

# **ST NINIAN'S CHURCH**

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



**Order of Service**  
**28<sup>th</sup> of January 2024**  
**10.30am**

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Good morning and welcome to everyone who has joined us at St. Ninian's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our worship of God together today. As a congregation our mission is to, '**Worship God together, encourage personal faith and prayer, spread the Good News about Jesus Christ, and love and care for others in our community.**' If you are a visitor, there is a **visitors' book** at the front door, please sign it. After the service we have **fellowship** in the Martin Shields' Hall, please join us.

For young people, there is a **crèche** and **Sunday School** this morning. The reader this morning is: **Rev. James Aitken**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. Leading worship is the **Elliot Mitchell**, a student attached to St. Ninian's.

This morning is the **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning manifestation or appearance. On the Sundays between Christmas and Lent our Gospel readings focus on the emergence of Jesus Christ in the world through his ministry, mission, teaching and healing. During this season we grow more aware of the significance of Jesus' entire life aside from his birth, passion, death and resurrection that mark the significant seasons of the Christian year.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2024 we are in Year B and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Mark**. The readings lead us from Advent through the Christian year, the Bible, and Jesus' life through birth, baptism, his public ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension.

## ENTRANCE

The service begins with a **sentence from the Bible** (Psalm 103:2 – 4), a **call to stand** (please do so if you are able to), an **introit** from the choir, and the **entrance of the Bible**. For the rest of the service the words in bold are read or sung by everyone. We sit to pray and stand to sing.

## INTROIT

WELCOME, INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We welcome one another with Christ's words 'Peace be with you'.*

## APPROACH TO GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the hush of the winter's morn and in the cold crisp air that awakens our spirits

**All: We come to this place to embrace the warmth of God**

Leader: As the sun rises from the East to illuminate His world and His creation

**All: We come to this place full of shining light and splendid colour**

Leader: Bringing the fullness of love through a handshake, a hug and a smile

**All: We come to this place as the family of the living God**

**HYMN 97** (Psalm 139). O God, you search me and you know me

### PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

*We continue our worship celebrating what God has given us while apologizing for what we have done to harm God, his creation, and his people.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1: 21 – 28

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### CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

**HYMN 566** When I receive the peace of Christ

*Children leave for Sunday School. Visiting children are welcome to join in.*

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20

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**ANTHEM** O worship the Lord

Hopkins

### SERMON

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

**HYMN 717** O Christ, the healer, we have come

### OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Freely given, our offering supports the work of Christ's church and symbolises our spiritual dedication to the building-up of the Kingdom of God. We remain seated to sing our dedication (**CH4 807**) -*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*We give thanks for our blessings, and cry out for help for others and ourselves. During the prayers this response is used periodically:*

Minister: Lord in your mercy,  
**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

## SENDING OUT

### **HYMN 112**

God, whose almighty word

### BENEDICTION

### RECESSIONAL

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**