

# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



**Order of Service**  
**1st of March 2026**  
**3:00pm**

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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.

The organist this afternoon is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The reader is **Jim Hunter**. Leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

This Sunday is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the season of Lent**.

We are in the season of **Lent** when we make ourselves ready to commemorate Jesus' Passion and celebrate his resurrection. Lent lasts forty days (not counting Sundays), and this year it began on the 18<sup>th</sup> February (Ash Wednesday). It ends on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April (Good Friday). Lent represents a sacrificial journey of suffering. We travel with Jesus from Galilee, where he ministered, to Jerusalem, the place of his crucifixion. This journey is an opportunity for us to prepare for the events of Holy Week and then for the transformative event of Easter that transcends the sacrifice and sufferings of Lent. We reflect on what needs transformed in our lives and in the world, what is separating us and the world from God, and what holds back the people of the world from living life in all its fulness. As we do so we look forward to living new lives beyond Easter as people who believe in the hope contained in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

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.

# INTIMATIONS and SHARING OF THE PEACE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**HYMN 662**          Jesus thou joy of loving hearts

**Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,  
thou light of life, thou fount of grace;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to seek thy face.**

**Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call:  
to those that seek thee thou art good,  
to those that find thee, all in all.**

**We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

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

**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**

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**HYMN 200**          Christ is made the sure foundation

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today:  
with your constant loving-kindness,  
hear your servants as they pray,  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.**

**Here bestow on all your servants  
what they ask of you to gain,  
what they gain from you for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and One in glory  
while unending ages run.**

BENEDICTION