

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 19th October 2025



Introit
Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 515 : Soldiers of Christ, arise

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Hymn 255 : Father, hear the prayer we offer [Tune : St Andrew]

Children's Address

Hymn 351 : Jesus' hands were kind hands

— Young People leave for Funday Sunday —

Anthem

Readings : Genesis 32 v 22 - 31 [page 36]

Luke 18 v 1 - 8 [page 1052]

Read by Sheila Johnston

Hymn 737 : Will your anchor hold in the storms of life

Sermon

Praise : God, you hear our weary praying [Tune : Blaenwern]

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Offering brought forward & Doxology [CH4 807]

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 547 : What a friend we have in Jesus

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Outgoing Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our service today is led by Miss Claire Owen, a member of our Worship Team.

2) New Communicants

If anyone is interested in attending a short series of classes leading to joining the church by Profession of Faith, please contact our minister as soon as possible.

3) Holy Communion

Our Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, 26th October, and all are welcome.

4) Church Journal

Material for the November edition of the Church Journal should be in the hands of Claire Owen or emailed to newportcos@btinternet.com by today.

5) Community Chest

During October donations will go to St Salvador's. Please support this when you can by buying an extra item or two at your weekly shop. There is a box available at the back of the Church every Sunday for donations. More information can be found in the Journal.

6) Daily Reflections

Our minister is recording a daily reflection which is being uploaded to the church website - <http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/>

7) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club runs on Wednesdays from 1:30pm - 3pm in the Agnes Duncan Room. There will be refreshments, tasty bits, good company and lots of chat! This is a lovely afternoon of socialising and meeting people - all are welcome.

8) Vigil for Peace

The vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 10 minutes on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay. We are continuing to Zoom the Vigils. If you would like to join on Zoom please ask Neil Merrylees or Claire Owen for the link.

9) Prayer Requests

If anyone has a prayer request for the church prayer team, and cannot easily access the prayer slips and prayer boxes in the church and manna, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Heywood on 0771 9367 347 or email : alisonbob@btinternet.com and she will pass the request on straight away to the Prayer team WhatsApp group.

Our Church Prayer Room is a lovely quiet space available for reflection and prayer. It is available whenever the Church is open & you are encouraged to make use of it.

10) The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission catalogues are available - please take one home and place an order through manna. manna receives commission on all orders.

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11) Post Office

The Post Office will run on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 -11:30am in the Agnes Duncan Room.

12) Worship Night

The next Tay Bridgehead Praise and Prayer Night will take place this Saturday, 25th October, at 7pm (refreshments from 6:30pm) in the East Hall, Wormit Church.

13) Charity Walk

Howard Davis is currently walking 100 miles throughout October to raise money for Breast Cancer. Any donations should be given to Claire Owen at church today.

14) Festival Group Meeting

There will be an Open Meeting to be held at the Newport Inn on Wednesday 29th October at 7.30pm. This meeting will inform about the proposal for a Festival group who will hold both the Summer and Winter Festivals (June-time and November late night shopping and Christmas Lights Switch-on). Funding has now been received to allow the Light Night to go ahead on 27th November. Please attend the above meeting, if you can, to hear about the future of the events and help to keep our villages vibrant and relevant to all residents and traders.

Daily Readings

Monday 20th October : Matthew 11 : 16 - 24

Tuesday 21st October : Matthew 11 : 25 - 30

Wednesday 22nd October : Matthew 12 : 1 - 14

Thursday 23rd October : Matthew 12 : 15 - 21

Friday 24th October : Matthew 12 : 22 - 32

Saturday 25th October : Matthew 12 : 33– 42

Quote of the week

Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue;
God's voice is its most essential part.
Listening to God's voice
is the secret of the assurance that he will listen to mine.

Andrew Murray

1. **God, you hear our weary praying,**
and you know that we lose heart.
All around we see the suffering
of a world that's torn apart.
We see leaders of the nations
filled with arrogance and greed.
We see friends and family hurting,
facing overwhelming need.
2. God, we cannot help but wonder:
Do our prayers do any good?
Do they change the nations' leaders?
Do they change our neighbourhood?
Why do loved ones keep on suffering
when they're in our constant prayer?
Do you hear the cries we're offering?
Are you listening? Are you there?
3. Then you teach us of this woman:
She was widowed; she was poor.
"Grant me justice!" she kept calling
at an unjust judge's door.
Though that judge respected no one,
he was no match for her cries.
He responded to her pleading,
granting justice, changing lives.
4. How much more is your compassion!
God, you're just and good and fair.
May we lift to you our sorrows
and the burdens that we bear.
May we pray, for you reign o'er us!
May we ask — for you are kind!
May we trust that you will help us
in your goodness, in your time.