

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011 11.00am

**Church of Scotland HIV Programme**

**Elder Led Service**

**“Souper Sunday 2011”**

**Theme: “He will bring lasting justice to all.”**

*(Isaiah 42:3)*

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Introduction & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

“The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord;  
the earth and all that live on it are his.”

#### *Hymn 530 – One More Step Along The World I Go*

#### *Call to Prayer*

“God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. But if we live in the light – just as he is in the light – then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.”

#### *Prayer with Lord’s Prayer*

### **Worshipping with Our Young People**

#### *Reading 1: Isaiah 42. 1 – 9*

#### *Prayer*

God of light and God of love,  
We thank you today  
for the hope you give us in the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Thank you that he lived our human life,  
that he shared in our happiness and our sadness,  
that he knew the pain of sadness and despair.  
In Christ we see the bright hope of Easter Resurrection;  
we see that your love is stronger than any human suffering.  
Help us to place our hope and our trust in you at the start of this new year –  
and help us to be your lights in our world’s darkness.  
In Jesus’ Name we ask this. Amen.

*Hymn 516 – We Are Marching In The Light Of God.*

**The Word of God**

*Reading 2 – Psalm 29*

*Reading 3 – Matthew 3. 13 – 17*

*Hymn 283 – The Voice Of God Goes Out To All the World*

*Making A Difference – A Short Reflection*

*Malawi*

*Hymn 465 – Be Thou My Vision, O Lord Of My Heart.*

*Prayers of Intercession*

*Offering*

*Prayer of dedication*

*Hymn 424: Blest Be The Everlasting God.*

*Words of Blessing*

Let us go now to love God  
and serve our neighbour;  
to serve God and love our neighbour.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, this day and for ever more.

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011 11.00am  
Second Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Wise or Foolish Followers?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Welcome & Intimations*

*Introit – 501 – Take This Moment Time And Space*

#### *Call To Worship*

Come,  
bring all that you have been since we last met,  
bring all that you are at this moment,  
and bring all that you hope to be in the future;  
and let us worship God together.

*Hymn 363 – We Have A Gospel To Proclaim*

#### *Call To Prayer*

God has caused his light to shine on our hearts, the light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*2 Corinthians 4.6*

*Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

*Story – “Jesus Says”*

#### *Prayer*

Loving God, thank you for sending your son Jesus to share your good news with everyone.

Help us to listen to your good news as the first disciples did.

Help us to share what we learn about you with our friends.

**Amen.**

*Hymn 563 – Jesus Loves me!*

### **The Word of God**

*Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 49. 1 – 7*

The Servant of the LORD

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1. 1 – 9*

The Introduction To Pauls' Letter

*Gospel – John 1. 29 – 42*

Jesus the Lamb of God

***Hymn 31 – I Waited Patiently For God (Psalm 40)***

***Sermon – Behold The Lamb of God***

John and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

*John 1. 29*

***Hymn 553 – Just As I Am***

**Our Response to God**

***Offering And Doxology – Hymn 810***

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
whom angels serve and saints adore,  
the Father, Son and Spirit blest  
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)*

***Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession***

***Hymn 110 – Glory Be To God The Father***

***Words Of Sending And Blessing***

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 11.00am  
Third Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Wise Or Foolish Trust?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

God of all trust,  
we gather trusting that you are with us  
now and always.  
May we identify in ourselves  
the doubts and fears  
and receive your power and love,  
through our worship and  
our friendship together in Christ.

#### *Hymn 249 – We Have Heard A Joyful Sound*

#### *Call To Prayer*

As God has called you, live up to your calling.

*Ephesians 4. 1*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Bible Lesson – Psalm 27. 1, 4 – 9*

Of David.

#### *Story – Trusting What We Cannot See*

#### *Prayer*

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation.

**The Lord is my light.**

The Lord is a strong place in my life.

**The Lord is my light.**

He will hide me away from trouble.

**The Lord is my light.**

He will set me high above danger.

**The Lord is my light.**

I will sing to the Lord.

**The Lord is my light.**

Hear me when I cry, Lord.

**The Lord is my light.**

Lord, I long to see you.

