

# Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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Auld Kirk 10.30am

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Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

John 20:17

Easter Sunday

16th April 2017

Preach the Gospel at all times . . . if necessary, use words.

St. Francis of Assisi

## *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:** 416 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

### **Sharing of News and Announcements**

**Hymn:** 65 (Psalm 100) Jubilate, everybody

### **Opening Prayers**

## *Listening for Words of Wisdom*

**Reading:** John 20:1-18 (page 1089) — *Reader Dora*

**Hymn:** 415 This joyful Eastertide

**Reflection:** *Why does Mary weep?*

## *Our Response to God's Call*

**Choir:** The day of resurrection

**Hymn:** 410 Jesus Christ is risen today

### **Offering and Offertory Prayer**

## *A Time for Quiet Reflection and 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*

## Our Prayers for Others and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** 419 Thine be the glory

### *The Benediction and Dismissal*

*Please wait until the organist plays before standing to sing the following hymn:*

*(Please note this hymn is not announced)*

**Hymn:** 810 Sing to the lord of heaven and earth

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

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## 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.

**2 Willing Helpers Needed:** If you can help with a house clearance on Tuesday (18th) please meet at the hall church at 9am. We will be putting the items into the 2 garages that have been offered until the thrift sale in July.

**Communion** will be celebrated next Sunday at 10.30am at the auld kirk, 12 noon Deskford and 3.00pm at the Hall Church. All welcome.

**The service, due to take place at the Wakefield**, on Monday 24th April is cancelled. The service will be held on Monday 1st May at 2.30pm.

**The kirk session** will meet at the hall church for ordinary business on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm.

**The flowers on display today** were kindly gifted by Dorothy Shepherd. Next week they will be donated by Margaret Innes.

**Tea & Chat** every Friday morning from 10am - 12 noon. All welcome. It is what it says on the tea cup.