

ABERDEEN ST MARK'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**Morning Worship
Sunday 16 February 2020
Rev. Duncan Eddie**



“You are salt to the world. And if salt becomes tasteless, how is its saltiness to be restored? It is now good for nothing but to be thrown away and trodden underfoot. You are light for all the world. A town that stands on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5: 13-14)

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

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Leader: With our hearts, our minds and our senses ... Let us open up to God.

All: Bearers of light to the world.

Leader: We are here to shine brightly.

All: Salt to bring out God's flavours

Leader: With our hearts, our minds and our senses... Let us open up to God.

Praise: JP: 258 This little light of mine.

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

The light that shines is the light of love,
lights the darkness from above
it shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.
Where there's a dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday he gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday, peace came from above,
on Wednesday he told me to have more faith,
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,
Saturday, he told me just what to say.
On Sunday he gave me the power divine
to let my little light shine.

Prayer of approach including the Lord's Prayer

Readings: Matthew 4: 12-23 (Page 791)

Introduction to theme/Children's address

Praise: CH4: 96 You are before me, God, you are behind

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (Page 943)
Matthew 5: 13-20 (Page 792)

Praise: CH4: 112 God whose almighty word

Sermon:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

Praise: CH4: 336 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

**May we reflect the light of God,
May we shine brightly for his Kingdom
May we invite others to taste God's goodness
And may we know his blessing
Now and always. Amen**

Benediction:

Threefold Amen

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

Future Services

Sunday 23 February	11.00	Morning Worship The transfiguration of our Lord Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille
Sunday 1 March	11.00	Morning Worship First Sunday in Lent Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille
Sunday 8 March	11.00	Morning Worship Second Sunday in Lent Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille
Sunday 15 March	11.00	Morning Worship Third Sunday in Lent Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille
Sunday 22 March	11.00	Morning Worship Fourth Sunday in Lent Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille
Sunday 29 March	11.00	Morning Worship Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Brian Sheret
	14.00	Circle of Care Communion Rev. Dr. Brian Sheret
Sunday 5 April	11.00	Morning Worship Palm Sunday Mr. Stiubhart MacChoille

Church Family News
Sunday 16 February 2020

1. **The Guild of Friendship** meets tomorrow at 14.15 in the Hall for a Bring and Buy and a Chat. All welcome.
2. **The Guild**, and the Men's Club meet together in the Hall at 14.00 on Monday 17 February for an evening with The Singing Policeman, Mr. Raymond Mack. All welcome.
3. **The Scottish Country Dancing** meet in the Hall on Wednesday 19 February at 19.30. All welcome.
4. **Team Meetings:** Please note the following dates in your diaries.
 - (a) Wednesday 19 February at 19.15 in the Session Room – Worship & Education.
 - (b) Tuesday 25 February at 19.15 in the Session Room - Mission & Outreach.
5. **Lent.** Thinking of what to give up for Lent? How about – take a black bag or any other container that would hold 40 items. Every day put in 1 item that you can live without but that somebody else would find useful. Items could be from a wardrobe, drawer, kitchen cupboard, bookshelf, cabinet, a CD, a DVD etc. Once filled you can then deliver it to a charity shop and remember that if you are registered Gift Aid to a particular one, they would also benefit. This way you would be not only decluttering but doing outreach to the community.
6. **Befriend a Child** are looking for Kilt Walkers to join their team at the Aberdeen Kilt Walk on Sunday 7 June. Walkers are asked to fundraise for the charity by taking part in either The Mighty Stride: 26 miles, The Big Stroll: 15 miles or The Wee Wander: 5 miles. The team will help create more smiles by walking the miles for the children supported by Befriend a Child in Aberdeen and

Aberdeenshire. For more information on how to sign up please email bethany@befriendachild.org.uk or speak to Bethany Hogg.

- 7. Dyce Parish Church** are delighted to be welcoming back, after an absence of over 7 years, the supremely talented and entertaining singer/songwriter from Northern Ireland, Mr. Brian Houston. As part of his tour Brian will be playing one night only in the North East and we are glad he has chosen Dyce Parish Church, on Saturday 22 February where he first played way back in 2004. Doors open at 19.00 with Brian on stage at 19.30. This promises to be an intimate entertaining musical evening of songs entwined with his inimitable wit, charm and stories. Tickets (£8), Family ticket (£20) and under 18s (£4) are available from Gregor Howitt (gregor.howitt1964@gmail.com) or Manson Merchant (mmerchant@churchofscotland.org.uk).

- 8. Somebody Cares.** If you are able, please bring along one item of non-perishable (canned/packet) food each week to place in the food collection bin located in the hall.

- 9. 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.

- 10. 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.