

# Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water,"

John 4:10

Third Sunday in Lent  
19th March 2017

*Religion doesn't make people bigots. People are bigots and they use religion to justify their ideology.*

Reza Aslan

**Choir Introit:**

*The Bible is carried in signalling that our act of worship has begun*

**Words of Welcome and Our Call to Worship**

**Hymn:** 59 (Psalm 95) Oh come and let us to the Lord

**Sharing of News and Announcements**

**Hymn:** 761 Glory to God

**Prayers of Approach, Thanksgiving and Confession**

*Listening for Words of Wisdom*

**Reading:** John 4:1-26 (p1066) — *Reader Alex*

**Hymn:** 160 Praise my soul the King of heaven

**Reflection:** *Someone who knows everything*

*Our Response to God's Call*

**Hymn:** 255 Father, hear the prayer we offer

**Offering and Offertory Prayer**

*A Time for Quiet Reflection and Prayer*

*Take time during this short period of silence to reflect on what God is saying to you and what you need to ask God*

**Our Prayers for Others and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** 352 O for a thousand tongues to sing

## *The Benediction and Dismissal*

*Please wait until the organist plays before standing to sing the following hymn:*

*(Please note this hymn is not announced)*

**Hymn:** 810 Sing to the lord of heaven and earth

*The Bible is taken out reminding us that our worship is over and our work begins*

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### WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, in a partnership, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing weans and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if 'you're just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, or haven't been to church since Christmas twenty years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' (We're not that keen on it either).

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because you are at a loose end.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children or got lost in the Square and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters . . . and you.

You are very welcome

# Announcements and Information

**Tea and Coffee**, as well as a cheeky wee biscuit, will be on offer after today's service.

**The Guild** will meet on Thursday 23rd March at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Bruce Cruikshank of NESS (North East Sensory Services) and promises to be very interesting. The Guild is also appealing for Bibles, Text Books and Reference Books (not novels) in good, clean, condition to be donated to, 'Books Abroad,' in response to a recent talk by Mr Vinny Ruparelia. A box for donations will be made available in the hall church.

**A retiring collection** will be taken next Sunday (26th) for Christian Aid to help with the desperate situation in south Sudan.

**The flowers on display today** were kindly gifted by Sheila Sellar. Next week they will be donated by Mary Mowat..

**Tea & Chat** every Friday morning from 10am - 12 noon. All welcome. It is what it says on the tea cup.

**A service at Wakefield** will take place on Monday 27th March at 2.30pm. All welcome.

**A public meeting** will be held at the auld kirk on Tuesday 4th April at 7.00pm. An invitation will be sent to all households in Cullen and Deskford and we are hoping for as many people as possible to attend.

**Easter Fair/Coffee Morning:** This will be held on Saturday 8th April from 10am-noon. Donations of items for a food hamper will be welcomed and can be handed to Brenda Wood. There is the usual appeal for yellow and green items for the tombola/sales table/raffle.

**Anyone with an empty garage or store?** The fundraising group have been given the contents of a house clearance but we require the use of a garage or shed to store the items until the thrift sale in July. If you can help please contact Isobel Addison tel. 840610.