

INTIMATIONS

WELCOME to our Worship today. If you are visiting we hope you enjoy being with us, and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the morning service. The Church and hall have loop systems and those with hearing aids should switch to position 'T'.

SUNDAY CLUB AND FYF Sunday Club and FYF meet at 10.50am. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet at 10am on Wednesday 3rd December in the hall. All are welcome to come and join us.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Do contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), if you feel we could help you. Please allow time for arrangements to be made if you need to be taken to appointments.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Do come along to this group which meets weekly on a Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We study the Bible to try to discern the meaning of it in our lives today. In the next weeks we hope to use the Christian Aid material about Advent. Hopefully this will give a refreshing way to look at the Christmas story.

COMMUNITY CHOIR The Community Choir has now stopped until the New Year.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Café takes place in the church hall on Wednesday 10th December from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not join us for some tea/coffee, home baking and the all important chat? Whether you come along regularly or are new to this venture, we look forward to seeing you there.

TEA / COFFEE & CAKES AFTER SERVICE ON 7TH DECEMBER The Sunday Club and FYF invite you to join us for coffee/tea and cakes in the hall after the morning service on Sunday 7th December. Donations will be welcomed towards the support of Natalia, the young teenage girl we sponsor in Guatemala. If you do not have time to stay for coffee or tea, we will be glad to give you cakes to take away and enjoy at your leisure. And if you do not want the cakes, we would be very grateful for a donation nonetheless! Thank you for your support.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES All services during advent and Christmas will be held in the Church.

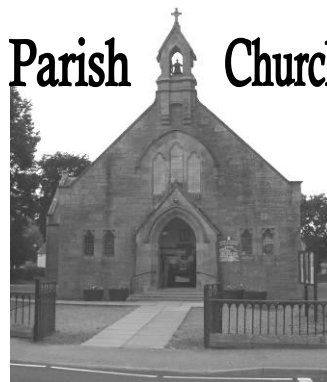
PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Graham can be contacted on 861275 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Services next Sunday

Morning Service at 11.00 am with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham
Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



(If you are able, please stand as the Bible is brought in)

Order of Service

for

Sunday 30th November 2014

11.00 am

First Sunday of Advent Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 279 'Make way, make way, for Christ the King'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Praise: 'The holly and the ivy'

Readings

Isaiah 64: 1 - 12 *(page 750 in Bible)*

Mark 13: 32 - 37 *(page 1019 in Bible)*

Hymn: 283 'The voice of God goes out'

Sermon

Hymn: 472 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'

Confirmation of new Communicant

Hymn: 470 'Jesus shall reign'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30 pm with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 39 'God the Lord, the king almighty'

Prayer

Hymn: 478 'Behold the amazing gift of love'

Reading

Exodus 14: 19 - 31 *(page 72 in Bible)*

Hymn: 558 'Lord, I lift your name on high'

Address

Prayer

Hymn: 559 'There is a Redeemer'

Benediction

*The holly and the ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the berry-bright red candles,
And the white and shining King*

O, one is for the prophets
And for the light they bring.
They are candles in the darkness.
All alight for Christ the King.
The holly and the ivy.....

GUILD Tomorrow is our Guild Christmas Meal at the Priory Hotel, Beauvy. We hope to leave Conon/Maryburgh about 12 noon to be at the hotel by 12.30pm. The rate is £7.95 for two courses (£9.95 for three!) Look forward to seeing you all there!

On Thursday 4th December, a visit to Cameron House is planned leaving here at 1pm for 2pm at home. Please make sure your name is on that list if you want to go.

SOUP LUNCH The next soup lunch takes place in the church hall at 12noon on Friday 5th December 2014. If you haven't managed along before, why not join us? We start with a short time of devotions, followed by some home-made soup, tea and biscuits and the chance to chat together. We are to be entertained by the Ben Wyvis Primary School Choir that day so a good response would be appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there.

MIRIAM SINGERS Rosskeen Church Hall is the venue; date is 8th December; time is 7.30pm. "Carols by Candlelight" hosted by Rosskeen Guild and featuring the Miriam Singers and Iain's Boys with "Welcome the Christ Child". Everyone is very welcome to an evening of fun and fellowship with the Christmas message not forgotten. Refreshments to follow. Donation at door. See you there!

BLYTHSWOOD Do remember there is a large red bin at the rear door of the Church to place any unwanted goods for the charity to sell. No need to trail into Dingwall or Evanton to donate. You can do it right here.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT Carols, torchlight procession, mince pies and general jollity. Ferintosh Parish Church, along with members of the Scouting movement, Conon Bridge Community Council, Amenities Association, Ben Wyvis School (we hope) and others, will be participating in the Conon Christmas lights illumination event this year. After the **Christmas tree lights** are switched on at the war memorial at **6.00 pm on Saturday 6th December**, those attending will come down to the Church Hall for mince pies and the like. Volunteers are sought to attend the Church Hall at **5.00 pm** to put out tables, boil up the water and help serve teas etc. If you can help please either contact Roderick Urquhart on 863845, by email at roderick.urquhart@uwclub.net or turn up on the evening.

**Please take this home with you to
help you with your prayers this week.**

Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 94: 17-19

† Today begins the season of ADVENT. May the light of Lord Jesus shine through our lives to bring hope and healing to those who lack strength and draw them to believe the good news of the Gospel.

† WORLD AIDS DAY: There are 35 million people living with HIV throughout the world, including 100,000 in the UK. Pray for many to unite in the fight against this disease, and care for those affected. Pray that awareness will be highlighted to those who have never heard or seen the hard-hitting publicity of the 80s and have become complacent in their behaviours.

† We pray for the other epidemic affecting our world now - Ebola. Pray that resources will be made available to all who need them. Pray that people will realise the seriousness of the condition and seek help without fear of prejudice and social stigma.

*Lord, everyone is searching for peace
Yet no one seems to find it.
There is trouble in the world
Trouble at work
and trouble in my family.
Lord, we find it hard to live in harmony
We struggle to love each other
And we find it well-nigh impossible to trust each other
Yet we know we need to trust in order to live.
Lord, come and be our counsellor
Open our eyes that we might see ourselves
as others see us.
Open our hearts that we might find compassion
for those we least admire or like.
Give us grace to live out our lives in service to each other.
(Very Rev Albert Bogle in CrossReach Prayer Diary)*

ADVENT REFLECTIONS ALTERNativity are posting Advent Reflections on Facebook from 29th Nov. Hopefully, they will provide a little food for thought as we head towards Christmas Day. They can be found at www.facebook.com/JustGodSimplyChristmas