

ST NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH



Sunday 20th September 2026

10.30am

Minister

The Rev Gary J McIntyre BD Dip.Min

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 124 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

All-Age Talk

Hymn 189 - Be still, for the presence of the Lord

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found -
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight -
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him -
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

The Word of God

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Matthew 28:16-20

Read by Elaine Ronald

Hymn 160 - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
widely as his mercy flows.
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.
- 5 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Sermon

For Everything There Is a Season

Hymn 702 - Lord, in love and perfect wisdom

- 1 Lord, in love and perfect wisdom,
times and seasons you arrange,
working out your changeless purpose
in a world of ceaseless change:
you are Lord of human kingdoms,
guiding them through all their days,
to unfold in your good purpose
to your glory and your praise.
- 2 To our shores remote, benighted,
barrier of the western waves,
tidings in your love you sent us,
tidings of the cross that saves:
saints and heroes strove and suffered,
here your gospel to proclaim;
we, the heirs of their endeavour,
tell the honour of their name.
- 3 You maintain our nation's purpose
every change and chance defying;
still your changeless love is bringing
challenge to our changing day:
grant us, in our land and nation,
faithful service to maintain;
King of kings, your will be done.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Presentation to the Rev Gary J McIntyre

Leslie W Asher, Session Clerk



*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every activity under heaven.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

*“And surely I will be with you always,
to the very end of the Age.”*

Matthew 28:20

Hymn 182 - Now thank we all our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven -
the Father and the Son
and Spirit - now be given:
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

Thank You

As I come to the end of almost twenty-eight years as Minister of St Ninians Old, I give thanks to God for the privilege of sharing in the worship, witness and life of this congregation and parish.

I am deeply grateful for the kindness, friendship, encouragement and support I have received from so many people within the congregation, throughout the parish and beyond. We have shared many seasons together: times of joy and laughter, times of challenge and change, and times of sorrow and loss. Through them all, God has been faithful.

As one season ends and another begins, my prayer is that St Ninians Old will continue to know God's presence, trust God's promises, and serve God with confidence, faith and hope.

Thank you for the many memories I will cherish and for the honour of being your Minister.

With every blessing,

Gary