

WELCOME & INTIMATIONS

Call to Worship

Hymn 152 *Praise the Lord, his glories show*

All-age talk

Song : *Come and listen to my tale*

Prayer

Readings : Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (p928)

Mark 1: 14-20 (p1002)

Hymn 485 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Sermon

Hymn 509 *Jesus calls us o're the tumult*

Offering and Dedication

Prayers

Hymn 513 *Courage, brother! do not stumble*

BENEDICTION

We welcome **all visitors** with us today and hope you may be able to join with us in the hall, for **tea or coffee**, at the close of the service.
For those who may be visitors to our Church, it is our custom to stand as the bible is brought in and placed in the pulpit, and also to stand as it is removed after the Benediction.

INTIMATIONS

Prayer Times In the church at 9.15am each Sunday

TODAY Congregational meeting following worship, to give all members an opportunity to respond to Presbytery's questionnaire for its planning process. No tea and coffee but a light lunch will be served for those attending the meeting.

Today we have some more food available for sale in the hall. Donations welcome and will go towards buying fresh food for the food bank

Mon 23rd Jan Women's Group meets at 7.30pm in Ludgate Community Centre — 'Class Cuisine.'

Tues 24th Jan Friendship Guild meets at 2.30pm in Ludgate Community Centre — Guest John Baillie - thingies

Fri 27th Jan Tickets still available for St Mungo's Parish Church Burns Supper and Ceilidh in the Town Hall. Tickets cost £13 for a three course meal and ceilidh. See Liz or Muriel.

Sat 28th Jan All members are invited to a Presbytery resources event in St Mark's Stirling on 2-4.30pm. Topics include discipleship, bible study and leading worship and there will be opportunities to hear and discuss new ideas and approaches which might be useful here in Ludgate. More information from Muriel and Val.

Sun 29th Jan Healing Service in the Church 6.30pm

Items for the **weekly intimation** sheets should be given to Linda Thom (Linda@thom-micro.com) by **10am on the preceding Wednesday**

Tues 31st Jan Guild meets at 2.30pm in Church Hall — Bible Study with drama

Sun 12th Feb (note change of date) Planning meeting for this years' holiday club in Alloa Baptist Church at 12.15. Please come along to find out more.

Sat 10th March If you would like tickets to Sound of Music in Mac-robert at 2pm please see Dorothy Reid. There will be a bus there and back.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Every congregation in the Church of Scotland has been instructed by the General Assembly to undertake a regular assessment of the stewardship of its resources. This means that we should consider how we use our time, talents and money in responding to God's goodness to us.

Our congregation, like many around the country, is struggling to keep up with rising costs and the Church of Scotland has recognised the need for every congregation to promote financial giving among its members.

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board have discussed how Ludgate Church should best carry out this instruction and have decided that we should set aside one month each year as our 'stewardship season'. This is to be February and in that month our services and other events will be based on considering how we already use and how we can make better use of our God-given resources.

This year we are beginning with the giving of money and each Sunday from 29th January we will be looking at different aspects of God's goodness to us and how our financial giving can help to do the work God has called our congregation, and the wider Church, to do.

Come listen to my tale

Of Jonah and the whale

Way down in the middle of the ocean.

How did he get there

Whatever did he wear

Way down in the middle of the ocean

Preaching he should be

At Nineveh, you see -

He disobeyed - O what a foolish notion.

But God forgave his sin

Salvation entered in

Way down in the middle of the ocean

Cross of coins - It is my take on the Mile of Pennies so often used to fundraise.

By donating an occasional 50p or £1 you can help buy a chair for the refurbished church.. The idea is that it is ongoing and hopefully will result in the complete cross being covered in little red or yellow stickers!

There are two crosses—one in the hall of fellowship and one beside the table at the front of the church. It would be fantastic to see the coloured column rising up. It is my hope that eventually the cross will contain enough stickers to buy many more chairs.

There's a long way to go - CAN YOU HELP?

Anne Cairns