

## Stonehaven Dunnottar and South Churches of Scotland (Linked)

### **The Week's News**

#### **Sunday Worship – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – South Church**

At Stonehaven South Church on Sunday Reverend Rosslyn Duncan welcomed the gathered congregation with heartfelt greetings for happiness in this New Year and worship commenced with the hymn 'Unto us a boy is born'. Having entered the season of Epiphany Rosslyn spoke of the 'manifestation' or 'sudden realisation' of who Jesus is - the Christ, the Messiah but not merely for the people of Israel but for the whole world. The congregation reflected on these thoughts as they sang the traditional Epiphany carol

'We three Kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we travel afar'

In her sermon Rosslyn spoke of New beginnings. Reflecting on St Mark's gospel, which unlike Matthew and Luke does not have accounts of our Lord's Nativity but has as its starting point Jesus baptism in the River Jordan, the beginning of His earthy ministry. We cannot know whether the Man Jesus realised what lay ahead for Him at this point but what we do know is that Mark records that reassurance from God 'you are my Son, my Beloved, with you I am well pleased'

As our thoughts turn to the year ahead we realise that there can be much uncertainty as we face our future but wherever we are and whatever we may be doing Rosslyn assured us that God's love and care will always be there just as it has been in the past because our Lord is faithful to His people. Worship concluded with the beautiful hymn

'Great is Thy faithfulness all I have needed, Thy hand has provided, great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me'

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#### **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	<b>BIBLE APPRECIATION GROUP</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm	<b>WHIST</b> -St Bridget's
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10-1130am	<b>FRIENDSHIP COFFEE GROUP</b> -St Bridget's

**Next Sunday's service is at Dunnottar Church at 10.30 am**

**EVERYONE IS 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](mailto:secretary.dunnottarchurch@outlook.com) by **9.00am on Thursday** & copied to the Minister [rduncan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:rduncan@churchofscotland.org.uk) who can be contacted by telephone on 01 569 762 166.

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