



**10TH AUGUST
11AM
CHALMERS**



Bridge of Allan Parish Church of Scotland

- DIVING INTO JONAH- JONAH: A PRAYER FROM THE DEEP



led by the Revs

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&

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WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL (CHOIR)



WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP



THE ONE WHO LONGS TO MAKE US WHOLE (719)



INTRODUCING 'JONAH: A PRAYER FROM THE DEEP'



PRAYER ,
APPROACH, CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER



THINKING ABOUT 'JONAH: A PRAYER FROM THE DEEP'



O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER (MP 908)



READING: JONAH 2:1-10 (RETOLD BY DAVID KOSSOFF)



I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR (556)



UNDERSTANDING 'JONAH: A PRAYER FROM THE DEEP'



HONOUR AND MAJESTY (CHOIR)



APPLYING 'JONAH: A PRAYER FROM THE DEEP'



WE TURN TO GOD WHEN WE ARE SORELY PRESSED (393)



PRAYER
DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER FOR OTHERS



MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US EVERY DAY (256)



SENDING

SERVICE INFO



the offering is made in the collection plates before and after the service, via QR code, or for details about regular giving contact the church office



toilets: access from centre of the main foyer
primary age children are welcome to join our Sunday School



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

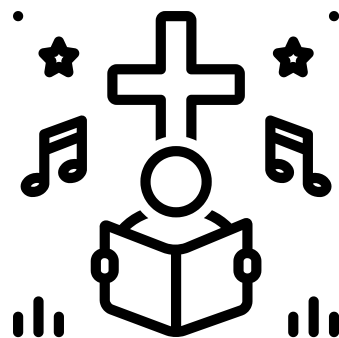
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER (MP908)

O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me –
O Lord, hear my prayer;
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.
O Lord . . .



Having been tossed out of a ship to save the rest of the passenger and crew, Jonah was gobbled up by a whale.

He was trapped.

There he sat inside the whale – he didn't even know what he was sitting on – and started to have a think about things.

'All right,' he said to himself, and his voice sounded echoey and spooky, 'all right, I disobeyed, but God could have sent someone else. I'm nobody. The message could have been given to someone important, a priest or a prince or something, not to me, I'm nobody.' And the words 'I'm nobody' went on echoing and ringing round the great vaulted inside of the whale for far longer than the other words until Jonah's head was banging. And then suddenly all was deathly quiet. Jonah was now looking at himself very honestly and seeing himself very clearly – as of course you can when it's pitch dark – Jonah saw that he was really at a very low point, the lowest ever, lost, alone, very unhappy – and all really his own fault.

He now felt very humble and very wretched. He asked God to give him another chance. He promised to do as he was told. He remembered, and was grateful for, all the good things in his life given to him by God and spoke quietly and sadly into the vast listening silence for quite a while. When he'd finished he felt better. Of course!

Well, nothing happened for a time. And then, far off, Jonah began to see a golden glow. After the darkness it hurt his eyes a bit. It got no bigger. Jonah got up, stretched his cramped legs and walked forward. The glowing shining spot grew larger. Jonah walked faster and along the whale's tongue and out through the whale's open mouth and on to dry land! The glow was God's sunshine and the gold was the yellow sand.

Jonah stood and wept with relief and joy. As his clothes dried in the hot sun they began to smell a bit fishy, but he kept his mouth tight shut about it. He offered up a heartfelt prayer of thanks and waited for God to speak.

He waited quite a while. Not a word.

So Jonah thought that perhaps the subject ought to be broached by him.

'Er – God,' he said, 'I haven't forgotten the message. Not a word. You said I was to go to Nineveh and tell them that you know all about their wickedness and that in forty days after I get there the city will be destroyed and the people will perish. That's what you said. I was to go and tell them. And God' he said, 'I'll go right away'.

And he did. Straight from that empty beach to Nineveh. His steps were guided and his journey safe.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**



We collected 35 Back Packs and a huge selection of lunch boxes, water bottles, pens, pencils etc. The staff at Start Up Stirling were delighted to receive them and will make sure they go to children who need a little help starting the new school year.

We also donated 20.50kgs of food. Thank you to all who donated!!

Keir Street will be closed to traffic (both ways) from 11th August for 1 week, due to roadworks associated to the new Co-Op build.

**ROAD
CLOSED**



Come and join prayer for our Church and the wider world every Sunday in the Old Vestry, 10.30-10.45



If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from a visit from our Pastoral Team, please speak to Marilyn or contact the church office.

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