



**19 March 2017**

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### **Welcome!**

If you are visiting with us today, please stay after the service (**10.30am**) for tea/coffee which is served in the large hall.

**Pastoral Care Team** - The Care team's role is to provide help and support in various ways. If you or someone you know needs assistance please contact:

**Margaret Lamond (tel:225494)** or email: [margaret@wlamond.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:margaret@wlamond.orangehome.co.uk)

**Caroline MacDonald (tel:230278)** or email: [edenhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:edenhouse@btinternet.com)

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### **Lectionary Readings:**

19 March Luke 15:1-32 (Psalm 119:167-176)

26 March Luke 16:19-31 (Psalm 41:1-3)

**Service Time:** Following consideration by the Kirk Session Sunday worship will continue to start at 10:30 when the clocks change at the end of the month.

**The Possible World Course:** Is another world possible? One where strangers are welcomed, creation is valued, stuff is just stuff and justice is the norm? Jesus presents his followers with a radical challenge about how to live in the present, as well as transforming hope for the future. Sessions during Lent which will be held in the church on a Sunday evening at 6pm, the sessions will last one hour.

- 19th March - Human suffering: How can I show I care?
- 26th March - Injustice: So many issues, so few of us

**Kingdom Tots (crèche):** We are looking for some new helpers for the crèche on a Sunday morning. If are interested in joining the rota please speak to Iwona Grant or Jane MacLean.



**Hilton Church Toddlers:** Our baby & toddler groups meet in the large hall every Monday and Friday mornings during school term from 9.45 – 11.15. All parents and carers are very welcome.

**Time Out:** The next Time Out is on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April. Start time 10:00. Crèche provided. Everyone welcome! Cards with the dates are available in the foyer.



**Afternoon Tea:** The next monthly afternoon tea for over 60's will be on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm.

**Safeguarding Forms:** If you were recently given a safeguarding form for completion please could you return it to the office asap so that we can ensure our records are up to date. Many thanks to those who have returned the form.



**Thank You from MAF:** Dear Friends, I write on behalf of MAF to thank everyone at Hilton Church for your ongoing support of our ministry and especially in the latest gift of £450 (this was the collection from the Christmas services). We very much appreciate your kindness and would ask that you pass our sincere appreciation on to everyone. Please be assured that your kindness will allow MAF to continue to take aid to some of the remotest places in the world. With many thanks again. Hazel

**MAF Collection Boxes:** If you have a MAF collection box at home please bring the contents to church over the next couple of weeks. Please give to Margaret Lamond or Jane MacLean.

**An Evening with Kenneth Steven:** On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm here in the church there will be a chance to hear the gifted Scottish writer Kenneth Steven. For more information see the posters in the foyer and link corridor.



**Foodbank:** If you are able to donate during March & April, the following items will be greatly appreciated: *Tinned Potatoes Crackers/Oatcakes*  
*Long Life Fruit Juice Toilet Rolls*

Donations can be placed in the container in the Church vestibule. The Blythswood Care Superstore on Harbour Road also receives donations from Mon to Sat, 9am to 4pm.

**#40for40:** If you haven't decided if you're giving up coffee or chocolate this Lent, please consider supporting Highland Foodbank in feeding local people in crisis. We are asking people to donate 40p for the 40 days of Lent. All you have to do is find an old jam jar and start collecting 40p each day from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April. The £16 you have collected over Lent can also be gift aided which provides Highland Foodbank with a total of £20 – enough to feed a family in crisis this Easter.

At the end of Lent, you can bank the money you've raised and donate it via our website [www.blythswood.org](http://www.blythswood.org), mentioning that it's for Foodbank. Or you can give a cheque, made payable to Bythswood Care or your jar of money to Lorna or John Dempster at church.

**Book Launch:** 2000 Years of Christ's Power, Volume 4 - The Age of Religious Conflict. William MacKenzie, Christian Focus Publications, interviews author Rev Dr Nick Needham at Highland Theological College UHI, Dingwall on Wednesday 29th March, 2pm. All welcome (just turn up, no need to book). Copies signed by the author will be available to buy.



**Kinship Group:** DOMINOES! Are you a fan? Want to learn? Just want out of the house to meet people? Are you over 50? We are planning to hold a Dominoes afternoon on the last Thursday of each month (starting 30th March) in the Light House from 1.30 to 3.30pm. You don't need to play, just come and enjoy some company, a blether, a cuppa. Want to know more tel: Margaret (Johnston) - 07564 840257 or Wendy - 07856 873382 or email [kinshipclub16@outlook.com](mailto:kinshipclub16@outlook.com)



**Congregational Meal @ The Light House:** Please note that this event has been cancelled.

**Maundy Thursday:** 13th April at 7.30pm in the church – we are presenting a thought provoking play entitled ‘The Disciples at the Supper’, written by Pat Jones. We therefore seek ‘thespian’ men who are willing to play a part! Communion will follow afterwards. For more details please speak with Iain Todd [791161] or itoddyo@aol.com.



