

Stonehaven Dunnottar and South Churches of Scotland (Linked)

The Week's News

Sunday Worship – 9th July 2017 – 'Sea Sunday' – Dunnottar Church

'Some went out to the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep.' A wonderful verse from Psalm 107 which was read for us as we were encouraged to focus on the seafarers who go to sea for many and various reasons, keeping trade going around the world, but risking their lives as they face nature in all her guises.

Reverend Rosslyn Duncan led us in worship as we reflected on and prayed for the welfare of those who sail the seven seas.

This psalm rejoices in the different ways God rescued us from all manner of trials as wanderers, prisoners, those weighed down with guilt, and seafarers rescued from rough seas and led to a safe haven.

As we heard about the work of the Sailors Society and the care they give to seafarers, we reflected on being an island nation with the sea in our blood. In Stonehaven we are a seafaring town with fishing, lifeboat and coastguard all based here.

In the singing of one of the favourite hymns for seafarers 'Eternal Father strong to save', its rousing words transported us on to the ocean waves, metaphorically speaking, unpredictable and uncontrollable, calling on God to strengthen and save us. In God we have a safe haven which is God's provision for all people. This is a place where we are loved and cared for.

Rosslyn's second reflection was based on the reading from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 11. Our journey of faith is a continuing time of exploration. God gradually reveals himself in the world he has created through the work of his holy spirit.

In following Jesus, God is revealed more fully and just as the disciples walked beside him and learned from him, so must we.

Jesus said 'if you know and love me then you know the Father, the One who sent me'.

We are called to do the same thing, live our lives to reveal who God is. God of love, mercy and justice. We are all encouraged to do something to help others, no matter how small, to reveal the love of God.

Love God and serve the world.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Monday 10th July Bible Appreciation Group 2pm at William Mackie Crescent

Thursday 13th July Friendship Coffee Morning at St. Bridget's 10am

Sunday 16th July Morning Service at South Church 10:30am

Sunday 23rd July Summer Songs of Praise at Dunnottar Church 10:30am

Sunday 30th July Morning Service at St. Bridget's 10:30am

ALL WELCOME AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS

Intimations for both Dunnottar & South Churches should be sent to St Bridget's office – secretary.dunnottarchurch@outlook.com by **9.00am on Thursday** & copied to the Minister rduncan@churchofscotland.org.uk who can be contacted by telephone on 01 569 762 166.

Please advise the minister or any elder of a patient who would welcome a visit either in hospital or residential care.