Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



15th October



Sunday Morning Service at Fetteresso Church is now at 10.45am only

To contact the Church Administrator please phone Ailsa on 01569 730143 or email: office@fetteresso.org.uk

October Prayer Focus

Daniel 9:17

"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary."

This month on the 8th & 9th October, Mark our Minister will spend time at the Session Conference with the congregation and the elders looking at the way forward for us as a church. Together as God's people we are seeking God's vision for us in our community in Stonehaven.

Last month we saw that before Jesus began his work he first sought God in prayer. As we seek to discern the way forward together it is therefore vital that we too first earnestly seek God in prayer.

"Then you will come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5,6. How are our hearts doing? Are we ready to go all out for God, seek his face, trust him with all our hearts, humble ourselves before him and submit to his plans?

The last 18 months have been hard. The world is in great distress and in need of a Saviour and the Father's love. The Church of Scotland has laid before us a radical plan to revive the church. Part of that plan encourages us to 'a season of prayer and preparation.'

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. **2 Chronicles 7:14,15.**

We are also being asked to become more 'mission shaped'.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14,15

As his disciples, Jesus tells us to go and make disciples of all nations. We are to make him known wherever we are. There will be much to do but we do not do it on our own.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 Nor do we do it in our own strength. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

Together we pray.

Sovereign God hear our prayer as we cry to you

Heavenly Father forgive us when we have not followed you with all our hearts, nor done as you have asked

Jesus help us to trust in you, love as you would love, and do as you would do

Holy Spirit come fill us anew, make us a people of prayer, and set our hearts ablaze

Father God, we seek and hope in you Lord Jesus, we place our hands in yours Holy Spirit, revive and lead us in our Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him

Amen



Stonehaven Guilds

We look forward to welcoming existing and new members to our meetings this session in Fetteresso Church Hall at **2pm**.

The speakersfor October are:

26th October Kathleen Smith (Guild Projects)

Please note new start time of 2pm



Christians join in prayer in response to the Covid-19 pandemic

This Sunday (17 October), Christians across the country – and further afield – will continue to join together in prayer and reflection at 7pm in response to the pandemic.

As with previous weeks during lockdown, 15 Christian churches and organisations across the country, including the Church of Scotland, have co-signed the letter calling for prayer.

Scottish Christians have been continuing to answer the call to



pray at the same time each week, and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Lord Wallace, is taking part alongside them.

"We should always be mindful for the wisdom handed down to us from past generations; much of it learned the hard way, from mistakes made and consequences suffered," Lord Wallace said.

"So, too, we are grateful for the richness that comes to us from living alongside people of other traditions. In our day and generation we must surely allow our minds and hearts to be open so that we can risk getting to know them and learning from them.

"In this pandemic, our responsibility is to come together and offer our prayers for all the many diverse expressions of our Christian faith that enrich life, as we have done for many months now.

"Let us not forget that behind each death there will be grieving family and friends; behind each hospitalisation there will be a suffering patient, an anxious family and a caring and skilled medical team. "And behind each vaccination, let us recognise, with thanks, the skill of the scientists' research and those who make distribution and vaccination possible. Let us remember, too, those in countries who still wait anxiously for vaccines to arrive. May our leaders respond imaginatively and generously to that challenge.

"A pattern has been set for us, lived out in Jesus Christ, made possible by the Spirit. May we follow in His way, and be guided by the one over-riding rule of love in all that we say and do."

This week's letter accompanying the prayer, which is also available in Gaelic (a copy of which will be available to read here soon), states:

"The faith we share affirms that it was 'for us' that Jesus Christ 'became truly human'. So, in faith, when we turn to God and pray through Jesus Christ, we do so knowing that the One who brings us into the presence of God has shared fully in the life we live.

"The life we live today is shaped by particular circumstances that weigh upon us collectively and personally. In the midst of life, we find opportunity and challenge, and we seek to discern the hand of God throughout it all. In the midst of life, we recall that Jesus has shared in our flesh and participated in the life of the world.

"The Letter to the Hebrews records: 'In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears'. (Hebrews 5: 7) In so recording, the Letter affirms that the One who brings us into the presence of God has shared fully in the depths of human experience.

"There is no place in our experience at which God cannot meet us. As we cry out to God, the One who hears us is the One who has heard the cries of Jesus Christ."

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We pray:
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God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hear the prayer we offer In the name of the One who prays for us And who has shared in the life of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hear the prayer we offer From the depths of our experience And in the midst of the challenges of our day. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hear the prayer we offer In the name of the One who prayed to You with cries and tears And hear us when we do so also. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hear the prayer we offer As we share in the life of the world And in the depths of its suffering. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

God and Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hear the prayer we offer In the name of the One who for us and for our salvation Has become truly human and one with us. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen

Church Activities

October

15th	Friday	Under 3s	10am
16th	Saturday		
17th	Sunday	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10.45am
18th	Monday		
19th	Tuesday		
20th	Wednesday		
21th	Thursday		
22nd	Friday		
23rd	Saturday		
24th	Sunday	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10.45am
25th	Monday		
26th	Tuesday	Guild	2pm
27th	Wednesday		
28th	Thursday		
29th	Friday		
30th	Saturday		
31st	Sunday	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10.45am



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We now have a new email address for any prayer requests for the prayer chain.:

prayer@fetteresso.org.uk

As always all prayer requests will be treated confidentially.





October

- 17th Elaine Kinninmonth
- 24th Andy Lorimer
- 31st Janice Boggon

November

- 7th James Dickinson
- 14th Andrew Boggon
- 21th Elaine Kinninmonth
- 28th Andy Lorimer

Welcome Team Rota

October

- 17th Roseanne Shewan
- 24th Karen Silver
- 31st Doreen Seery

November

- 7th Lin Anderson
- 14th Joan MacDonald
- 21st Anne Adams
- 28th Jane Moody



Flower Rota

October

- 17th Tom and Ruth Wright
- 24th Thanks to Iain and Liz Gillis for the music
- 31st Christine Anderson and Avril Kerr

Reading for

Sunday 17th October

Acts 11: 19-30

_{Read by} Jean Webster