

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



'...what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.'
(Micah 6: 8)

Order of Service
1st of February 2026
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.

Before the service there is weekly a **Prayer Group** that meets in Room 6 (the Alpha Room) from 10:00am – 10:15am. Everyone is welcome, please ask a steward for Room 6, the Alpha Room.

There is a **crèche** and a primary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader this morning is **Christine Millar**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the **Season of 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.

Following worship there is **fellowship, friendship, and refreshments** in the Martin Shields' Hall. Please join us.

St. Ninian's uses the Revised Common Lectionary which is an approved week-by-week three-year cycle of biblical readings. In 2026 we are in Year A and the principal Gospel readings come from the **Gospel of Matthew**. 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** (2 Corinthians 8: 9), 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.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth, 'You know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ: he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.'

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

Minister: God is the Father has planted faith within us.

All: Christ makes it flourish and grow.

Minister: The Spirit produces fruit from faith.

All: The fruit of faith is love for the world.

Minister: Lets us worship God.

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

HYMN 21 (Psalm 25) Lord, teach me all your ways

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: Micah 6: 1 – 8

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 362 Heaven shall not wait

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

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

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Reader: When Jesus saw the crowds he went up the hill. There he took his seat, and when his disciples had gathered round him he began to address them. And this is the teaching he gave: How blest are those who know their need of God;

All: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Reader: How blest are the sorrowful;

All: they shall find consolation.

Reader: How blest are those of a gentle spirit;

All: they shall have the earth for their possession.

Reader: How blest are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail;

All: they shall be satisfied.

Reader: How blest are those who show mercy;

All: mercy shall be shown to them.

Reader: How blest are those whose hearts are pure;

All: they shall see God.

Reader: How blest are the peacemakers;

All: God shall call them his people.

Reader: How blest are those who have suffer persecution for the cause of right;

All: the kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Reader: How blest are you, when you suffer insults and persecution and every kind of calumny for my sake. Accept it with gladness and exultation, for you have a rich reward in

heaven; in the same way they persecuted the prophets before you.

ANTHEM

'O Praise the Lord'

Hopkins

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN 348

Praise the One who breaks the darkness

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 – **HYMN 180***

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
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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 252

As a fire is meant for burning

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.**

