

## NOTICES

### HUMOUR/QUOTATION:

Seen in another church's Newsletter:- "Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

"Be careful of reading health books. You may die of a misprint" – *Mark Twain.*

### DONATIONS

If you are a visitor and wish to make a donation to the church, please use the white envelopes found on the table at the door. If you pay Income Tax, please fill in your details as this will allow us to claim back Gift Aid on what you have given.



We believe in Life before death



### SALLY FOSTER-FULTON

Come to meet Sally, Head of Christian Aid Scotland and to hear more about the work of Christian Aid at our Service in KEMNAY PARISH CHURCH (Fraser Place) at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday 13 May.

Stay for refreshments, meet Sally and Christian Aid volunteers from our area.

For further details, see <https://kemnayparish.church/wp> or email [office@kemnayparish.church](mailto:office@kemnayparish.church)  
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## BIRSE & FEUGHSIDE PARISH CHURCH



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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH TODAY

A warm welcome is given to all, especially any visitors amongst us.  
Please join us for refreshments after the service.

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

**Worship Leader**

David Platt

**Junior Church**

Anne Silcott

**Reader**

Anne Horsfall

**Musical accompaniment**

Susan Zappert/Louise Counsell

**Hostess**

Sheena Littlejohn/Kerry Hector

#### Church Website

[www.birseandfeughside.org.uk](http://www.birseandfeughside.org.uk)

#### CONTENTS OF WORSHIP

**Hymn 196:** Come, now is the time to worship

**Welcome and intimations**

**Call to worship**

**Hymn 510:** Jesus calls us here to meet him

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Family time**

**Hymn:** Our God is a Great Big God

**Readings:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
John 17:6-19

**Hymn 522:** The Church is wherever God's people are praising

**Sermon**

**Offering and offering hymn**

**Prayer**

**Hymn 694:** Brother, Sister, let me serve you

**Blessing**

## FIRESIDE REFLECTIONS

**Susan Zappert** writes on the hymn “Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You.”

Richard Gillard was born in Wiltshire in England but emigrated to New Zealand with his family when he was three years old. He had no formal musical training. “I’m a self-taught guitarist and play mostly in a folk style”. In this hymn he considers the implications of being servants for each other, companions on the journey. Indeed, the hymn is sometimes known as “The servant song” or “We are travellers on a journey”.

The hymn recalls the occasion, prior to sharing a Passover meal together, when Jesus insisted on washing the feet of his disciples – a task usually assigned to a servant. When his disciple Peter protests, Jesus says firmly: “If I don’t wash you, you have no part with me.” ([John 13: 1 – 11](#)). Richard says these verses were in his mind when he wrote the hymn, together with re-enactments of that moment, which he had experienced while attending St Paul’s Church, Auckland, in New Zealand.

It was in the first half of 1976 that he wrote verse 3 (I will hold the Christ-light for you ...) but, initially, no more than that. It wasn’t until one particularly summery Sunday afternoon in December 1976 or January 1977, back in Auckland, that he took that scrap of paper out of his guitar case and began to meditate on that single verse, exploring the possibilities that it suggested. He remembers that the other verses came quickly – although not in the order in which we now sing the song.

The hymn’s opening line was originally: “We are travellers on a journey”. Pilgrimage (v.2) is not just about walking towards a point of worship and meditation, it is seen an opportunity for companionship. Likewise, servanthood is imaged here as being alongside others, whatever their need or situation – which may evoke tears but equally might be an occasion of happiness or hilarity (v.4). What is important is the gift, at all times, not only of supporting others (v3 - I will hold my hand out to you), but also of being able to receive graciously the gifts, support and companionship that others have to offer - Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

Taken as a whole, Richard’s words speak not only of how Christians should be with one another but also how they need to be with those in the communities and world around.

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### Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is in hospital or would appreciate a card or a visit, please let a member of our Pastoral Care Team know. (Jean Morrison, Val Ramshaw, Mary Taylor, Maureen McLellan - 01224 582491)

### Kirk Session

The next Kirk Session meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the small hall of the Church.

### Christian Aid

Envelopes for Christian Aid are available in the entrance hall for donations ahead of Christian Aid Week (13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May).

### Parish Profile

The Nominating Committee will be taking photos of Church life in order to update the Parish Profile. If anyone does not wish to be in these photos, please let either Malcolm or Mary know.

### Messy Church dates

Wednesday 6th June- theme Stories Jesus told continued

Wednesday 4th July- Paul

August- no Messy Church

Any volunteers to help with craft activities or the catering would be very welcome. Please see Kerry Hendriksen, or there is a catering rota by the door.