

Welcome to St. Columba's Church

Sunday 8th January

The Bible

Welcome, Intimations and Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 201 - Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Hymn 530 - One more step along the world I go

Reading - Luke 3:1-22. (New Testament page 77)

Offering Hymn 600 - You spoke to us long, long ago

Offertory Prayer

Sermon

Hymn 619 & 620 - Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me

Prayer

Hymn 552 - Oh, for a closer walk with God

Benediction

We welcome any visitors with us this morning. It's great to share in fellowship with you. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the service (along the corridor under the organ pipes). Toilets are along the same corridor.

Our service this morning will be led by Alan Kimmitt, our minister and John Hutchison the Parish Assistant for the Parish Grouping.

St. Columba's Parish Church of Scotland, Glenrothes (SC016386)

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Minister – Alan Kimmitt (01592) 742233 or alan@kimmitt.org.uk

Messy Church will meet this afternoon from 4pm to 6pm. All are welcome to join us for crafts, games, stories, singing and a shared hot meal. Messy Church is free and fun for families and others.

The **Grapevine Café** (2pm to 4pm) and **Wednesday study group** (1:30pm) will both restart this Wednesday (11th).

Alan and Margaret would like to thank everyone from the church family who gave us Christmas cards. We feel greatly supported at Christmas and throughout the year. It would be hard for us to send cards to everyone, so we have made a donation to the Chuluchosema 1475 challenge instead.

The appeal will close very soon and the money will be sent to those in Chuluchosema who are still greatly need food.

Safeguarding Course - All members of our congregation who have a PVG are expected by the Church of Scotland to attend a Safeguarding Training course approximately once every 5 years. The next opportunity for this is at St. Ninian's Glenrothes, Sat 4th Feb, 9.30 for 9.45 start. Finished by lunch time. Anyone interested in attending should give their name to Jim Shand or Carol Gibson by Sun 29th Jan at latest. Thank you, J Shand

There are currently two **house groups** which each meet once a month in different people's homes. These are for fellowship, study, discussion and prayer. Both groups are meeting this week. If anyone would like to come along to (even just to find out more), you would be most welcome. One group meets tomorrow (Monday 9th) at 7:30pm in 51 Balmanno Green. Phone Arlene (772939) for more details. The other group will meet on Thursday (12th) at 7:30pm in 5 Beechwood Drive. Phone Dorothy or Alan (745003) for more details.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017 – The theme this year is ‘Crossing Barriers’ and Glenrothes Churches Together is organising a Service of Unity on Sunday 22nd January at 6:30p.m in St Paul's Church, Warout Road – All are welcome

Samaritans receive a call for help every 6 seconds - over 5 million calls a year. It is a safe place to talk, anonymous, non-judgemental and allows callers to open up and express their feelings.

However, with the new Freephone number 116 123, calls are increasing dramatically and more volunteers are needed.

Would you consider volunteering?

The training is excellent and the after-training mentoring gives volunteers the ability to support callers to a high standard.

There will be have Information Events in January. If you are interested please contact Samaritans by phoning 03705 627282 or by emailing samsrecruit@gmail.com.

Roths Trinity Parish Grouping Notices

FUND RAISING CONCERT by **East Fife Male Voice Choir** on Friday 20th January at 7.30pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kirkcaldy **in aid of Re-Act Refugee Action Scotland**. A voluntary monetary donation will be gratefully received by the charity.

There is also a donation day on Saturday 28th January between 10am and 3pm for goods to be taken direct to refugee camps.

Current urgent needs are disposable nappies, wipes, winter clothing and sturdy footwear for adults (smaller sizes) and for children, tents & camping equipment, blankets, buggies, mobility aids, toiletries, small toys.

Introduction to worship at St Columba's

We welcome visitors to our services. Please don't worry about what to do when, what to wear or feel you have to be on your best behaviour. If you need to move around, or leave during the service, that's just fine. We also enjoy children being present and don't expect them to be silent and still all the time. We start the service together and, except for family services, children leave for the **crèche or Junior Church** after about 20 minutes. For information about these, please ask one of the welcome team.

We are delighted to welcome you!

You are invited to sign the visitor's book in the vestibule.

On the last Sunday of most months the service includes communion. This is open to others from different denominations.

In general, if you are able to stand comfortably, you are invited to stand for the Bible coming in at the start of the service and during hymns (except offering). We usually remain seated for prayers.

The **page numbers** for the readings refer to the Bibles in the pews. The Old Testament readings are at in the first section of the Bible, the New Testament readings are towards the back.

The version of the **Lord's Prayer** that we use is:

*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, the power and the glory,
Forever, Amen.*