

Order of Service for Sunday 10th October

Tarves 11.15am



Call to Worship

Leader: What are you looking for?
Who are you looking for?
All: We search for God.
Leader: Did you search to the north, the south, the east and the west?
All: We searched everywhere for God.
Leader: Do not fear, for God is here.
He is in our hearts, He is in our minds.
All: How do we reach God?
Leader: We reach him in prayer and in praise.
Let us worship God together this morning.

Praise CH4 256

1. May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bring light and hope to every land and race.	2. God will be our Shepherd as we go our way And will not forsake us when we go astray. Even though the load of life is hard to bear, We must not forget that God is always there.
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*Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Prayers of Approach and Lord's Prayer

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 31:6-8

⁶ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.'
⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, 'Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them

as their inheritance. ⁸ The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.'

Mark 10:17-31

The rich and the kingdom of God

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

¹⁸ 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."^[a]

²⁰ 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?'

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

²⁹ 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

Praise CH4 532 Lord, you have come to the seashore

1. Lord, you have come to the seashore, Neither searching for the rich nor the wise, Desiring only that I should follow.	2. Lord, see my goods, my possessions; In my boat you find no power, no wealth. Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
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*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
Gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
At your side I will seek other shores.*

3. Lord, take my hands, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost, Returning love for the love you gave me.	4. Lord, as I drift on the waters, Be the resting-place of my restless heart, My life's companion, my friend and refuge.
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Reflection

Prayers for Others

Praise CH4 167 Guide me O thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but though art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till my want is o'er.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.

Blessing

Notices

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Sunday 17 October Morning Worship All Welcome

9.30am Tarves Kirk The Church will be laid out café-style and coffee will be served after worship. The service can also be accessed live on Zoom.

11.15am Barthol Chapel Gather from 10.45am. Bring your own coffee.

Please note that certain restrictions will still apply, viz, hand-sanitising, wearing of masks and Contact and Trace. Please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home.

Sunday 24 October Harvest Thanksgiving Donations of flowers for Tarves Kirk can be made by arrangement with Doreen Brown or Pat More.

Community Bible Experience We hope to read the books of the Bible, loosely known as the Writings, which include Psalms, Proverbs etc before Christmas. There is a reading programme and a weekly discussion group (probably on Zoom at a time that suits as many as possible) at which people can raise any questions, or thoughts which have come up in their reading in the previous week. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this group and I will include you in the numbers requiring a book.

Pastoral Care Please contact Alison 01651 851295.