**The Lord is my light.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn 251- I The Lord Of See And Sky*

### **The Word of God**

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1. 10 – 18*

Divisions in the Church

*Gospel – Matthew 4. 12 – 23*

Jesus Begins His Mission

*Hymn 22 – The Lord's My Light And Saving Health (Psalm 27)*

*Sermon – Do We Trust God*

The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

*Psalm 27. 1*

*Hymn 533 – Will You Come And Follow Me?*

### **Our Response to God**

*Offering And Doxology – Hymn 810*

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,  
whom angels serve and saints adore,  
the Father, Son and Spirit blest  
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)*

*Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession*

*Hymn 248 – For My Sake And The Gospel God*

*Words Of Sending And Blessing*

Trusting God, thank you for trusting us.

May we have strength and inspiration in you  
so that we can live up to your calling  
to try to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May we repay your trust in us

by aiming to trust others.

Together may we build communities of trust for the good of the world.

For Jesus Christ's sake.

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011 11.00am  
Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Wise Or Foolish?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

To those called by God to salvation,  
Christ is the power of God,  
the wisdom of God  
and the foolishness of God.  
So let us worship God in Christ.

#### *Hymn 405 – We Sing The Praise Of Him Who Died*

#### *Call To Prayer*

You know the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ: he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. So that through his poverty you might become rich.

*2 Corinthians 8. 9*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

#### *Story – Expectations*

#### *Prayer*

Wise and clever God,  
please help us to hear your voice,  
feel your love  
and choose your ways of wisdom.  
Give us wisdom to know the difference  
between the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit  
and the noisy foolishness of our own minds and hearts.

**Amen.**

#### *Hymn SGP 84 – O Lord All The World Belongs To You*

### **The Word of God**

#### *Hebrew Scripture – Micah 6. 1 – 8*

What Does the LORD Require of Us?

#### *Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1. 18 – 31*

God's Foolishness

***Gospel – Matthew 5. 1 – 12***

God's Ways

***Hymn 168 – God Weeps***

***Sermon – What Does The Lord Require of Us?***

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6. 8*

***Hymn 544 – When I Needed A Neighbour, Were You There?***

**Our Response to God**

***Offering And Doxology – Hymn 810***

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,

whom angels serve and saints adore,

the Father, Son and Spirit blest

to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)*

***Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession***

***Hymn 167 – Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah***

***Words Of Sending And Blessing***

Go and seek the wisdom of God the Father

among the foolish things of this world.

Seek the foolishness of the Son

in his death and resurrection.

And dance in the footsteps

and strength of the Holy Spirit.

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011 11.00am  
Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ

Theme: Wise Or Foolish Life?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

From the mountain, Jesus calls us  
to see life from a different perspective.  
From the mountain, Jesus teaches us  
to find our place and live in each moment.  
From the mountain, Jesus challenges us  
to reach out and be the salt of God's kingdom.

**We come to worship:  
responding to God's call,  
ready to learn God's wisdom.  
ready to be sent back into the world  
as salt and light.**

#### *Hymn 157 – Sing Of The Lord's Goodness (inspired by Psalm 122)*

#### *Call To Prayer*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall walk in darkness; he shall have the light of life'.

*St John 8: 12*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Bible Lesson – Matthew 5. 13 – 20*

Salt and Light

#### *Story – What Is So Great About Salt?*

#### *Prayer*

S is for **Seasoning**: salt brings flavour to life.  
May we add colour and taste to the world  
and help others to enjoy life in all its diversity and beauty.  
A is for **Antiseptic**: salt cleans, preserves and draws out poisons.  
May we be honest and open,  
enabling healing and justice to our world.

**L** is for **Life-affirming**: salt is hidden yet essential for life.  
May we be constant and dependable,  
offering acts of kindness without making a fuss.

**T** is for **Thirst-making**: salt creates a thirst for the water of life.  
May we thirst for a deeper relationship with God  
and create a thirst for others to seek life in all its fullness.

**Amen.**

*Hymn – This Little Light Of Mine*

### **The Word of God**

*Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 58. 1 – 9a*

True Fasting

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2. 1 – 12*

In God Is Wisdom

*Hymn 192 – All My Hope On God Is Founded*

*Sermon – What Is So Great About Salt?*

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

*Matthew 5. 13*

*Hymn 542 – Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak*

### **Our Response to God**

*Offering And Doxology – Hymn 811*

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, praise be done ;  
may Christ the Lord upon us pour  
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.

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*Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession*

*Hymn 500 – Lord Of Creation, To You Be All Praise!*

*Words Of Sending And Blessing*

May the God who creates the salt so essential to life  
**help us live in every moment of each day.**

May the Son who used the metaphor of salt to describe discipleship  
**help us to share the gospel of life.**

May the Spirit who challenges us to be salt in the world  
**help us to salt the world with justice and peace.**

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011 11.00am  
Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Wise Or Foolish Relationship?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

*Welcome & Intimations*

*Gathering Words*

*Valentines day tomorrow*

*Call To Worship*

*Hymn 623 – Gather Us In*

*Call To Prayer*

The Lord's love is surely not exhausted, nor has his compassion failed; they are new every morning, so great is his constancy.

