

Questions to ponder :

In this coming week, take time to consider what it means to help and support the poor and vulnerable -

1. Think of those on your doorstep - people obviously struggling to make ends meet, to cope with all that life throws at them. Also, consider those who hide behind a mask and want the world to believe that they are coping.
2. What can you do to make a difference?
What gifts to you have to share that will feed, water, clothe and support your neighbours?
3. Think also of your neighbour further afield - those who have made a journey as refugees, fleeing from danger and oppression. Think of those who are left, powerless to do anything.
4. What one thing can you do this week to make a difference to a neighbour nearby?
What one thing can you do this week to help your neighbour further afield?

The New Wellwynd Parish Church of Scotland, Airdrie
13th May, 2018

PRAYER before Worship : Loving God, we do not know all there is to know, or understand all there is to understand, but one thing we are sure of: that in Jesus Christ we have met with you. So may we live in him and he live in us, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(If you are able, would you please stand for all items marked **)

The Way Forward: The Poor and the Vulnerable

Lighting of Candle

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Entry of the **Bible**

Welcome and Intimations

INTROIT

Call to Worship

Minister : Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit and blessed by God,

All : **we come to worship one holy God.**

Minister : O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth. Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.

All : **Yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

Minister : In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler, let your gratitude and joy be made known.

All : **O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

Minister : LET US WORSHIP GOD!

** **Hymn 48**

His large and great dominion shall ...

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

ADDRESS

**** Hymn 544**

When I needed a neighbour ...

Bible Readings

Exodus 22 : 21 - 27 (O.T. Pg. 79 approx.)
Matthew 25 : 31 - 46 (N.T. Pg. 38 approx.)

**** Hymn 265**

Pray for a world where every child ...

SERMON

Minister : Let us affirm our faith anew this day in words that bring our belief in God and the Lord Jesus alive in the midst of a needy world . . .

All : **We believe in God, creator of the earth,
creator of life and freedom, hope of the poor.
We believe in Jesus Christ, friend in suffering,
companion in the resurrection, way of peace.
We believe in the Spirit, that holy force impelling
the poor to build a church of the beatitudes.
We confess our faith in the law of love.
We wait for the resurrection of the people,
and joyfully praise the Lord, who has looked
upon the disinherited, those who have no bread,
no home, no land.**

Minister : Let us sing

Sung Response

Lord, give us vision, make us strong ...

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace;
uniting us in peace.
(Pamela J. Pettitt, 1954 -)

Prayers

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

**** Hymn 195**

Here to the house of God we come ...

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Bible taken out of the Church

Recessional :

Many the gifts, many the people ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today

(Bernadette Farrell, 1957-)

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