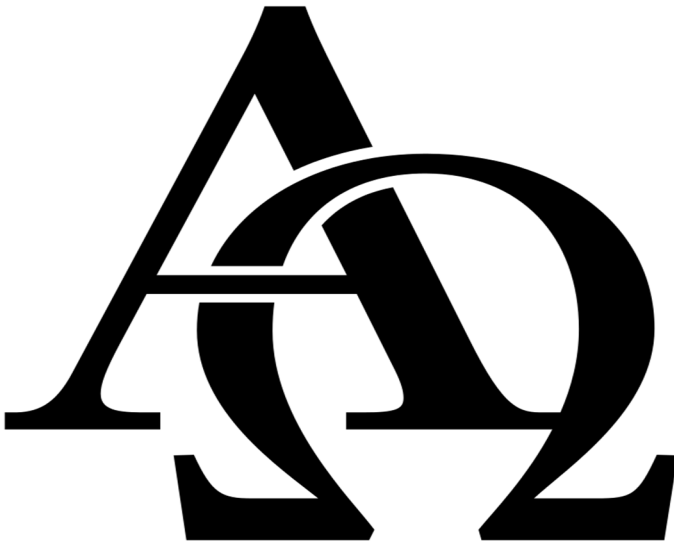


ABERDEEN ST MARK'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**Joy to the World
THE ALPHA & THE OMEGA
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday 19 January 2020
Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille**



**“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,
the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)**

“St Mark’s, sharing God’s love in the City Centre”

Welcome & Intimations

Children's Address:

Children's **The B.I.B.L.E.**
Chorus:

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes that's the book for me,
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes that's the book for me,
I read and pray, trust and obey,
The B-I-B-L-E.
(Children leave for Sunday School)

Praise: **CH4: 738** Glorious things of thee are spoken

Prayer of approach including the Lord's Prayer

Praise: **CH4: 550** As the deer pants for the water

Readings: Genesis: Ch.1: 1 – Ch.2: 3 (Page 1)
 Revelation 22: 1-21 (Page 1035)

Praise: **CH4: 319** Of the Father's love begotten

Sermon: The Alpha & the Omega

Praise: **CH4: 336** Christ is our light

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

Praise: **CH4: 130** Ye servants of God

Benediction:

Threefold Amen

Please join us downstairs in the Hall after the service for tea/coffee and fellowship.

Church Family News

1. St. Mark's Vacancy Update 16th January 2020

The Right to Call a Minister to the charge of St. Mark's was given at the time of the Union of Queen Street Church and St. Mark's Church in November 2017. That time having elapsed, and no minister having been called, the Presbytery of Aberdeen agreed at its December 2019 meeting that the Call be cisted. Therefore, presently, no Minister can be called by the congregation of St. Mark's. The St. Mark's Nominating Committee have now been discharged. We thank them for their work and efforts at seeking a minister to be sole nominee. It is an increasingly challenging climate to secure the Call of a Minister of Word and Sacrament, principally due to the shortage of Ministers available and seeking a new charge. In the meantime, discussions have been taking place between the Presbytery Planning Committee and the Kirk Session regarding the way ahead for the congregation. It is intended that a Transition Minister be appointed, to explore with, support and guide the Kirk Session and congregation as it seeks to review and plan the way ahead for city centre ministry connected with St. Mark's. This would involve liaising with the Presbytery City Centre Initiative Group. The appointment of a Transition minister will not take place until May/ June of 2020. In the meantime, we have the regular leading of Sunday worship by locum Mr Stiubhart MacChoille and the Rev Duncan Eddie continues as the Interim Moderator. For details regarding the Presbytery Plan proposals and how they impact on the city centre, you can access these via the Presbytery of Aberdeen web site. www.aberdeenpresbytery.org.uk At the moment, these are still only proposals. A Presbytery Plan will be approved at the special Presbytery meeting to be held on Saturday 25th April 2020. I will be leading worship at St. Mark's on Sunday 16th February, and I'll take the opportunity to elaborate on some of these matters then.

with my good wishes

Rev Duncan C. Eddie

2. **The Guild of Friendship** meets tomorrow at 14.15 in the Hall with Chapel Chimes. All welcome.
3. **The Guild & The Men's Club** meet together in the Hall at 19.30 tomorrow evening for an evening of Scots/Burns Music with Jim Addison. All welcome.
4. **The Scottish Country Dance Class** meets in the Hall at 19.30 on Wednesday 22 January. All welcome.
5. **The Guild lunch** is at Howies Restaurant, on Thursday 23 January: Those attending are asked to bring the correct payment, if possible: £13.75 (2 courses), £16.75 (3) which include tip.
PLEASE NOTE TIME IS 12.45 FOR 13.00.
6. **Somebody Cares.** If you are able, please bring along one item of non-perishable (canned/packet) food each week to place in the food collections. We currently have two bins located in the hall but once the donations have been uplifted this will be reduced to one bin.
7. **Intimations.** Please ensure that all intimations are passed on to the Church Office by 12.00 on Wednesday each week for inclusion in the Order of Service.
8. **Please let us know of:** -
 - (a) Any member of the Church or a member of their family being in hospital; or
 - (b) Any member of the Church who is unable to come on a Sunday and who would appreciate Home Holy Communion.Please contact Carole in the Church Office (01224) 640672 or email: office@stmarksaberdeen.org.uk