



A very warm welcome to our services of worship today. We pray that you will all know God's blessing as we meet together. Worship this morning is led by Mr Iain Morrison and this evening by Rev Gordon Macleod



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11 o'clock service led by Mr Iain Morrison

Praise: NEP 23

Praise: NEP 43

Praise: NEP 134

Praise: Psalm 72: 15-19

Reading 1Kings 4:1-20-34 (ESV)

Solomon's Wealth and Wisdom

20 Judah and Israel were as many as the sand by the sea. They ate and drank and were happy. **21** Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 Solomon's provision for one day was thirty cors of fine flour and sixty cors of meal, **23** ten fat oxen, and twenty pasture-fed cattle, a hundred sheep, besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl. **24** For he had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates from Tiphseh to Gaza, over all the kings west of the Euphrates. And he had peace on all sides around him. **25** And Judah and Israel lived in safety, from Dan even to Beersheba, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon. **26** Solomon also had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen. **27** And those officers supplied provisions for King Solomon, and for all who came to King Solomon's table, each one in his month. They let nothing be lacking. **28** Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds they brought to the place where it was required, each according to his duty.

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, **30** so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of

Egypt. 31 For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. 32 He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. 33 He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. 34 And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

Tea/Coffee will be served after the morning service to which everyone is warmly invited

6pm service (church hall) – Rev Gordon Macleod

The week ahead

Mon 1st Jan - New Year's Day service at midday led by Mr John Hebditch

Wed 3rd Jan – 7.30pm prayer meeting in church hall

Services next Sunday 7th January 2018

11am – Rev Ben Johnstone

6pm – Rev Ben Johnstone

The nomination committee would value the congregation's prayers at this time for Gods guidance, wisdom and discernment as they continue to search for a new minister.