**Alive Ministry Events:** An Evening with Noel & Tricia Richards on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm in Inshes Church. For more details about this events please see the poster in the foyer and link corridor or go to [www.aliveministry.co.uk](http://www.aliveministry.co.uk)



**Book group:** The next Book Group will meet on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at the home of Shona MacPherson, 66 Culduthel Mains Crescent. Just the one book has been chosen for this month, "Shtum" by Jem Lester.

**Inverness Festival of Male Voice Gospel Praise:** Saturday 25th March 2017, at East Church, Academy Street, Inverness at 7:15pm. Community Singing commences at 7:00pm. Guest Speaker is Rev Graham Swanson. All are warmly welcomed—Admission Free. Collection in aid of Elsie Normington Foundation



**Hilton Golf Challenge 2017:** This year we want to give you golfers advance notice of this popular event which is to be held at 6.00pm on Friday 9th June at Nairn Golf Club, Seabank Road. We shall be playing over the Cameron 9 holes course. Afterwards there will be a meal in the clubhouse. The cost will be £20 (£15 for members of Nairn GC). Please add your name to the sign- up sheet in the foyer. Any questions speak to Iain Ross [238130] or Iain Todd [791161].

**Church Hill Walk:** There are 282 Munros in Scotland - mountains over 3000 feet. Ian Fraser is completing his round of Munros on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, weather permitting. His final mountain is the magnificent Ben Alligin which is in Torridon. If you would like to share in that day, please put the date in your diary, and more information will follow in due course.



**ECO Congregation Gathering:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at St Columba’s South Hall, Duff Avenue, Elgin. 10am – 3pm, Worship, seminars and fellowship. The main speaker is David Bethune, Programme Coordinator, Eco-Congregation Scotland. The Worship Leader is Jenny Adams. For more information see poster and leaflets in foyer.

**The Highlands Support Refugees:** The Highlands Supports Refugees is still collecting clothes and shoes etc and needs volunteers to sort it.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehighlandssupportrefugees/> You can see what sort of things they are particularly needing. If you'd like to bring things to Church to be taken on to the sorting centre in Conon Bridge I'll make sure they get them. It would be very helpful if bags could be labelled, 'men's, women's or children's'.

Any queries [anne.katherine.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:anne.katherine.thomas@gmail.com) or Tel 01463731303.

**Blythswood Vacancy:** Area Fundraising Manager (Highlands and Islands and Grampian)  
The position is for 37.5 hours per week, which will usually be Monday to Friday 08:30 to 16:30, but will include some evening and weekend work. There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the postholder must be a practising Christian. For more information go to the Blythswood website or contact Barbara Grace on 01349 830777 or email

personnel@blythswood.org

The closing date for completed applications is 27th March 2017

**Sermons Online:** You can access a large archive of sermons from Hilton Church by clicking on the 'Sermon' link on our website ([www.hiltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hiltonchurch.org.uk)). Some sermons are also now available as podcasts. ***Please note that there has been a technical problem with this system and we have not been able to record the past few weeks. We hope that normal service will be resumed very soon and apologise for this inconvenience.***

**Noticeboards:** If you have any posters or notices which you wish displayed please place them in the tray on the lower shelf of the table in the foyer. Thank you.

**Bulletin by email:** If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for the weekly bulletin please let Jane know by sending an email to [office@hiltonchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hiltonchurch.org.uk)

**If you have any notices for the bulletin please make sure they are in the office by 4pm on Wednesday. Thank you. Call 233310 or email: [office@hiltonchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@hiltonchurch.org.uk)**

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### **Sunday Morning Groups for Children and Young Teenagers**

There are various groups meet on a Sunday morning for children and young teenagers. You will see below where each group meets. If you are new or visiting please ask for directions. The minister or person leading the service will announce when the children should leave. Parents/carers are responsible for taking their children to and from these activities. Visiting children are very welcome to join in.

- *Kingdom Tots (Under 3s) – Small Hall*
- *Kingdom Kids (3-5 year olds) – Upstairs Lighthouse*
- *Sunday Club (P1 – P6) – Large Hall*
- *P7 - S2 Group – Downstairs Lighthouse*

A group for S3-S6 pupils meets every Sunday evening at Jonathan's house, from 7.30pm. Please speak to Jonathan or one of the teenagers for more information.

**Speaker Facility:** A speaker is located in the small hall (kitchen entrance) to allow people to hear what is being said in the sanctuary. If you need to leave the sanctuary but still wish to hear the sermon, you may use this facility [especially useful for those with babies].

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**SU Holidays:** Bookings for SU Holidays 2017 are now open! These holidays for young people from Primary 5 – Secondary 6 are great places to build friendships and make new friends, enjoy excellent activities, eat great food and explore the Bible to discover more about Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. More information is available at [www.suholidays.org.uk](http://www.suholidays.org.uk). This includes details of the holidays that Elaine Watt leads for Primary 5-7 children (Easter and summer) as well as the holidays led by Colin Carmichael for those in Primary 5-7 (summer), Secondary 1-3 (summer) and Secondary 4-6 (Easter).