

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 15th October 2023



Introit

Welcome & Call to Worship - Psalm 103 v 1 - 13

Hymn 132 : Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Praise : 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Children's Address

Hymn 364 : All glory, laud, and honour

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Exodus 34 v 4 - 10

Matthew 9 v 1 - 8

Read by Kirsteen Cruickshanks

Hymn 555 : Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Sermon

Hymn 561 : Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn 352 : O for a thousand tongues, to sing

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Intimations

1) Worship Leader

As a change to what is printed in the October Journal, our service this morning is led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

2) Holy Communion

The service of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 29th October and elders can collect their Communion invitations from Eleanor Owen.

3) Kirk Session

The next meeting of the Kirk Session will take place on Wednesday 25th October at 7:30pm. This will be a hybrid meeting held jointly in the Agnes Duncan Room and on Zoom.

4) Church Journal

Material for the November edition of the Church Journal should be emailed to newportcos@btinternet.com or in the hands of Claire Owen by next Sunday, 22nd October.

5) Messy Church

Messy Church will return on Saturday 28th October. We are looking for donations of the free food magazines that you can pick up at supermarket checkouts. Please pick one up when you are next shopping and put in the box at the back of the church.

6) Daily Reflections

Our minister is recording a daily reflection which is being uploaded to the church website. You can listen to the reflections here

<http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/>

7) Harvest Appeal

As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations, we usually hold a financial appeal in the subsequent weeks. The beneficiaries are various charities, whether local, national or international (and usually a combination of these).

However, due to the current economic difficulties facing all of us, and in light of other good causes being promoted by our church at present, the Kirk Session has decided not to hold a specific financial appeal this year, but to encourage people to support the two projects currently being publicised - the Blythswood Trust Shoebox Appeal and the Christian Aid Libya Appeal. More information is below and also in the October Journal.

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8) Blythswood Trust Shoebox Appeal

We will be having a collection of shoeboxes, or individual items, to donate to the shoebox appeal. There is a list in church of suggested items and there is more information available in the October Journal.

For further information please go to <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/> or contact Linda and Francis Robertson on (01382) 330687.

9) Christian Aid Appeal—Libya

This most recent appeal is to provide immediate emergency supplies of medical aid, emergency shelters, sanitation and hygiene kits, food, etc to those in Libya following the giving way of the two dams recently.

If you are "tech" savvy please go onto Christian Aid's Libya Appeal site <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> and donate, with the opportunity to add Gift Aid.

This means your help will be received immediately.

If, like me, your tech skills are limited, but you wish to donate then please contact me and I can send donations electronically. However this will take longer and there is no opportunity to add Gift Aid. Please consider helping. Thank you.

Margaret Imlay

10) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is running from 1.30pm to 3pm each Wednesday in the Agnes Duncan Room. There will be refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits/baking), company (with plenty of opportunity to chat), and perhaps some activity (e.g. table top games, if that is what people want). There will be no charge, however if anyone wishes to make a donation then there will be a collection plate. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

11) Ukraine Vigil

The Vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 15 minutes, on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay.

12) Community Chest

This continues to be well supported and many thanks to all who have contributed. The appeal will continue for the time being so please support this when you can. Information is available in the October Journal.

13) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office continues to run only on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.

14) Coffee Morning

Wormit and Balmerino Guild are holding a Coffee Morning this Monday, 16th October, from 10am - 11:30am in the East Hall, Wormit. All are welcome.

150 Years

You will all now be aware that our weekend celebrating the 150th anniversary of our church building is now less than a month away. I hope you all have the weekend of the 4th - 5th November marked on your Old Newport calendars. So this is just a reminder, and some requests as well!

First of all a request for food. We are having a simple lunch in the hall after our Songs of Praise service on the Sunday morning. We will serve soup and bread, and ideally some sweet treats afterwards with tea and coffee. Would you be able to help us by providing some of those sweet treats? A traybake, or a sweet loaf, or anything else that is reasonably easily divided/served would be ideal. Please let me or Margaret Imlay know if you can do that for us.

In addition to that, it would be helpful if we knew in advance approximate numbers planning to attend our lunch. There will be sign-up sheets in the church and hall over the next couple of weeks, so again, help us please by making a point of adding your names if you know you will be there. Of course it's absolutely fine to just turn up on Sunday 5th, but the sheets will give us a rough idea.

Finally a request for memorabilia. There will be a historical display on show over the weekend, first of all in the hall on the Saturday morning when there will be a tea/coffee morning and a sale of the Newport History Group's new books, calendars and Christmas cards. The display will then be moved into the transept of the church so that visitors to the concert on Saturday evening and to the church service on the Sunday morning may also see it. Do you have anything at all relating to the history of our church(es) that could be part of that display? Again, please contact me if you think you have – I'll be delighted to hear from you!

Many thanks for ploughing through this, and let's have a grand weekend!

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Daily Readings

Week Beginning

Monday 16th October 2023

Monday 16th October : Genesis 15 : 1 - 6

Tuesday 17th October : Numbers 12 : 1 - 15

Wednesday 18th October : Matthew 8 : 5 - 13

Thursday 19th October : Matthew 8 : 28 - 34

Friday 20th October : Ephesians 4 : 25 - 32

Saturday 21st October : Philippians 2 : 12 - 13

Quote of the week

Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or your happiness to the future.
Happy work is best done by the man who takes his long-term plans somewhat
lightly and works from moment to moment 'as to the Lord.'
It is only our daily bread that we are encouraged to ask for.
The present is the only time in which any duty can be done,
or any grace received.

C S Lewis