Lamentations 3: 22 - 23

*Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

*Story – What Should We Do On Valentine's Day?*

*Prayer*

We thank you when we are feeling happy.

We thank you for the fun things we can enjoy.

We thank you for all the people that love us.

We are sorry when we get angry or hurt other people.

We are sorry when we argue and fall out with one another.

Help us to say sorry and make up again

So we can feel good about ourselves and our friends.

**Amen.**

*Hymn 204 – I Am The Church! You Are The Church!*

### **The Word of God**

*Hebrew Scripture – Deuteronomy 30. 15 – 20*

Choices, Choices

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 3. 1 – 9*

We Follow Christ

*Gospel – Matthew 5. 21 – 37*

You have heard it said, but I say to you...

***Hymn 488 – Teach Us, O Loving Heart of Christ***

***Sermon – Choices! Choices!***

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.

*Deuteronomy 30.15*

***Hymn 502 – Take My Life, Lord, Let It Be***

**Our Response to God**

***Offering And Doxology – Hymn 811***

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, praise be done ;  
may Christ the Lord upon us pour  
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.

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***Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession***

***Hymn 515 – Soldiers of Christ, Arise,***

***Words Of Sending And Blessing***

May God, who created us to live in relationship with one another,  
go with you.

May the Son, who lived in relationships based on inclusion and forgiveness,  
go with you.

And may the Spirit, who breathes wisdom and life into community,  
go with you,  
now and into the days ahead.

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011 11.00am  
Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Wise Or Foolish Love?  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Order of Service**

## **Approach to God**

### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

God loves each one of us.  
No ifs, no buts.  
God loves each one of us,  
without condition.  
God calls us to love each other.  
No ifs, no buts.  
God calls us to love each other,  
without condition.

**Let us gather to worship  
the God who first loved us  
and teaches us  
how to love each other.**

#### *Hymn 123 – God Is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him*

#### *Call To Prayer*

Whoever is obedient to his word, in him the love of God is truly made perfect.

*1 John 2: 5*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

## **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Bible Lesson – Matthew 5. 38 – 48*

New Rules For Living  
Love for Enemies

#### *Story – What Would Jesus Do?*

#### *Prayer - Love everyone prayer*

When someone loves us and cares for us,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**  
When someone is kind to us and is a good friend,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**

When someone is just like us,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**  
When someone is very different from us,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**  
When someone is rude to us,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**  
When someone is mean about us,  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**  
We pray for anyone who has been unkind to us or hurt us.  
Jesus, help us to **love them!**

*Hymn 193 – God Is Love: His The Care*

### **The Word of God**

*Hebrew Scripture – Leviticus 19. 1 – 2, 9 – 18*

Rules for Community Living

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 3. 10 – 11, 16 – 23*

Christ is our Foundation

*Hymn 79 – Teach Me, O Lord,*

*Sermon – Teach Me, O Lord.*

Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,  
that I may follow it to the end.  
Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law  
and obey it with all my heart.

*Psalm 119. 33 - 34*

## **Our Response to God - The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*The Creed – Hymn 649*

*Offering & Music for Reflection*

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Introduction*

*Hymn 19 – Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads On High*

*Story of the Supper*

*Setting Apart of the Bread and Wine*

*Thanksgiving*

*Breaking of Bread*

*Communion*

*Hymn 497 – Almighty Father of All Things That Be*

*Words Of Sending And Blessing*

May the blessing of the God who created love and community  
go with you as you go out into this week.

May the blessing of the Son, who taught us to turn the other cheek,  
go with you as we creatively challenge situations of injustice.

May the blessing of the Spirit, who travels the extra mile with us,  
go with you as we commit random acts of kindness with those we meet.

*Doxology – Hymn 811*

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, praise be done ;  
may Christ the Lord upon us pour  
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.

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# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011 11.00am  
Eighth Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ

Theme: Wise Or Foolish Worry?

## **Order of Service**

### **Approach to God**

#### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

The world is the Lord's and everything in it.

**We worship you.**

The mountains are his, the rivers are his.

**We worship you.**

The trees are his, the flowers are his.

**We worship you.**

The animals are his, the pets are his.

