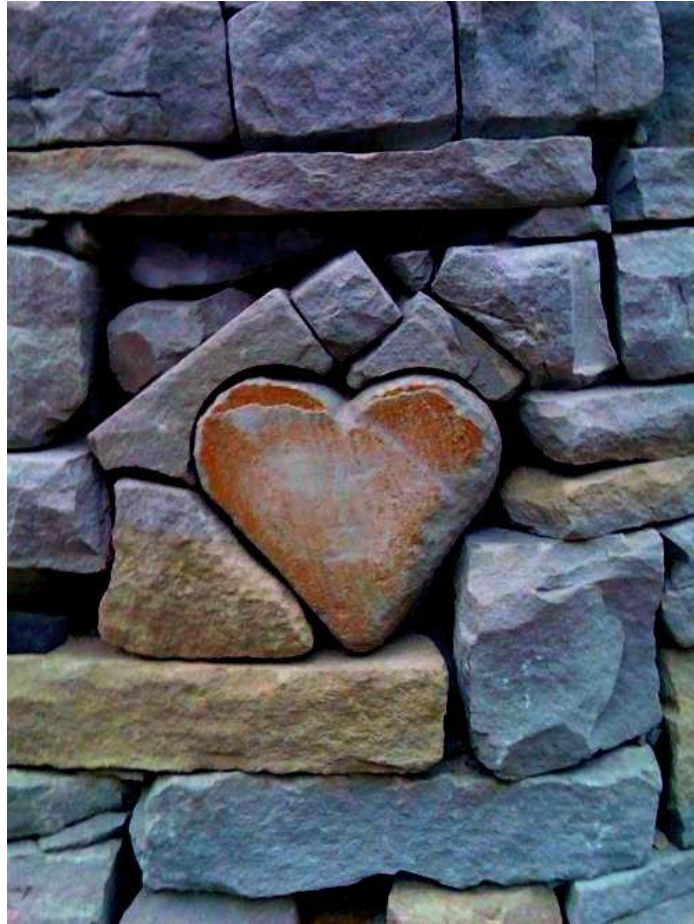


# ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Come, and let yourselves be built, as living stones,  
into a spiritual temple. (1 Peter 2: 5)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide**

**Order of Service**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 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.

This is the season of **Easter**. Easter morning is only the first of 50 days of **Eastertide** that lead to Pentecost (this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May). Eastertide is a season of extended celebration exploring the ramifications of Jesus' resurrection for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.

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 Sunday School and a creche this morning. Children leave after the second hymn. The reader this morning is **Fiona Coufts**. The organist is **Anne Kirkpatrick**. The minister leading worship is the **Rev. James Aitken**.

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** (Psalm 119: 32), 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 (Isaiah 28: 16)

Minister: The Lord says, "Look!  
I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem,

**All: It is a firm and tested stone.**

Minister: It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on.

**All: Whoever believes in it need never be shaken."**

## HYMN 200

Christ is made the sure foundation

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: 1 Peter 2: 2 – 10

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CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

## **HYMN 423**

I know that my Redeemer lives

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

SCRIPTURE: John 14: 1 – 14

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## **ANTHEM**

'O Come Ye Servants of the Lord' C. Tye

SERMON

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

## **HYMN 224**

The spring has 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 Eastertide dedication (**CH4 417**) -*

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again,  
like wheat that springeth green.**

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

Minister: Lord, through your love,  
**Congregation: raise us to new life.**

## **SENDING OUT**

## **HYMN 413**

The day of resurrection

## 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.**