

ABERDEEN ST MARK'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**Standing on the Promises
GOD'S GREAT PROMISES
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday 26 January 2020
Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille**



**“Through this might and splendour he has given us his promises,
great beyond all price, and through them you may escape the
corruption with which lust has infected the world and come to share
in the very being of God.” (2 Peter 1: 4)**

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

Welcome & Intimations

Children's Address:

Children's Prayer:

(Children leave for Sunday School)

Praise: CH4: 125 Lord of all being

Prayer of approach including the Lord's Prayer

Praise: CH4: 166 Lord of all hopefulness (Tune: Slaine)

Readings: Acts 26: 1-18 (Page 924)
2 Peter: 1: 3-8 (Page 1012)

Praise: CH4: 555 Amazing Grace

Sermon: God's Great Promises

Praise: MP: 545 Open our eyes, Lord
(181)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

Praise: CH4: 644 O Jesus, I have promised

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. Update on Locum

Stiubhart MacChoille will be completing his time as locum with us at St Mark's on the 31st January 2020. From then on Stiubhart will not be available for pastoral assistance. A request can be made in special circumstances via the Interim Moderator. Stiubhart will continue to lead regular Sunday worship at St Mark's up until the end of April 2020.

In regard to funerals of church members or parish funerals, the Interim Moderator will be the first point of contact from the beginning of February. Stiubhart has served the congregation of St. Mark's with his gifts and dedication over a considerable period of time. We wish Stiubhart and his family God's blessing as he makes these changes.

Rev Duncan Eddie, Interim Moderator St. Mark's Church
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3. **The Guild of Friendship** meets tomorrow at 14.15 in the Hall for an afternoon of bowling. All welcome.
4. **The Men's Club** meet in the Hall at 19.30 tomorrow evening for a Games Night. All welcome.
5. **Dates for your Diary.**

Sunday 22 March 2020-	A.G.M. – after Morning Worship
Sunday 29 March 2020-	Holy Communion at 11.00
	Circle of Care Communion at 14.00

Both services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Brian Sheret.

Co-ordinating Team Meetings	11 March 2020 at 19.15
	20 May 2020 at 19.15
Session Meetings	18 March 2020 at 19.15
	27 May 2020 at 19.15
6. **Aberdeen Holocaust Memorial Day Committee** has organised a special event aimed at ensuring the memory of the Holocaust and other genocides are kept alive and that lessons are learned for today and for future generations. The event will be held on Monday 27th January from 12 until 1pm in Aberdeen Art Gallery, Cowdray Hall and Memorial Hall, Schoolhill Aberdeen AB10 1FQ. There will be a minute's silence at 12:30 in the Memorial Hall.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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:
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