



# 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 528 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

Isaiah 49.1 - 7 p 735

Romans 12.1 - 8 p 1139

Matthew 25.14-30 p 994

**HYMN 251 I The Lord of Sea and Sky**

Prayers for Help & Healing

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

The Sermon

Offering

**HYMN 500 Lord of Creation**

The Blessing & Choral Amen

**Postlude - music for prayer and reflection**

**We depart to serve**





## **Pakistan floods appeal**

**Please donate to Christian Aid's Pakistan floods appeal.**

Your donations will help make a difference to the people of Pakistan whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed in what the UN is describing as the worst natural disaster since the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.

According to Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for International Development, the Pakistan floods have affected an area the size of England. This gives an idea of the scale of this disaster and how important it is to respond and help people recover from this emergency - now and in the long term.

We have sent £150,000 to help Act Alliance partners respond to the devastating floods that have killed more than 1,400 people. Reports vary, but current estimates suggest that in excess of 20 million people in Pakistan have been affected.

ACT Alliance partners will provide food, shelter and medical assistance to in excess of 200,000 people in Balochistan, Khyber Paktunkwa, Punjab and Sindh provinces.

Monsoon rains sweep across Pakistan each year, but since 21st July the rains have been stronger and more intense than usual, causing the worst floods for 80 years. The extent of the damage is severe, and the floods have destroyed communities - demolishing entire villages, roads and bridges and ruining fields and crops and killing livestock.

Severe monsoon rains and flash-floods over the weekend of the 7th August caused further damage, destroying more towns and villages and adding to the death toll.

20 million people are thought to have been affected by serious flooding in Pakistan. People in the flood's wake were already desperately poor and what little possessions they had have been washed away. The extent of this crisis is only slowly emerging. The more villages that are reached the grimmer the picture becomes.

There is a desperate need for temporary shelter, clean drinking water and toilets to avert a public health catastrophe. People also need medical care and basic food items. We are looking at a sizable aid package that will require a great deal of public support.

### **With your help we can save lives:**

**£12** will buy one family hygiene kit - including soap, washing powder, sanitary cloths and towels, oral rehydration salts and nail-cutter/comb

**£14** will buy one family household kit - including a plastic bucket, water cooler, floor mats, waste bin, shawls and water purification tablets

**£46** will buy tools for clearing up - including a shovel, pick axe, bucket, broom and wheelbarrow.

**Please place your donation in the  
Christian Aid pot in the vestibule.**

## **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?



## 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 Meg Sankey.

**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 readily available to visit. You have to let him know if he can be of help.

**Session Clerk** At last Monday's Kirk Session Ian Watt resigned as Session Clerk and was thanked by the minister for nearly nine years of service. The Session presented Ian with a study Bible and went on to elect John Wood as Session Clerk and Tracy Thomson as Deputy Session Clerk.

**Christian Aid** Last Sunday the congregation gave £76 to the Christian Aid Pakistan Appeal. Please leave your donation in the Christian Aid Tub in the vestibule.

**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.

**Memorial to the Markinch boys lost at Ibrox in 1971** You may be aware that the existing memorial stone has recently been restored thanks to the generosity of Rangers FC supporters across the world. Rev Alex Forsyth will conduct a dedication ceremony for the new memorial stone next Sunday, 29th August at 12.15pm, immediately after the communion service.. The ceremony will take place at the memorial site which is located at the top of Park View. Anyone who would like to attend this ceremony will be made very welcome.

**Around Markinch - Photographic Quiz.** How well do you know Markinch? Entry sheets are available in the hall after the service today. First prize is a model of the church. The quiz sheets are priced at £1.00 each.

**A Treasure Hunt** is being organised by the Markinch Environmental Action Group this afternoon, 22nd August, starting at 1pm from the entrance car park of Balbirnie Park. Teams will follow clues on foot and all ages are welcome, but children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Adults (over 16s) pay £1.00 and this includes refreshments at Markinch Town Hall afterwards. Under 16s go free. There are prizes of up to £50.

**The African Children's Choir** is performing in Kinghorn Parish Church on Sunday 22nd August at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 and are available only from Ena Hudson on 01592 890181. Entry is by ticket only (as requested by the choir).

**Back to School with God Sunday** - A special service to focus prayer for young people, school staff and local schools will be held on Sunday 29th August, at 2pm in Glenrothes Baptist Church. All welcome.