of the wicked, but who delight in the law of the Lord.” Believers are compared to a tree planted by streams of water, obtaining deep-rooted strength. God is a covenant God, who wants us to live lives worth living. The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but we must first choose to walk in the way of the Lord.

Fetteresso is hosting an evening with Paul Jones (formerly with Manfred Mann) and his wife Fiona this Saturday evening at 7.30pm, where they will sing and talk of how fame and faith have affected their lives.

Kincardine & Deeside Presbytery has fixed the date for the induction service of Rev Dr Fyfe Blair to Fetteresso for Thursday 26th February at 7pm.