



Service Sheet Monday 20th November

The Orpheus Choir will be performing at Skene Kirk on 8th December. Tickets are available at the church office or from Margaret Mearns. All money raised will support our work with the local asylum seekers.

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

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

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My heart is filled with thankfulness	600 Spirit of God unseen as the wind	I am a new creation	503 I will offer up my life	655 For your generous providing
See what a morning – Stuart Townend https://youtu.be/6xM-fpXayUg?si=JMzJC_yU92_P7FNd Jesus strong and kind - Cityalight. https://youtu.be/zS9w_frp674?si=ldbRBWoyHeF7B90c Even Still and Even So - Matt Redman https://youtu.be/nGkKDYhfq_c?si=8biK-JM26LaTuKlc				

God's Word

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2 Corinthians 5:1-21	2 Corinthians 6:1-18	2 Corinthians 7:1-16	2 Corinthians 8:1-24	2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Reflection by Fiona Blair

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

-2 Corinthians 9:15

What is the most amazing gift you've ever been given? Just think for a second, how did you feel? What was your reaction?

Have you ever watched the adverts for the postcode lottery? Watching various people opening their front doors to one of the presenters holding an oversized cheque. There they would stand usually in tears, jumping up and down, completely floored by the unexpected moment of generosity. Life would never be the same!

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be the person opening the door, to see them standing with a cheque at your door? What would you say, and how would you act when you learned that you never had to worry about money ever again? Sadly, statistics show that the odds of winning are roughly 1 in 1080,000.

One of the reasons that people dream of winning the lottery is because, for them, that sum of money means they are free from the slavery of having to pay bills and debt. When you no longer have to think about whether or not you can afford something, you are truly "free", right?

While the odds of winning the lottery are slim, there is one gift that you have already received that is even more unbelievable. You can almost imagine the apostle Paul jumping up and down on the doorstep of his home, shouting “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

What is this gift that causes Paul to shout for joy? Jesus Christ and eternal life in His name.



“Wait,” you may say. “I have that eternal life, but I’ve never felt that kind of joy before.”

When you grasp the incredible gift of God in Jesus Christ’s paying for our sins, you will find the reason to jump up and down for joy. Our list of sins is incredibly more of a debt than all of the world’s debt combined, and there is no way that you or I can pay it off. Without hope, we are faced with an eternity of separation from God, the only one who can give us hope, purpose, or joy.

Yet, when we didn’t even ask for Him, Jesus came, lived and died for us, so that we might have a real, true and free relationship with God. When we place our faith in Him, all of our debts are forgotten – forever!

If you won millions of pounds unexpectedly, you would surely tell every person you ran into about this incredible gift. How much more should we share this amazing gift of forgiveness we have received from God?



Now that is a giveaway worth shouting to the world about!

Prayer

Loving Heavenly Father, Thank you for Your indescribable gift! We are so grateful for the life that we now have in Jesus Christ. Like Paul, sometimes we are truly unable to put our sense of gratitude into words. Help us this day and everyday to share your gift of forgiveness and grace with our neighbours, family and friends. May we never forget that in you we have life and all its fullness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Benediction from 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

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