



## Kingshill Parish Church Service Sheet February 2025



Worship for February will be held in Skene Kirk at 10.30am.

Nosh and Natter will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February in Kingswells Village Hall at 12.30pm.

Hope Café will be held at Trinity on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 11.30am

There'll be afternoon tea services as follows:

**Kingswells Village Hall** 2pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Trinity Church** 2pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (Soup served at 1pm)

Fiona Blair will be on leave from 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> February  
(Rev Mark Rodgers – 07388 418456 will deal with any urgent pastoral matters during this time)

### Opening Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven*

*Hallowed be thy name,*

*thy kingdom come,*

*thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

*and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,*

*for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever ... Amen.*

### Call to Worship – Psalm 138

I will give you thanks with all my heart;

I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

I will bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your constant love and truth.

You have exalted your name and your promise above everything else.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased strength within me.

### Love is all around me... Reflection by Callum Ross



At the time of writing this reflection our house is in the grip of getting ready for Scottish poetry week, with daily renditions of *A Red, Red Rose* being a must listen to event. So you might forgive me for feeling like I've been surrounded by love poems. This combined with the Valentine's Day shopping displays, online adverts for cards, heart shaped chocolates, more adverts for romantic escapes and trinkets of affection have pushed me to the point of feeling a little like the romantic version of Scrooge! I'm certain that I'm not alone in this dislike of commercialised love, but we must remember that those behind the heart shaped balloons don't get to be the decision makers when it comes to what love looks like. That rests ultimately with the one who loved first, God.

*I want to know what love is. I want you to show me.*

### Sunday Service Details

#### Worship 10.30am Trinity Church

The service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel at 10.30am.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ-wWCO2QUvEU8BhPTq\\_xfA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ-wWCO2QUvEU8BhPTq_xfA)

When it comes to popular culture and its depiction of what love is, so much of it rests on how one person will show how much they love the other. What lengths they will go to in order to prove it. Are they willing to buy all that their partner desires? Willing to walk 500 miles, and then 500 more? Is this what love is? The Bible tells us something different. God's love is unconditional, unending, and perfect. The ultimate outpouring of what love looks like comes in God's revealing of himself in Jesus Christ. Want to know what true love looks like? Read the Gospels. Want to know how we can show love to our fellow human beings? Read the Gospels. Want to know how far God will go to show you that He loves you? Read the Gospels. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ covers what love is far more accurately than a four minute power ballad ever could hope to.

As a student reading about the Biblical ideas and language of love, I encountered the work of a Swiss theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar. His description of what divine love looks like has stayed with me to this day. He says that God's revelation of himself is not only true and good, but also *beautiful*. The beauty of God's love is the mystery of reality; it is the true meaning of life, of existence, of being. Just as we are overwhelmed by a beautiful work of art, so God's love overwhelms us, transforms us, brings us to ourselves, and awakens us to respond to God with love.



And what does this response look like? It looks like Matthew 25, which is in our readings for this month; 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

The Christian version of love, looks and sounds very different to the one advertised this month. We are called to mirror the love that God has shown us. It's not flashy, nor boastful. It is an outpouring of service, care, and a desire for all to know the love that our Father in heaven has for us. For how that looks in the eyes of those that don't know God's love yet, I leave you with the words written by von Balthasar:

"The first thing that must strike a non-Christian about a Christian's faith is that it is all too daring.



It is too beautiful to be true: The mystery of being, unveiled as absolute love, coming down to wash the feet and the souls of its creatures; a love that assumes the whole burden of our guilt and hate, that accepts the accusations that shower down, the disbelief that veils God again when he has revealed himself, all the scorn and contempt that nails down his incomprehensible movement of self-abasement—all this, absolute love accepts in order to excuse his creature before himself and before the world." Hans Urs von Balthasar *Love Alone: The Way of Revelation*.

## God's Word

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>
Matt 15:10-39	Matt 16:1-20	Matt 16:21- 17:13	Matt 17:14 – 18:9	Matt 18:10 - 35
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Matt 19:1 - 15	Matt 19:16 -30	Matt 20:1-19	Matt 20:20-34	Matt 21:1-17
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
Matt 21:18-32	Matt 21:33-22:14	Matt 22:15-46	Matt 23:1-39	Matt 24:1-31
Monday 17 <sup>h</sup>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Matt 24:32-25:13	Matt 25:14-46	Matt 26:1-30	Matt 26:31-46	Matt 26:47-68
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>
Matt 26:69-27:10	Matt 27:11-44	Matt 27:45-66	Matt 28:1-20	Mark 1:1-28
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Mark 1:29-2:17	Mark 2:18-3:30	Mark 3:31-4:29	Mark 4:30-5:20	Mark 5:21-6:6a

## Hymns and songs of worship

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>
511: Your hand O God, has guided	443: He is Lord	465: Be thou my vision	564: Jesus loves me this I know	462: The King of Love my Shepherd is
We seek thy kingdom – Various artists: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcAgnAR7u14">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcAgnAR7u14</a> Is He Worthy - Shane & Shane: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A1sAdFXMlc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A1sAdFXMlc</a>				
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>
Jesus friend of little children	533: Will you come and follow me	231: For the fruits of all creation	374: From heaven you came	367: Hosanna, loud Hosanna
Never Once - Matt Redman: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2CpU39tM0c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2CpU39tM0c</a> Turn Your Eyes - Sovereign Grace Music <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHHPbBfinXs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHHPbBfinXs</a>				
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
Sweet hour of prayer	In Christ alone	540: I heard the voice of Jesus say	404: Lord of the dance	644: O Jesus I have promised
Cornerstone – Hillsong: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvotrMldTQw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvotrMldTQw</a> Beautiful Saviour - Stuart Townend: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o62w259ZJ4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o62w259ZJ4</a>				
Monday 17 <sup>h</sup>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>
513: Courage Brother	543: Longing for light	399: My song is love unknown	377: Go to dark gethsemane	376: 'Twas on that night
Gethsemane – Andrew Lloyd Webber Musicals: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-VI4c35040">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-VI4c35040</a> Glorious Day – Passion: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hukv7EBc030">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hukv7EBc030</a>				
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>
87: Lord from the depth	382 O Sacred heart sore wounded	438: The head that once was crowned with thorns	410: Jesus Christ is risen today	334: On Jordan's banks
The Power of the Cross - Stuart Townend <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPFv-ywTY-c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPFv-ywTY-c</a> Everlasting Arms – Lou Fellingham <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul5u-mPmCq8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul5u-mPmCq8</a>				

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351: Jesus hands were kind hands	356: Meekness and majesty	417: Now the green blade riseth	570: When the storms of life are raging	718: We cannot measure how you heal
You Are Unrivalled - Noel Robinson <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXn0XfpwfNU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXn0XfpwfNU</a> How great Thou art- Matt Redman & friends <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSfTnv9NvV8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSfTnv9NvV8</a>				

## How Do I Love Thee?

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806 –1861)

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.  
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height  
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight  
 For the ends of being and ideal grace.  
 I love thee to the level of every day's  
 Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.  
 I love thee freely, as men strive for right.  
 I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.  
 I love thee with the passion put to use  
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.  
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
 With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,  
 Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,  
 I shall but love thee better after death.



## Prayer

Lord, thank you that although there is so much that I do not understand in this world,  
 I can trust in your wonderful love. Help me today, to continue to wonder at your  
 Great love for me.  
 Amen

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## Benediction

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.—**Romans 15:5-6**

