

Sunday Diary – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

Reverend Rosslyn Duncan warmly welcomed the congregation. We were encouraged to purchase a publication produced by Fetteresso church entitled 'Bread of Life'. Funds raised will be donated to the cancer charity CLAN.

Rosslyn began the children's' address by pointing out, on a globe, with Abi's help, the towns of Bethlehem , Nazareth and the sea of Galilee. She told the children that Jesus walked along the shores of the sea of Galilee and asked them to imagine what it would be like to meet Jesus. The children left for Sunday School to look at Jesus' life and at the lives of those he spent time with.

Rosslyn's sermon focused on 'call, commitment and community'. Rosslyn began by reminding us that we were in the midst of Christian Unity week of prayer. This week begins on the first feast of St Peter ( 18 January) and ends on the feast of the conversion of St Paul ( 25 January). During this week we are given the opportunity to consider what unites us as Christians. While Christians have different ways of worship we all know what it means to be called by Jesus.

We heard readings from 1 Corinthians and the Gospel according to Mark. These tell us of men who, on meeting Jesus gave up everything, immediately, to follow him. They gave up everything convinced that Jesus will return in their lifetimes. When we come to God we are not expected to give up our responsibilities. We are called in a way that is unique to us and the lives we are leading.

Rosslyn concluded the service by introducing six members of the congregation who have answered God's calling to become pastoral elders. Pastoral elders are trained and encouraged by the Kirk Session to visit parishioners to offer love and support in the name of the Church.

The new pastoral elders committed to God are: Douglas and Morag Duncan, Jean Houghton, Alasdair and Joyce MacCallum and Karen Wood.

CDs of our worship services are available for the housebound and elderly. They may be found near the sound desk.

Sunday 29 January - Sacrament of Holy Communion 10.30am Dunnottar and 2.30pm St Bridget's  
Retiring collections: our partners in India Village Ministries

A fundraising Burns Concert will be held in St Bridget's on Saturday 11 February, starring artists from Dunnottar and South Churches. Tickets £6 can be obtained from Allan Cairnduff, George Coutts or Forbes Bain.

Thursday 26 January - Friendship Coffee Group – St Bridget's from 10.00 till 11.30am

Hospital visiting: please advise the Minister of any patient who would welcome such a visit.

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