Welcome to Stonehaven Fetteresso



3rd May

Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.
Isaiah 25:1

Services at Fetteresso

Sunday services have resumed, in church, at

9.30am and 11am

The 11am service will be live streamed online and CDs of the service will be available as usual.

To contact the Church Administrator please phone Ailsa on 01569 730143.



The Prayer Course is an 8 week study on The Lord's Prayer developed by Pete Greig from 24/7 prayer. We will run it in church using Rightnow Media, it will run from:

Thursday 6th May for 8 weeks until the 24th June at 8pm.

You will need to join the church account for this, log in details will be given by emailing the church office. An invite will then be sent from the church Rightnow Media account to you. There is a 20 min teaching clip each week and some study materials you can print off or download to a device.

More details can be found here: https://prayercourse.org/home/

For log in details email: office@fetteresso.org.uk

Prayer focus for May - Lord teach us to pray.

This month Mark, our minister, is encouraging us to join him on the prayer course. It begins on Thursday the 6th of May at 8pm and will run for eight weeks until the 24th of June.



One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord teach teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them.

"When you pray, say:
Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation."

Luke 11:1-4

The prayer course is built around the prayer that we have come to know as the Lord's Prayer. Over the weeks the course will explore different aspects of prayer.

For log in details to join in, email: office@fetteresso.org.uk

Also this month, along with the moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, we encourage you to pray 'Thy kingdom come'.

Launched in 2016, Thy Kingdom Come seeks to 'Light up the World in Prayer' as we place prayer at the centre of our daily lives. Thy Kingdom come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

For 2021, the event will be held online from

Ascension Day on 13th May until Pentecost Sunday on 23rd May.

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/

This year we are all encouraged to **pray for five people** that they might come to know the love and blessings of God.

When children are small their parents delight in hearing their first attempts at communicating with them. It does not really matter what they babble or whether it makes any sense. Parents know their children's needs yet it brings joy to parents hearts when children desire to speak and communicate with them. In time and with practice communication gets better.

So it is with prayer. Prayer is direct communication with God. And it is a two way process.

The bible shows us that King David knew this. The psalms are full of his conversations with God. Whatever was happening David returned time and again to God in prayer, even about the same things.

Then David enquired of the Lord yet again. 1 Samuel 23:4

And we can to.

Don't we all love a good chat with friends?

When something good happens or goes well, we tend to like to share that. When we are away from home, the voices we often long to hear are those of our loved ones.

When things are troubling us, we often feel so much better when we can share and talk things over with a trusted friend, parent or wise counsellor. Whatever is happening, however we feel, our Father God is ready and waiting for us to do just that, to pray and enter into conversation with him.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Keep this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:1

We offer a thought for your prayers for each day this month. You might like to take a moment to print them out or copy them into your daily diary or calendar.

This month let's place prayer at the centre of our daily lives.

Lord teach us to pray'.

Amen.

- **1st.** Lord in the stillness teach us how to pray.
- **2nd.** We pray for India, may more help be available for those suffering from Covid 19
- **3rd.** In troubled times we pray for the victims of hate and persecution.
- 4th. This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything in His will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14. Lord help us pray in your will.
- **5th.** We pray for our country that we may elect the right leaders as we go t o the polls tomorrow.
- **6th.** For Mark and all who start the online prayer course this evening.
- **7th.** Fossil fuels play a big part in climate change. We pray for a willingness to continue to cut back and replace these.
- **8th.** For those in need within the church and the community.
- **9th.** Today is Christian Aid Sunday. We pray for the work of Christian Aid. https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/events/christian-aid-75th-anniversary-service

- **10th**. We pray for all who are anxious today.
- Don't be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God.

 Phillipians 4:6
- **11th**. Lord we often don't know what to say thank you that you know our need even before we ask.
- **12th**. May we honour the glory of God in creation. We pray for the care of the natural world.
- **13th**. We pray "Your kingdom come " Bring five people before the Lord in prayer.
- **14th** We pray rest and help for overwhelmed and exhausted medical staff I n India and other countries so badly affected by Covid 19.
- **15th**. For the proclamation of your word to those who have never heard that they may be gripped by the good news of Jesus Christ their Saviour.
- **16th**. We pray that animals rearing young and birds on the nest will find enough to eat.
- **17th.** Lord we pray that our prayers for more love and compassion in the world may begin with us.
- **18th.** During Covid 19 many have become more appreciative of creation. We pray this will continue.
- **19th**. We pray that our ecosystems and resources will be managed more sustainably.
- **20th**. We pray for all who have grown cold or are far away from you. By your Spirit draw them to yourself.
- **21st.** Enable us Lord to be part of making our longing for fairness a reality as we follow you more nearly.
- **22nd.** We pray for those who are left out or feel like outsiders. May our arms be open to embrace all as you do.
- **23rd.** On this Pentecost Sunday pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church worldwide that we may be filled and renewed in the power of your Spirit.

- **24th.** Father we continue to ask for an end to the pandemic and fairer worldwide distribution of vaccines and medicines.
- **25th.** Gardens and woodlands enrich the environment. We pray that we may all cherish what You have made and given us to enjoy.
- **26th.** Lord help us bring our wounds and hurts to you for healing.
- **27th.** Help us forgive for we will never have to forgive more than you have forgiven. We thank you and praise you for all we have in Jesus.
- **28th.** Lord help us to bring our problems to you first not last.
- **29th.** Lord help us keep our eyes on you, press in when life is tough and wait on you that we might renew our strength.
- **30th.** Lord for all who sit in darkness and despair today we ask your light and healing.
- 31st. Rejoice always , pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18.

Amen

Church Officer Rota

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9th **Andrew Boggon** 16th Flaine Kinninmonth

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Welcome Team Rota

May

9th 9.30am Karen Silver

11am Jane Moody

16th 9.30am Lin Anderson

Doreen Seery 11am

23rd 9.30am Joan MacDonald

11am Jane Gourlay

9.30am Aileen Pyper 30th

> Roseanne Shewan 11am

Reading for Sunday 2nd May

Exodus 20:1-21

Read by

Mary Swinton

Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub

If **you** need help, support or advice.

Anywhere in Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire or Moray.

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