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# Markinch Parish Church

## Sunday Bulletin

*Minister: Revd Alex Forsyth TD BA MTh*

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### *Our Mission*

*To Worship God, Share His love and Serve His World*

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### *Grace To You And Peace*

*During the organ prelude please quietly prepare yourself for sharing in the service by offering a prayer and reading the lessons set for today.*

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**We enter to worship**  
**Prelude - music for prayer and meditation**

Welcome & Intimations

**HYMN** **167**

Prayers & Lord's Prayer  
Learning Together

**HYMN** **553**

*The children continue their service in the hall.*

Isaiah 55.1 - 9 p 742  
Romans 7.14 - 25 p1134

Luke 13.1-9 p1046

**HYMN** **O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

Prayers for Help & Healing

**HYMN** **555**

The Sermon

Offering

**HYMN** **Vaster Far**

The Blessing & Choral Amen

**Postlude - music for prayer and reflection**  
**We depart to serve**



**O Sing a Song of Bethlehem    Tune: Kingsfold**

**O sing a song of Bethlehem,**  
of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them  
from angels in the air.  
The light that shone on Bethlehem  
fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
the angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth,  
of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth  
in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of his dear name  
on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,  
of lake and woods and hill,  
of him who walked upon the sea  
and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee,  
dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's work,  
falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary,  
its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree,  
and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary  
is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,  
is mighty now to save.



**Vaster far than any ocean,  
deeper than the deepest sea  
is the love of Christ my Saviour,  
reaching through eternity.**

But my sins are truly many  
is God's grace so vast, so deep?  
Yes, there's grace o'er sin abounding,  
grace to pardon, grace to keep.

*Can he quench my thirst for ever?  
Will his Spirit strength impart?  
Yes, he gives me living water,  
springing up within my heart.*

Vaster far than any ocean,  
deeper than the deepest sea  
is the love of Christ my Saviour,  
reaching through eternity.

*Words : Author Unknown  
Music : Russian Folk Melody*

**The Parkinson's Disease Society (Fife Branch)** are holding a **Fundraising Concert** on Friday 12th March at 7.30pm in the Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline, featuring Rosyth Concert Band, The Kingdom Singers and a Dancing Duo. Tickets priced £6.00 from Carnegie Hall booking office or from 01383 725529 and 01383 721547

**Christian Aid Coffee Morning** Volunteers are required please, for the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. If you can help with any of the following, please speak to Jean Forsyth or call 01592 758264. She will be very grateful for:- help in the kitchen, serving coffees, manning the tombola stall, baking stall or the door and selling raffle tickets and tickets for the event. She would also appreciate donations of baking for the teas and for the baking stall, donations for the tombola and for the raffle

**An invitation from the Burntisland Church Pastoral Care Group.** Members of Presbytery are warmly invited to join them on Tuesday 9th March at 7.00pm in Burntisland Church Hall for an address by Justin Dowds, Director of the Charity 'Lemon Aid' based in the Vine Church, Dunfermline. Justin and his team of volunteer doctors and nurses go to La Gonave, an island off Haiti, to care for the children there, vaccinating them against typhoid, hepatitis B, meningitis and much more. The charity's challenge now is to rebuild the hospital there. A film will be shown. If you are interested please contact Ann Smith on 01592 873994 by 7th March.

**"Bel Canto Voices - an evening of song"** on Friday 12th March at St Margaret's church at 7.30pm Tickets priced £5.00 including tea/coffee/juice and biscuits. in aid of the World Church Fund. For tickets call Brian Johnson on 01592 743251

**Dear friends,** It is my challenge for 2010 to combine my favourite activities of spending time with friends and cooking, with fundraising for the church fabric fund. I plan to start a dinner tree, a social activity for people to attend alone, in couples or with a guest, which will grow organically and allow us all to see more of each other in the coming year, while raising money in the process.

I will be hosting a number of dinner parties over the coming months, at which everyone will be invited to provide their own alcoholic beverages, a good time will be had by all, and then at the end of the evening, everyone will be invited to donate an amount of their choice into the fund.

The growth element of the activity is that everyone in the company will then be invited to host their own event, preferably with friends and family from outwith the congregation, in order to widen the income potential for the fabric fund. If you hold an event, the money should be handed to myself within four weeks.

This activity is not restricted to dinner either, if you feel that you would rather host a lunch, wine tasting or morning coffee event, that is also encouraged, so that everyone can be included.

If you wish to be included in the initial round of events or require further information, please forward your names to me either by phone (07801279899) or email [maz7731@aol.com](mailto:maz7731@aol.com)

*Marianne Sankey*

## Update



**Welcome.** We hope you will feel at home and among friends.

Would visitors please sign our visitors book.

Please join us for coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.

If you would like information about the Church or any of the organisations please see a member of the welcome team.

The reader today is Doug Jolly.

**Ministers Vestry Hour** 12 noon - 1.00 pm. Please contact the Minister for an appointment - phone 01592-758264 or E-mail [alex@arforsyth.com](mailto:alex@arforsyth.com) In the event of hospitalisation, serious illness, family anxiety, bereavement or personal difficulty the Minister is available to visit. You have to let him know if he can be of help.

**Coffee Morning** from 10.00am to 11.30am on Thursdays in the church hall. Join us for tea or coffee and a chat. Sales table and lucky tickets. The Thursday Coffee Mornings during January and February raised £792.00

**The Kirk Session and Congregational Board** will hold a joint meeting in the Session House on Sunday 14th March immediately after the service. The sole item on the agenda is approval of the Church's accounts

**The Guild** meets tomorrow, Monday 8th March, at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall. The A.G.M. will be followed with a presentation by Jean Forrester & Nan Hutchison on the Guild Projects.

**Fundraising and Social Events** It has been decided that we will have a few social events as well as the major fundraising events in 2010, The fundraising effort for this year will be ring fenced for the fabric fund as there are a number of major projects which need to be undertaken this year, such as the replacement of the windows in the church hall. Please put the dates below in your diary, and we hope that these events will be well supported. All further details will be intimated in the weekly bulletin.

**Fundraising.** 19<sup>th</sup> June Coffee Morning with Tombola and Sales Table

1<sup>st</sup> September Raffle Tickets will go on sale

9<sup>th</sup> October Coffee Morning with Tombola and Sales Table

**Social Events.** 9<sup>th</sup> April Quiz Night

Summer Garden Party (any volunteers?)

10<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Meal at Balbirnie Golf Club (£20 ea.)

**Inner Wheel Fundraising Evening** Glenrothes Inner Wheel invite you to their fundraising evening in Markinch Church Hall on Friday 27th March at 7.00pm for their Cheese and Nibbles evening. Tickets, priced £7.50, can be purchased from Tracy Thomson following the service today.

**The Church Website** has had a major upgrade in is now online in its new format. We still have some content and photographs to add but please have a look at the new site at [www.markinchchurch.org.uk](http://www.markinchchurch.org.uk) and pass any comments directly to Ken Wilkie or by email to [comments@markinchchurch.org.uk](mailto:comments@markinchchurch.org.uk)