



# Order of Service



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
10 am



Worship led by:  
Rev Derek Munn  
Music led by Martin Petty, the Choir & One Bar Rest

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Today we gather in gratitude,  
remembering the end of conflict in Europe,  
and the dawn of peace that followed.

**People:** We remember the courage of those who served,  
and the cost of war borne by so many.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the Lord,  
who makes wars cease and breaks the bow.

**People:** We come with humble hearts,  
grateful spirits, and a longing for peace.

**Hymn CH4 739** The Church's One Foundation

### **Opening prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**ALL:** 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.

### **Bible Reading: Psalm 121**

A song of ascents: Reader: Ian Alexander

### **Witness 1: The Outbreak of War**

#### **Witness 2: Evacuation**

**Hymn CH 465** Be Thou my vision

#### **Witness 3: The Blitz**

#### **Witness 4: Shortages**

One Bar Rest: **Nobody Knows**

#### **Witness 5: Casualties**

**We'll Meet Again**

**Witness 6: Liberation**

One Bar Rest: **Bye and Bye**

**Bible Reading: Revelation 21**

A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reader: George Burt

**Hymn GWA 136** Hope for the World's Despair

**Reflection**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Led by John Burnside

**Hymn 622** We sing a love that sets all people free

**Blessing**

**Threefold Amen**

*You are invited to stay for tea and coffee which are served in the hall.*

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1944 saw the first performance of Michael Tippett's oratorio, *A Child of our Time*. The work had been prompted by his observation of events in the totalitarian world which had developed in Europe in the 1930's. Tippett had arranged 5 spirituals as chorales to punctuate the narrative of his work and the adaptation of two of them for inclusion in this morning's service feels consistent with the way in which Tippett used them in his original work. We hope that that our harmonies are not offensive to those who have heard his original arrangements performed by more sophisticated choirs.

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**THANKS TO YOU...** Thank you for all your generous contributions towards the ministry and mission of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the wallets at the end of each row.

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**What's on May / June 2025**

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**Church Services:**

**18 May: Church service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Derek Munn**

**25 May: Church service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Derek Munn**

**1 June: Communion service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Douglas Nicol**

**1 June: Short Afternoon Communion service 15:00 led by Rev. Douglas Nicol**

### **Intimations**

**Appointment of Interim Minister:** Rev Roy Henderson has been appointed as Interim Minister for Currie and Balerno. Roy is a minister of considerable experience and comes to us from Glasgow: Pollokshaws. Roy will begin meeting with Interim Moderators and Kirk Sessions after the 13th of June.

**16-17 May: FreshStart Collection: 16th & 17th May 10am-12noon, rear hall.** Sunday is reserved for packing (no drop offs). A van loading day will follow. Offers to help with any of that to Sandra Lyall [Tel 449 4375]. Thank You!

**17 May: Christian Aid 80th Anniversary service 19:00** at St Giles Cathedral for more info go to [www.christianaid.org.uk/events/christian-aid-80th-anniversary-service-st-giles-cathedral](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/christian-aid-80th-anniversary-service-st-giles-cathedral)

**Coming Soon - Woolly Workshops -** Discover the art of felt paining with wool Possible dates; 19 May am (Coastal Seascape) Evening workshop date to be confirmed. Balerno Parish 'Shepherd Room' (Times T.B.C) Tea and coffee included Limited places available Please email [donnajanestirling@gmail.com](mailto:donnajanestirling@gmail.com) for more info.

**Help required with gardening in the Church campus** on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10.00am Bring gloves and gardening tools 3rd June, 1st July. For more info contact George Harrison [margaretgeorge28@gmail.com](mailto:margaretgeorge28@gmail.com)

**14 June: Pet Blessing at 11:00am -** in the garden in front of the church. Bring your pet and get a certificate. With crafts, stalls etc. Come along even if you don't have a pet and join in the fun and possible chaos.

**Food bank Donations** can be left in the box in the entrance to the Mill Café.

**Monday Club** The first and third Monday of each month (September to May) in the St Joseph's Hall 14:00-15:30 This is a social group for anyone over the age of 55.

**Palm Café** A space for people with dementia and their carers to feel at ease and supported 15:00-16:30 the last Tuesday of the month in St Josephs.

**The Mill Café is always looking for new volunteers.** Please ask friends & family. For more info pop in for a chat with Lynsey.