

### Watchword for the Week

Paul wrote: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
(Romans 8:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(as used in the Iona Abbey Welcome Service)

This is a place where saints were found,  
a special house, a holy ground  
where scripture, song and fervent prayer,  
work and discussion, food and care  
have shaped the heritage we share.  
***This is a place for God.***

This is a space where saints are grown  
as faith is shared and love is shown,  
where all who doubt or who believe  
are asked to give and to receive  
and share with Christ the air we breathe.  
***This is a space for God.***

This is a time for fond surprise  
for hearts and minds and ears and eyes,  
where what's gone wrong can be forgiven  
and what's to come is glimpsed or given  
as earth makes room for more of heaven.  
***This is a time for God.***

**Hymn 623** 1-2 + 4 *Here in this place*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, in your presence now, we realise that you  
have been with us every day of our lives;  
in you we live, and move, and have our being;  
***you are closer to us than our next breath.***

We pray that, as your community in this place,  
our praise and worship might be joined with our  
brothers and sisters throughout all times and all  
places and take our part in the eternal chorus:  
***You are good; you are holy; you are love.***  
***Amen.***

CONFESSION / SAYING SORRY  
(from the Iona Abbey All-age Morning Service)

God, you know me.  
You know that I can be loving and kind;  
and you know that sometimes I get things wrong.  
I'm sorry for the times I hurt other people,  
forget to listen to you  
and don't bother to take care of your world.

***May God forgive you,  
Jesus bless you,  
and God's Spirit help you to grow in love.***

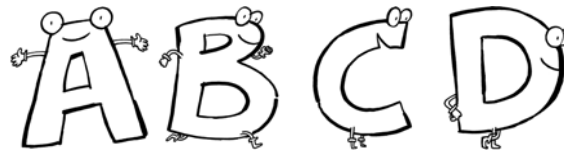
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**Hymn 522 \*** *The Church is wherever...*



CHILDREN'S TIME *God from A to Z*

ASSURANCE / SAYING YES  
(from the Iona Abbey All-age Morning Service)

Because God cares for us,  
***we will care for each other.***  
Because we are part of God's creation,  
***we will care for the earth.***  
Because we are loved by God,  
***we will share God's love with everyone.***

SHARING GOD'S PEACE  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Genesis 25:19-34 *OT p. 26*

**Hymn 779 \*** *Listen now for the Gospel*

St. Matthew 13:1-9 *NT p. 19*  
*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

**Hymn 188** *Thou hidden love of God*  
*(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)*  
*(Hymn of the Month, July 2017)*

DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

***God, our strength and our hope, you have  
given to us more than we can say. As we  
offer you these gifts, we dedicate to you our  
work, our dreams, and our lives. May we  
open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to  
your presence. Touch our lives and help us  
to grow in the kingdom you have established  
in our hearts and in our world. Amen.***

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

May your kingdom come:

***Your will be done on earth, O Lord.*** (Hymn 805)

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

***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  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever  
and ever. Amen.***

**Hymn 120** (1) *God, we praise you.*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Derick Fonjong
  - Reader:** Eric Obimdi
  - Organist:** Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last week's offering totalled €118.10.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua** and **Panama**. Link to prayers and further info from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- The **International Presbytery prayer blog** contains prayers, meditations, and poems: [www.irenebom.com/prayer\\_matters](http://www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters) and it is updated regularly with new material. Theme of the month for July is **"Water"**.
- Please note there will be **restricted access** to Bochum City by car on **Sunday, 30 July** on account of the **Sparkassen GIRO** cycle race taking place that day, and make alternative arrangements to get to church.
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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One day while Jacob was cooking some bean soup, Esau came in from hunting. He was hungry and said to Jacob, "I'm starving; give me some of that red stuff."  
(Genesis 25:29-30)

**"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"**

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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