

Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:22

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
28th January 2018

You cannot believe in God until you believe in
yourself.

Swami Vivekananda

Discovering the God who believes in us

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 124 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Opening Prayers

Listening for Words of Wisdom

Reading: Mark 1:21-28 — *Reader James*

Hymn: 340 When Jesus saw the fishermen

Reflection: — *Challenging the Powers that Be*

Our Response to God's Call

Hymn: 547 What a friend we have in Jesus

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A Time for Quiet Reflection and Intercessory 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*

Hymn: 533 Will you come and follow me

The Benediction and Dismissal

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

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 will be served after today's service.

There will be a service at the Wakefield NH on Monday 29th January at 2.30pm.

The Guild will meet in the Hall Church on Thursday 1st February at 2pm when the speaker will be Sybil Stewart who will give a cookery demonstration. This is an open meeting so please come along and see 'how to prepare a 3 course meal in 30 minutes.'

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

Newsletter: Please pass any articles for the Easter newsletter to Sheila Donn as soon as possible.

Soup and Sweet 2018 — the new rota list is available for anyone who would like to provide a soup/sweet or offer to help serve.

Flower list: There are still spaces available for people who would like to donate flowers to the church