God will do a new thing with His people now.

**‘The Gate of the Year’**

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’*

*And he replied;*

*‘Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way’*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

 *He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.*

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

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**Order of Service and Intimations**

**Sunday 5th January 2020**

 **St Ninians Old Parish Church**

God will do a new thing, as in prayer we bow,

Wondering at His wisdom, marvelling at his power.

God will do a new thing in this present hour.

Praise the Lord of newness; trust His solemn vow –

God will do a new thing with His people now.

God will do a new thing with His people here.

God will do a new thing: Christ is ever near,

Searching for commitment, sending out a call.

God will do a new thing, touching lives of all.

Praise the God who’s faithful; trust the word you hear –

God will do a new thing with His people here.

God will do a new thing for our age and time.

God will do a new thing: to us He’ll assign

All His Spirit’s blessings, peace from Heaven’s store.

God will do a new thing as He’s done before.

Praise the God who’s with us; trust His love divine.

God will do a new thing for our age and time.

God will do a new thing with His call today,

Seeking new disciples for His pilgrim way;

Bidding us to follow; making all things new.

God will do a new thing, for His Word is true.

Praise the God who offers mercy when we stray.

God will do a new thing with His call today.

God will do a new thing! Praise His glorious name!

For His Kingdom’s purpose, every life He’ll claim:

Guiding us in service; calming every fear.

God will do a new thing through our joys and tears.

Praise the God of love, whose grace we now reclaim.

God will do a new thing! Praise His glorious name.

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**Intimations**

*Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors book in the vestibule.*

*There is a loop system for people with hearing aids.*

*Please feel free to remain seated during the singing of the hymns.*

**A happy and peaceful New Year to you!**

The **Flower Calendar for 2020** is in the vestibule. If you would like to give flowers to the Church please put your name and contact details against the Sunday of your choice.

The **Tuesday Group** will meet this week at 7:30pm in the Parish Halls. The group will be addressed by the Minister and there will be a Finger buffet.

The **Bible Study Group** will meet at the Church on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

*‘Will you follow me?’* Mark 5:1-20 (P70)

There will be a **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** in the Parish Halls on Saturday, at 12 Noon.

The **Sunday Club** will resume next Sunday.

There will be a short celebration of **Holy Communion** following the service next Sunday morning.

There will be a joint Church **Friendship Lunch** in St Columba’s Church Hall on Monday, 13th January at 12 Noon.

**Start Up Stirling** – Donations of food and money can be left at the Church on a Sunday morning.

**Welcome**

*Call to Worship*

**Hymn 103 (Ps 147) ‘Fill your hearts with joy and gladness’**

*Prayer*

**Hymn ‘God will do a new thing with His people now’**

**(See insert – Tune ‘Armageddon’)**

*The Word of God*

*Jeremiah 31:7-14 (P658)*

*John 1:1-18 (P78)*

**Hymn 235 ‘God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year’**

*Prayer of Intercession*

**Hymn 237 ‘Look forward in faith’**

*Sermon*

*‘The Word became Flesh’*

*Offering*

*Prayer of Dedication and Lord’s Prayer*

**Hymn 605 ‘Thanks to God whose word was spoken’**

**(Tune ‘Regent Square’ Hymn 680)**

*Benediction and Three-Fold Amen*

**Order of Service**