

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. Sunday Club and FYF will finish for the Christmas holidays on 21st December and will return on Sunday 11th January. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

Thank you to everyone who donated money last Sunday in aid of our sponsor child Natalia. The fantastic amount of £241 was raised. This money will ensure that we are able to continue to support her for another year. We were delighted to see so many people in the Church hall after the Service and hope everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship together.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet at 10am on Wednesday 17th December in the hall. All are welcome to come and join us.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Don't hesitate to make contact if you need some help. You can contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and we will do our best to assist. Please remember to give as much notice as you can to allow arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The final study of 2014 will be held at Janette's (17 Muirden Road) at 1pm where we will study Isaiah 7: 10-16 with emphasis on the situation in Iraq. We are having some Soup and Sweets together. Do come along and enjoy a time of fellowship and thoughts around God's word. All very welcome. The first meeting in 2015 will be in the Church Hall at 1.30pm on January 7TH. Look forward to having lots of Ladies there.

MIRIAM SINGERS Thank you all the Ferintosh folk who made the journey to Rosskeen on a cold and frosty evening. I think we all enjoyed the fun and laughter but also the message of the Christ Child in readings and song. Thank you.

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

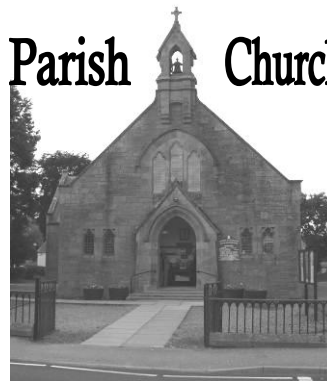
Services next Sunday

Family Nativity Service at 11.00 am with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

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

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Ferintosh Parish Church



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

Order of Service

for

Sunday 14th December 2014

11.00 am

Third Sunday of Advent Service

Mrs Heidi Hercus

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 303 'It came upon the midnight clear'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Praise: 'The holly and the ivy'

Readings Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 11 *(page 748 in Bible)*

Luke 1: 46 - 55 *(page 1026 in Bible)*

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

Sermon

Hymn: 352 'O for a thousand tongues, to sing'

Prayer

Hymn: 465 'Be thou my Vision'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 295 'Who would think'

Prayer

Hymn: 567 'Focus my eyes on you'

Bible Reading

Hymn: 286 'Tell out, my soul'

Address

Prayer

Hymn: 273 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Benediction

Christmas Services

Sunday 21st	Family Nativity Service at 11.00am, followed by tea and coffee in the church hall.
Sunday 21st	Family Carol Service at 6.30pm, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the church hall.
Wednesday 24th	Watchnight Service at 11.30pm.
Thursday 25th	Christmas Day Family Service at 11.00am.
Sunday 28th	Morning Worship at 11.00am (No Evening Service)
Sunday 4th January	Morning Worship (Communion Service) (No Evening Service)

The Holly and the Ivy

*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.

And two for John the Baptist,
He calls on us to sing:
"O prepare the way for Jesus Christ,
He is coming, Christ the King.

And three for Mother Mary,
"I cannot see the way,
but you promise me a baby.
I believe you, I obey"

The holly and the ivy...

ADVENT REFLECTIONS ALTERNativity are posting Advent Reflections on Facebook. Hopefully, they will provide a little food for thought as we head towards Christmas Day. They can be found at www.facebook.com/JustGodSimplyChristmas. You might be surprised at the reflections, like eating chocolate!

STORAGE TINS Following recent social events in the hall, we seem to have amassed a collection of storage tins and serving plates. If you wish to reclaim yours, they can be found in the small hall.

SUNDAY TEA ROTA There is a new Sunday Tea Rota available and if you feel you can take a turn to make the tea/coffee following Morning Worship, please add your name beside the relevant date. The list can be found on the notice board in the hall. With numbers increasing, you may find it easier to work with another person. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Janet Murray. Many thanks.

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

Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever. Psalm 136: 26

- † Pray for the release of US-Iranian pastor, Saeed Abedini. Saeed, imprisoned in Rajai-Shahr prison due to his work with house churches, was hospitalised earlier this year after ill-treatment in custody. He has also received death threats from fellow prisoners.
- † Pray for the refugee situation in the Middle East. It does not affect merely one nation but all the surrounding countries. Ask God to empower the United Nations refugee organisation to be able to help those most in need--- the very young and the very old.
- † Pray for the Rankeillor Initiative in Edinburgh as it seeks to support men in recovery from alcohol or drug misuse. Pray for those who are in recovery and that they will be strengthened in their recovery journey during the challenging winter months. Pray for those who have lost a loved one through alcohol and drug misuse. (CrossReach Prayer Letter)
- † Thou Divine Spirit, let me find my strength in Thee. I need Thee, that I may be strong everywhere. I long to be independent of all circumstances, alike of the cloud and of the sunshine. I want a power to save me from sinking in despondency, and to rescue me from soaring in pride. I want both a pillar of fire and a pillar of cloud; a refuge from the night of adversity, and a shield from the day of prosperity. I can find them in Thee. Thou hast proved Thy power both over the night and over the day. Come into my heart, and Thy power shall be my power. I shall be victorious over all circumstances, at home in all scenes, restful in all fortunes. I shall have power to tread upon scorpions, and they shall do me no hurt; the world shall be mine when Thy Spirit is in me. (George Matheson 1842-1906)

The Bible never dies, never fades away. It clearly says, "He who made me is greater than me." Believe me, worship Him! (John Ross after reading Jeremiah 36 where Jeremiah's scroll was burned by Jehoiakim)