

Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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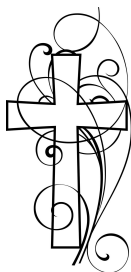
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When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the
Twelve.

Matthew 26:20

18th Sunday after Pentecost

8th October 2017

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

Call to Worship:

Hymn: 378 Praise to the holiest in the height

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: 549 How deep the Father's love for us

Opening Prayers

Listening for Words of Wisdom

Reading: Matthew 26:17-30 (page 995) — *Reader Helen*

Hymn: 392 When I survey the wondrous cross

Reflection: *The extraordinary from the ordinary*

Our Response to God's Call

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Communion Hymn: 19 (Psalm 24) Ye gates lift up your heads on high

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: 646 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

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

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

Communion will be celebrated at the auld kirk today; also at Deskford at 12 noon and the Hall Church at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Many of you will know that I will be walking the West Highland Way — 96 miles — in October in order to support the Homeless Charity, *The Cyrenians*. I will be accompanied by my good friend Ewan Aitken, CEO of *The Cyrenians*. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously already. If you would like to sponsor me a sheet is available or you can give:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ewan-aitken>

Blythswood Boxes ; The Guild will be filling the boxes on Saturday 4th November from 1pm. The usual items are required soap/toothpaste/tooth brushes/hats /gloves etc. There is a box in the hall church for donations.

The Coffee Morning & Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 11th November from 10am - noon in the Hall Church. Donations for the usual stalls will be appreciated - Christmas items Brenda/red and green for Reena/raffle/cake & candy. Admission is £3 and tickets will be available from elders.

Saturday 11th November — Imagine church for those who don't 'do' church. Oldmachar church, Aberdeen, 10.30am — 4.00pm, £12
freshexpressions.org.uk/vision/Aberdeen17

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

Disability Contact Person — Every Church requires someone for this role. At present this involves receiving correspondence and passing on relevant information to the kirk session. It isn't onerous and if you are interested please speak to the minister or session clerk.

The Disaster Theatre Company will be performing Snow White and the Magnificent Seven on the 1st and 2nd December. Tickets, £7 on sale from next week.