

# Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth."

Isaiah 65:20

The Reign of Christ the King

25th November 2018

Preach the Gospel at all times . . . if necessary, use words.

St. Francis of Assisi

## *Discovering the God who believes in us*

### **Choir Introit:**

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

### **Welcome and our call to Worship**

**Hymn:** 44 (Psalm 65) Praise waits for thee in Zion Lord

### **Announcements and Sharing of News**

**Hymn:** 122 Let all the world in every corner sing

### **Opening Prayers**

## *Listening for Words of Wisdom*

**Readings:** Isaiah 65:17-25 (p752) & Luke 21:5-19 (p1056) — *Reader Sheila S*

**Hymn:** 468 Son of God, eternal Saviour

### **Reflection: *A Vision of Hope***

## *Our Response to God's Word*

**Hymn:** 470 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### **Offering and Offertory Prayer**

### ***A Time for Quiet Reflection and Prayers for Others***

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

**Hymn:** 449 Rejoice the Lord is King!

# *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:** 815 Praise the God who reigns above

*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/Coffee** will be served after today's service. Please join us if you can.

**The next Bible Study — on the Book of Revelation** will take place on Thursday 13th December at 7.00pm in the hall church. If you are attending please take a Bible with you.

**Scrooge and the Christmas Ministers** - performances of the panto will be on Friday 30th at 7pm and Saturday 1st December at 2pm and at 7pm. Ticket cost for adults £7 and primary school child £3 and are available from Alex Legge, Paper Shop. We require help to sell the raffles and hand out the ice-cream, There is a list available for names of those wishing to help. Donations of raffles will be appreciated.

**The Co-op** has selected Cullen & Deskford church as one of three charities they will support. All members then have an opportunity to vote as to which of the three charities will be given the dosh. You register by signing into your membership account. 1% of what is spent on co-op brands will go towards the Community Fund.

**Guild Candlelight Tea** on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm will be an open meeting, the programme to be provided by Bellie Church Praise Group. Guests are warmly welcomed to join with us for an evening of Christmas music.

**Christmas Tree Snowflakes** are available and can be collected at the church and cost £2 each - this service will take place at the Hall Church on Sunday 9th December at 6pm. Tea/coffee to follow.

**2019 Soup & Sweet and Flower Rota are available** - please add your name to the lists provided if you are willing to help.

**Moray Presbytery** is supporting Year of Young People and would like to encourage all congregations to help youngsters with a retiring collection which will be taken after morning worship on the 2nd of December. Proceeds from the Soup and Sweet will also be given in support.

**The flowers on display** today were kindly gifted by Mabel Stewart. Next week they will be donated by Isobel Addison.