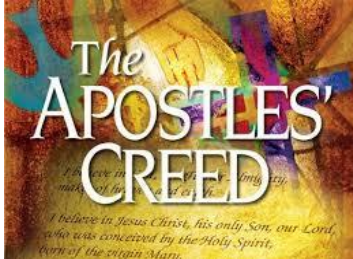


Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

Order of Service Sunday 17 September 2023 10.00am



The Apostles' Creed – I believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints....

Call to Worship (Based on Hebrews 12:1-3)

Leader: We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

ALL: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely to us

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is before us

ALL: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Leader: For the sake of the joy that was set before him, Jesus endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

ALL: He has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: Let us worship God

Praise 739 (Omit v3) The Church's one foundation

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Called forth from every nation,
yet one or all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses,
and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
with God the three in one,
and mystical communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

Table Talk: When you hear the word Church what is the first thought that comes into your mind?

FYP Update

Praise 204 We are the Church
I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.*

The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.

The church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!

We are many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:
all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.

And when the people gather there singing and there's praying,

there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying:

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the good news through the world to all who would hear it.

I count if I am 90, or 9, or just a baby;
there's one thing I'm sure about and I don't mean maybe.

The Word of God: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

John 20:20-26

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Praise 694 Brother, sister let me serve you

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Reflection: The Church – Saints or Sinners?... (or a bit of both!)

Praise 742 Rejoice in God's saints

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all
days!

A world without saints forgets how to
praise.

Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to
share.

Some march with events to turn them
God's way;
Some need to withdraw, the better to
pray;
Some carry the gospel through fire and
through flood:
Our world is their parish: their purpose is
God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and
unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder
their own:
they share our complaining, our comfort,
our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is
theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all
days;
a world without saints forgets how to
praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self giving, Lord, leads us to
you.

Prayers for Others

Praise 615 Holy Spirit, ever living

Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship
for your fruits and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in a fellowship unending,
you we worship and extol.

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.

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.