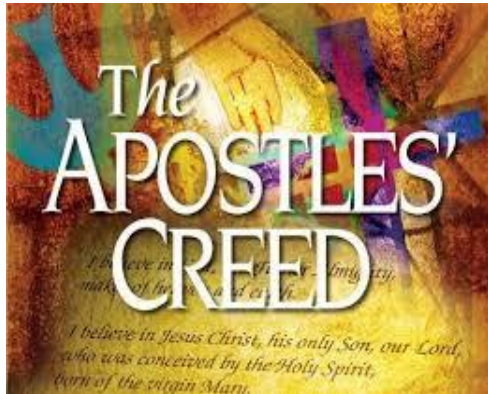


Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Sunday 10 September 2023 10.00am



The Apostles' Creed – I believe in Jesus Christ, ... He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit...

Call to Worship (From Ezekiel 37)

Leader: The Lord says "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people".....

ALL: And you shall know that I am the Lord...

Leader: I will put my spirit within you

ALL: And you shall live"

Leader: Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.
Let us worship God

Praise 441 Blessing and honour and glory and power

Blessing and honour and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore
give to the Lord who the battle hath won,
whose are the Kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Into the heaven of the heavens has he gone;
Sitteth he now in the joy of the throne;
weareth he now of the Kingdom the crown;
singeth he now the new song with his own.

Soundeth the heaven of the heavens with his name;

Ringeth the earth with his glory and fame;
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
echo his praises and tell of his power.

Ever ascendeth the song and the joy;
ever descendeth the love from on high;
Blessing and honour and glory and praise,-
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

Table Talk: Does anyone know the song “Dem Bones” – do you know where it comes from?

Praise 619,620 Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me:
break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love,
humble, caring,
selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God,
fill our lives with love.

The Word of God: Matthew 27:45-54

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' 47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' 48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' 50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. 51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. 53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 54 Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-4

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Praise 582 O Day of Joy and Wonder

O Day of joy and wonder!
Christ's promise now fulfilled!
The coming of his Spirit
the Father's love has willed;
Our Lord in human body
to mortal eye is lost,
yet he returns forever
at blessed Pentecost!

The world, in sheer amazement,
the truth must now declare:
that men, who once were cowards,
are brave beyond compare;

And tongues, which could not utter
their faith in Jesus' name,
defy all persecution
his glory to proclaim!

We too may know your power,
your courage makes us strong,
your love, your joy, your patience
can all to us belong.
Come now and dwell within us,
O Comforter divine,
come to our hearts, and keep them;
There let your brightness shine.

Reflection: What is Jesus doing now?

Praise 445 Shine, Jesus, shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon
us,
set us free by the truth you now bring
us.

Shine on me, shine on me:
*Shine, Jesus, shine,-
fill this land with the Father's
glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and
mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord
And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome
presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By your blood I may enter your
brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your
story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Prayers for Others

Praise 459 Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King

through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,

who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,

in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Benediction

Notices

Worship Arrangements

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

How Rural Churches Thrive Presbytery Reading Group 'How Village Churches Thrive—A Practical Guide' (ISBN: 9781781402191, Cost £9.99, Also Kindle edition available) commences Wednesday 23 August on Zoom morning 9.45am or evening 8.00pm. Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/73701189387?pwd=cVl4WnVTekFiNW9ScVE5OVZzVEFiQT09>

Sunday 24 September after Worship Congregational Meetings of Barthol Chapel and Tarves to vote on Proposed Union of Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden. The Basis of Union is available for anyone who wants a copy. Any questions should be directed to the Session Clerks prior to the meetings.

Hanover Court Afternoon Tea for Breast Cancer Research Thursday 14 September 2.00-3.30pm

Common Room at Hanover Court. We are hosting this in aid of Breast Cancer so please come along and support. There is no charge as all donations will go to the charity.

Harvest Thanksgiving 22 October

This year all donations will be shared around our own parishes of Barthol Chapel and Tarves. There is great need even in our own communities. You can bring any non perishable items, including toiletries, to the church over the coming weeks. This way you can donate little and often. Please ensure items have a long use by date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

Tarves Tots Thursday mornings 9.30-11.00am

Pastoral Care: Please contact the minister.