**We worship you.**

The nations are his, the towns are his.

**We worship you.**

Every person, every breath,  
every word is his.

**We worship you.**

God loves us all, God keeps us all.

**We worship you today.**

#### *Hymn 641 – Seek Ye First*

#### *Call To Prayer*

Dwell in me, as I in you. Apart from me you can do nothing.

*John 15: 4, 5*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

### **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

#### *Story – Hakuna Matata*

#### *Prayer*

*Stretch hands out to the side and turn in a circle slowly.*

**Lord God, your word is so beautiful.**

*Reach hands up as high as possible.*

**All the big things.**

*Make tiny shape with fingers*

**All the little things.**

*Stretch hands out to the side and turn in a circle slowly.*

**Lord God, your people are so special.**

*Reach hands up as high as possible.*

**All the big people.**

*Make tiny shape with fingers.*

**All the little people.**

*Curl hand slowly round an imaginary object.*

**Keep me safe in your hand today.**

*Lift hand to eyes.*

**Help me to look at your world.**

*Reach hands out to the side and turn in circle.*

**Help me to share your love with everyone I meet.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn – My God Is So Big*

### **The Word of God**

*Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 49. 8 – 16a*

*Restoration of Israel*

*Epistle – 1 Corinthians 4. 1 – 5*

*The Nature of True Apostleship*

*Gospel – Matthew 6. 24 – 34*

*What Is The Point of Worrying?*

*Hymn 89 – For You The Pride Of My Heart Is Banished (Psalm 131)*

*Sermon – Worry! Worry! Worry!*

*Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

*Matthew 6. 34*

*Hymn 551 – In Heavenly Love Abiding*

### **Our Response to God**

*Offering And Doxology – Hymn 811*

*To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, praise be done ;  
may Christ the Lord upon us pour  
the Spirit's gift for evermore. Amen.*

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***Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession***

***Hymn 533 – Will You Come And Follow Me?***

***Words Of Sending And Blessing***

As we go, let us remember that  
God who painted the lilies  
and launched the birds into flight,  
who created grass to feed the cattle  
and sparkling water to sustain all life,  
goes with us:  
so let us try, really try  
not to fret about what is insignificant.

# *Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011 11.00am  
Last Sunday After The Epiphany of Christ  
Theme: Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Wise Or Foolish Journey?  
**Order of Service**

## **Approach to God**

### *Welcome & Intimations*

#### *Call To Worship*

On the mountain top we see your splendour  
**and we worship you.**

In the desert places we find your presence  
**and we worship you.**

Through the journeys of our lives we discover your love  
**and we worship you.**

Be with us, Lord of majesty and might,  
companion on our days, friend to those in need.

Be with us and give us eyes to see, ears to hear  
and the will to be transformed.

#### *Hymn 543 – Christ Be Our Light!*

#### *Call To Prayer*

The Son of Man must be lifted up, in order that everyone who has faith may in him have eternal life.

*St John 3. 14 - 15*

#### *Prayer With Lord's Prayer*

## **Worshipping with our Younger Members**

### *1<sup>st</sup> Bible Lesson – Gospel – Matthew 17. 1 – 9*

The Transfiguration

#### *Story – Look And See*

#### *Prayer*

God of all daily journeys,  
may God-given glimpses of glory go with us.  
May we shimmer and shine with your Spirit  
but walk with our feet on the ground.  
Amen.

***Hymn 189 – Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord***

**The Word of God**

***Hebrew Scripture – Exodus 24. 12 – 18***

The Passover

***Epistle – 2 Peter 1. 16 – 21***

Peter remembers the Transfiguration

***Hymn 353 – Bright The Cloud And Bright The Glory***

***Sermon – The End Of The Journey?***

“Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*Matthew 17. 9*

***Hymn 132 – Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise***

**Our Response to God**

***Offering And Doxology – Hymn 812***

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, three in one,  
praise, honour, might and glory be  
from age to age eternally. Amen

*Latin hymn, 9th century  
translated John Mason Neale (1818–1866)  
as in The Hymnal 1940*

***Prayers Of Dedication & Intercession***

***Hymn 355 – You, Lord Are Both Lamb And Shepherd***

***Words Of Sending And Blessing***

Lord in worship  
we catch a shining glimpse of all that you are  
and we are transformed.  
Be with us, Lord, as we go out to face everyday reality,  
by glimpses of your glory.  
Keep us sure-footed as we journey into Lent,  
confident in our journey towards the glory of the your cross.  
Glorious God, we go in your name.