

# Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



*24th September*



Watch and pray  
so that you will not fall into temptation.  
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.  
**Matthew 26:41**

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

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# Christians encouraged to join together in prayer this Sunday

This Sunday (26th September), Christians across the country – and further afield – will join together in prayer and reflection at 7pm in response to the pandemic.

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 states:

'May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.' (Psalm 19: 14)

The Psalmist turns to God, as we ourselves do, in search of the One who will accept us as we are and who will be our strength in hard times. The times in which we live will feel to many of us like hard times. In these times, the Psalm speaks to us and for us.

We are conscious that the words we offer are but frail and we sometimes fear that they will not carry to God. Likewise, we fear that our hearts are faint. In these times, the Psalmist stands where we stand and calls upon the Lord as the One who is our rock and strength, and as the One who will bring us into the living presence of God. The words are offered from open lips and an open heart and rise into the presence of God. The words are offered trusting that they will be pleasing before God. In similar fashion, we offer our words from open lips and open hearts and we trust, that in these times, they will be heard by the One who is our Rock and Redeemer.

## *We pray:*

O Lord,  
You are our Rock and our Redeemer,  
Hear us as we call to you  
With open lips and open hearts.  
Hear us and accept us we are.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

O Lord,  
You are our Rock and our Redeemer,  
Hear us as we call to you  
In the times in which we live.  
Hear us in hard times and answer us in your time.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

O Lord,  
You are our Rock and our Redeemer,  
Hear us as we call to you  
With the words that you have given to us.  
Hear us with words hewn from the experience of life.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

O Lord,  
You are our Rock and our Redeemer,  
Hear us as we call to you  
Though our words are often frail and our hearts sometimes faint.  
Hear our words and accept the offering of our hearts.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

O Lord,  
You are our Rock and our Redeemer,  
Hear us as we call to you  
And may the words we offer and the meditation of our hearts  
Be acceptable in your sight.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

**Amen**

# Sunday Morning Worship at Fetteresso Church



**FETTERESSO CHURCH**

From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September single Sunday morning services will resume at the normal start time of 10.45am

Extra chairs in sanctuary + more seating areas in gallery with a target of 1M spacing between groups

It would be helpful if those who are fit and able including families with older children could upstairs to leave space for those less able and young families downstairs

We hope to make a change in track and trace system using the NHS Track and Trace QR Code.

If you are not able to use QR Codes on your phone, please bring a pen and be prepared to sign in as directed (pens will be available and will be placed in a box for cleaning)

We hope to dispense with the screens but when that happens, all those on the chancel will be taking lateral flow tests before attending on a Sunday

Unfortunately the Covid virus is still with us – community spread

Symptoms of the infection have also changed – what seems just like a cold or mild sore throat is often Covid. The online service will still be there for you in these circumstances.

Doors will be open to maximise ventilation

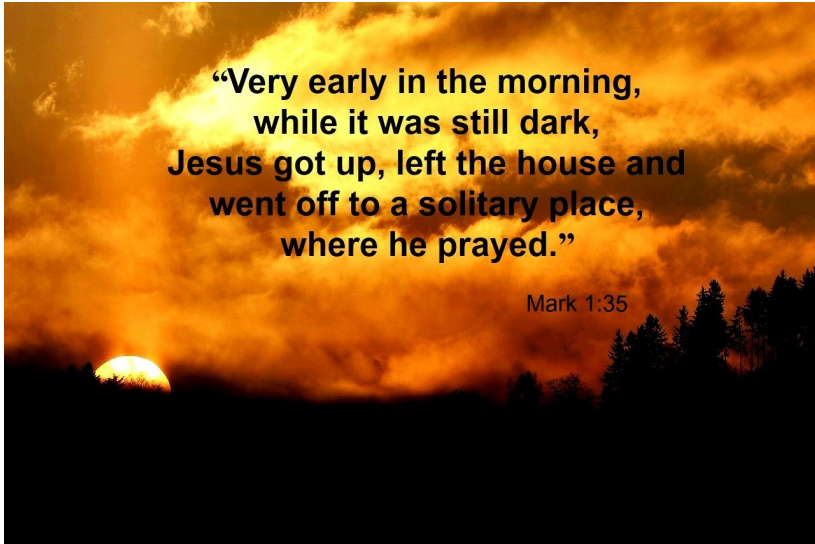
We are all still required to:

- Gel hands thoroughly on entry and on leaving, keeping good hand hygiene throughout
- Wear a clean face mask all the time – not a snood or scarf. If you forget, we will give you one on arrival
- Keep at least 1 metre distance from other households at all times
- Do not move around or have social conversations in the church – stay at your seat
- When the service is finished leave the church and do not congregate together either indoors or outdoors

This is all about individual responsibility and playing our part in keeping each other safe, enabling us to meet and worship.

Although this will make the church feel more like normal, we must remember that this is not business as usual. We all still require to remain vigilant until the Covid situation becomes manageable.

# September Prayer Focus



September signals a new season. A time of change. The summer and the holidays come to a close, work begins.

This month we give thanks that we are returning to one service in church on a Sunday morning. The first opportunity for us all to meet together since the outbreak of the pandemic and the first time since Mark began his ministry at Fetteresso. A new season. A time of change.

So much has changed since the outbreak of the pandemic, life has changed for us all and while we can return to church, things are not the same, there are still restrictions and a return to church is still not possible for some.

Yet one thing remains the same, God does not change.

**(Malachi 3:6. James 1:17).**

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

**Hebrews 13:8.**

As Jesus followers we are called to be like him and to follow his example. Before Jesus began the work God had given him to do he sought God in prayer.

This time last year we had no minister and were seeking God in prayer. We give thanks that God heard our prayers and answered them.

As we begin this new season, we do not know what it will hold, yet we know that when we pray, God hears and answers. As we begin again together, let us return to God, seeking him first for the way ahead, that we may move forward together in his plans, his purpose and his power.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

**Hebrews 13:20-21.**

## Stonehaven Guilds

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

The speakers for September are:

**Tuesday 14th** - Rev Mark Lowey

**Tuesday 28th** - Rev Sarah Smith



**Please note new start time of 2pm**



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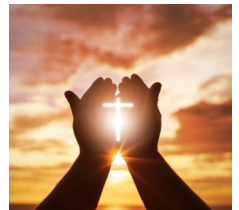
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We now have a new email address for any prayer requests for the prayer chain.:

[prayer@fetteresso.org.uk](mailto:prayer@fetteresso.org.uk)

As always all prayer requests will be treated confidentially.



## Church Officer Rota

### September

26th Andy Lorimer

### October

3rd James Dickinson

10th Andrew Boggon

17th Elaine Kinninmonth

24th Andy Lorimer

31st Janice Boggon

## Welcome Team Rota

### September

26th Anne Adams

### October

3rd Jane Moody

10th Aileen Pyper

17th Roseanne Shewan

24th Karen Silver

31st Doreen Seery



## Flower Rota

### September

26th Margaret Wylie

### October

3rd Robbie and Betty Robertson

10th Peter and Jean Webster

17th Tom and Ruth Wright

24th Thanks to Iain and Liz Gillis  
for the music

31st Christine Anderson and  
Avril Kerr

Reading for  
Sunday 26th September

Acts 9:36-43

Read by  
Sheena Stewart