

ST NINIAN'S CHURCH

Corstorphine

Minister: Rev. James Aitken



Order of Service

13th September 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.

There is a **crèche** and a primary **Sunday School** this morning. The organist is **Andrew Gibb**. The readers this morning are **Margaret Stark** and **Ruth Wimberley**, the Beadle is **Donna Short**. **The Guild** are leading worship.

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

Nationally the strategy of the Church of Scotland Guild for 2024-2027 is **"Let us Build a House"** and the theme for its third year is **"Beyond the Walls."** St Ninian's Guild welcomes everyone – men and women. It meets at **2:15pm on Tuesdays** to share faith, fellowship, friendship and fun. The next session begins on **Tuesday 22nd September**.

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** (1 John 5: 20), 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

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations.

HYMN 252 As a fire is meant for burning

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 10: 15-18 Pg 1165

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS

HYMN 204 We are the church

Children leave for activities in the hall. Visiting children are welcome to join in.

HYMN 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you

TALK

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

HYMN OF DEDICATION Inspire us Lord

This hymn to the tune Londonderry Air was written by Dianne Cumming to celebrate the Guild's 125th anniversary in 2012.

**Inspire us, Lord, give us the strength and courage
to serve with grace, unselfish and sincere.**

**Commit our lives, supporting one another
with hope and peace, replacing hurt and fear.
Reach out and help with love and compassion
give strength and hope to those who are in need;
to work as one, to change the lives of many.
Express our faith in worship, prayer and deed.**

**So, Lord. awaken us to every challenge
with confidence. determined to succeed.
Let us act justly, always showing mercy;
break down the walls, transform lives indeed.
With willing hearts, we gladly serve the Lord our God
in Him we trust and in Him we believe
and reach beyond our every expectation.
Let us have faith in all that we can achieve.**

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

At this point in the service we give thanks for what we return to God from all that God has given us through the church to nurture the growth of his kingdom. As you leave, there is a box for you to make an offering.

HYMN 259 Beauty for brokenness (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

SENDING OUT

Jesus says: "Go forth therefore and make all nations my disciples; baptise men everywhere in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. And be assured, I am with you always, to the end of time."

HYMN 256

May the God of hope go with us everyday

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.**