



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 Murdo MacIver and this evening by Mr John Hebditch



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**11 o'clock service led by Mr Murdo MacIver**

**Praise: Psalm 103: 1-5**

**Praise: I have decided to follow Jesus**

**Praise: Psalm 72: 17-19**

**Reading: Jonah 4 (NIV)**

**Jonah's Anger at the LORD's Compassion**

**But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup> Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."**

**<sup>4</sup> But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"**

**<sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."**

**<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"**

**“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”**

**<sup>10</sup> But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”**

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

**6pm service (church hall) – Mr John Hebditch**

### **The week ahead**

**Wed 17th Jan, 10.15am – Women’s bible study at Dolina Murray’s house, 34b Lionel. All women welcome.**

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, - 7.30pm prayer meeting in church hall followed by a Deacon’s Court meeting.**

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm- Rock Solid at Spors Nis for all P5- S2**

### **Services next Sunday 21st January 2018**

**11am – church, led by Mr Murdo Macdonald**

**6pm – church hall, led by Mr Iain Maclean**

***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.***

## Dates for your diary



**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 8pm,  
Family Christian film night in church hall**