

Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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Hall Church

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him and when they found him they exclaimed: 'Everyone is looking for you.'

Mark 1:35-37

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

19th February 2017

You cannot believe in God until you believe in
yourself.

Swami Vivekananda

Discovering the God who believes in us

Choir: Introit

The Bible is carried in signalling that our act of worship has begun

Welcome and Our Call to Worship:

Hymn: 103 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Announcements and Sharing of News

Hymn: 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayers of Approach, Thanksgiving and Confession

Listening for Words of Wisdom

Reading: Mark 1:21 - 39 — *Reader Leslie*

Hymn: 268 O God of Bethel

Reflection: *Who needs a hero?*

Our Response to God's Call

Hymn: 249 We have heard a joyful sound

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A Time for Quiet Reflection and Intercessory Prayer

*Take time during this short period of silence to reflect on what God is saying to
you and what you need to ask God*

Hymn: 184 Sing to the Lord a joyful song

The Benediction and Dismissal

Hymn: 789 Now go in peace

The Bible is taken out reminding us that our worship is over and our work begins

WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, in a partnership, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing weans and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if 'you're just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, or haven't been to church since Christmas twenty years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' (We're not that keen on it either).

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because you are at a loose end.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children or got lost in the Square and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters . . . and you!

You are very welcome.

Announcements and Information

Tea and Coffee, as well as a cheeky wee biscuit, will be on offer after today's service.

February's Pensioners' Lunch will be held on Thursday (Feb 23rd) at Cullen Community Centre at 12.15. All are welcome. Please sign up at Mackays (Old Post Office) by Monday night if you haven't already done so at the last lunch.

The kirk session will meet on the 23rd February at 7.30pm for some jolly, stimulating discussion.

There will be a service at the Wakefield on Monday 27th February at 2.30pm.

Pancake Tea: Pancakes will be served at the Hall Church on Saturday 4th March from 10am - noon - admission is £2.50 and there will also be a sales table and raffle. Donations of any unwanted jewellery for the stall greatly appreciated!

Soup & Sweet: If you can help provide for the Sunday soup & sweet, or if you wish to contribute, please add your name to the list or contact Isobel Addison.

The flowers on display today were kindly gifted by Isobel Addison. Next week they will be donated by Margaret Innes.

Visits and Home Communion: If you and/or someone you know from our church family would like Home Communion and/or a visit from the minister please let him know.

Tea & Chat every Friday morning from 10am - 12 noon. All welcome. It is what it says on the tea cup, if ye ken whit a mean, ken.