



# 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**                      **I Sing the Almighty Power of God**

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Learning Together

**HYMN**      **533**                      **Will You Come & Follow Me**

*The children continue with their service in the hall.*

Joshua                      14.6-14                      p 230

Revelation                      22.1-5                      p1250

John                      14. 23-29                      p1083

**HYMN**      **268**                      **O God of Bethel**

Prayers for the Church & the World

**HYMN**      **465**                      **Be Thou My Vision**

The Sermon  
Offering

**HYMN**      **167**                      **Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

The Blessing & Choral Amen

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





## **I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD**

that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his Word,  
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn mine eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes your glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow  
by order from your throne.

God's hand is my perpetual guard,  
he guides me with his eye;  
why should I then forget the Lord,  
whose love is ever nigh?



## NEWS RELEASE

POVERTY

### Christian Aid Week in Markinch

**MORNING COFFEES** after the service today, 9th May.  
Join us for a chat and tea/coffee over in the hall

**HAGGIS DRIVE** - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Come along for a fun evening starting at 7.00pm in the church hall. Adults £2, Children £1. Bring your own refreshments. Fish & Chip Suppers (These can be ordered & paid for on the night)

**COFFEE MORNING** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am - 12 noon in the church hall. Tickets £2 from Jean Forsyth  
Donations of baking to Jean Forrester after 9.00am on the day.  
Donations for the raffle to Alymer Sinski or Jean Forsyth  
Donations for the tombola to Fatima & Ian Johnson

**SOUPER SUNDAY** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May after the morning service.  
Come enjoy a light lunch of homemade soup and a filled roll.

For information about any of these events, contact Tracy Thomsom  
Jean Forsyth or Karen Wood.

Christian Aid Week is Britain's longest-running fundraising week. It is famous for the massive impact that the week has made in the fight to end the scandal of poverty around the world. It works through partner organisations in around 50 countries for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

For example, people such as Catherine Nyaata, in the slums or informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya have been given a significant boost as they try to work their way out of poverty. Thanks to Christian Aid partner organisation MNU, members of Catherine's community have been able to install five toilet and shower blocks. 'They have brought us more dignity. Previously there was none,' says Catherine.

The minister, Rev Alex Forsyth said, "It's so easy to forget just how fortunate we are. These events enable us to fund projects that make significant changes to the lives of those in need. I do hope folk in Markinch will feel able to support these events."

## **HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH BY RECYCLING**

During the next few months we will be collecting all types of unwanted textiles including adult's and children's clothes, paired shoes, hats, bags, belts, curtains, towels and bed linen. We take all qualities of textiles, even ripped or with buttons missing!!! Our Church will get money for every kilo of textiles we collect.

Start collecting today and bring bagged items to the Church Hall, where we will store any items until our collection date which has now been confirmed as 13th June 2010. For more information contact Tracy Thomson on 01592 775752 or visit the Rag Bag Website at [www.rag-bag.co.uk](http://www.rag-bag.co.uk)

## **450th anniversary of the Scottish Reformation**

There will be a special session of the General Assembly to mark the 450th anniversary of the Scottish Reformation. This will be held in the Assembly Hall from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday 23rd May and will include worship, drama, special music with Hyndland School choir and orchestra (where the Moderator was school chaplain), historical input and reflections on the Reformation legacy today. This will be an open session of the Assembly and visitors will be very welcome.

## **LIFE AND WORK - CURRENT ISSUE - MAY 2010**

**General Assembly 2010** Interviews with the Moderator Designate, the Rev John Christie, and the Lord High Commissioner, Lord Wilson of Tillyorn - Reports to the assembly - Fringe diary

**Ballot Box Views** Representatives of Church organisations and Christian charities offer their thoughts on the issues that should count at the forthcoming Westminster election.

**Water Works** To mark Christian Aid Week, Jackie Macadam meets a collector who had the chance to experience the charity's work in Kenya first-hand.

**Arbroath's Ancient Site'** John R Hume visits St Vigean's Church in Arbroath

**From Lent to Pentecost'** The Rev Martin Allen ends his series with a look at John 20.

**Winning Religious Freedom** Peter Howie's final pen portrait of the Reformation examines the role of James Renwick, the last of the Covenanters to be executed.

**40 Years of the SRT** Dr Murdo Macdonald celebrates the anniversary of the Kirk's Society, Religion and Technology Project.

**A European Vision** The Rev Doug McRoberts highlights the diversity, breadth and history of the Presbytery of Europe, which "really isn't about providing convenient churches for Scots on holiday".

**Plus:** Lochaber Presbytery, all the regular columnists, news, letters, reviews and crosswords - all for just £1.60

**Online:** Life and Work will provide updates throughout the General Assembly at [www.facebook.com/lifeandwork](http://www.facebook.com/lifeandwork) and [twitter.com/cofslifeandwork](http://twitter.com/cofslifeandwork).

## 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 Dr Bob Grant.

**Ministers Vestry Hour** 12 noon - 1.00 pm. Please contact the Minister for an appointment - phone 01592-758264 or E-mail [alex@forsyth.com](mailto:alex@forsyth.com) In the event of hospitalisation, serious illness, family anxiety, bereavement or personal difficulty the Minister is readily available to visit. You have to let him know if he can 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. Would you be able to help one Thursday in five? (That is only ten times in a year!) Due to illness, one or two of our five teams are short of volunteers. Please come along to the church hall any Thursday morning for coffee and a chat, and to find out more. The total raised by the Coffee Mornings during March and April was £907.55

**Congregational Board** The next meeting of the Board will be held in the hall on Monday 17th May at 7.15 p.m. Copies of the agenda and minute of the previous meeting are now available in the Session House for those members who do not have e-mail facilities.

**The Kirk Session** will meet immediately following the Board Meeting on 17th May

**GROW Prayer Support** - Come along and support Gwyneth (the local churches youth worker) through prayer. Next meeting is in the Salvation Army Hall, Glenrothes, Monday 24th May from 5 - 5.30pm

**50 Years of St. Columba's** in Glenrothes - An anniversary exhibition of the evolving life of St. Columba's Church will take place at St. Columba's on Saturday 15th May (10am - 4pm) and Sunday 16th May (1 - 3pm) Entry is free. Tea/coffee and a quiz for children will be available.

**Exploring Healing.** The work of Healing Rooms - led by Diane & Andrew West. Wednesday 19th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Hall at St Margaret's Church, Woodside Road, Glenrothes. A search to discover a way in which the churches in Glenrothes could offer a healing ministry to the town.

**Pentecost Praise** - There will be an afternoon of Praise and Worship on Sunday 23rd May, at 2.30pm in the Lomond Centre. Music will be provided by the Praise Bands of St. Margaret's and St. Ninian's Churches. All welcome. Silver collection to cover costs.

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