

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 are finished today for the Christmas holidays and will return on Sunday 11th January. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group has now stopped for the remainder of this year and will start to meet again at 10.00am on Wednesday 7th January in the Church hall.

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.

GUILD The first meeting of 2015 will take place in the Church Hall on Monday 5th January at 2pm. We will look at this year's Discussion Topic "Let's Talk About.... how to share". This is usually a very interesting meeting and the Guild Team extends a very warm welcome to anyone who'd care to come along. As has been said before, the Guild is for all – young, old; male, female. You'd be made most welcome.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group resumes after the Christmas break on Wednesday 7th January. It meets in the Church Hall at 1.30pm for approximately an hour. This session we hope to study using "LifeBuilder Bible Study" on the topic of "Evangelism-- A Way of Life". At the first meeting we will ask ourselves, "Why spread the Good News?" having read Luke 15: 1-2, 11- 32. This group is friendly, non- threatening where each person's opinion and view is taken into account. We discuss freely but if you'd rather just listen, that's OK too. Please prayerfully consider coming along to give it a try, as they say.

EVENING SERVICES There will be no evening service on 28th December and 4th January.

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

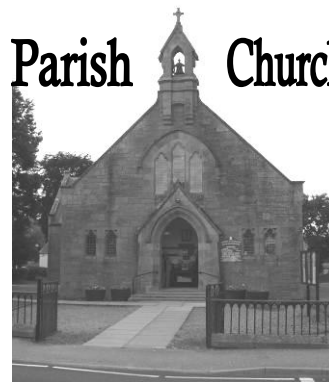
Services next Sunday

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

No Evening Service

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Ferintosh Parish Church



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

Order of Service

for

Sunday 21st December 2014

**11.00 am
Family Nativity Service**

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Choir Introit	'O where do you think baby Jesus was born'
Welcome and Intimations	
Hymn: 315	'Once in royal David's city'
Prayer and Lord's Prayer	
Reading	Luke 2: 8 - 20 <i>(page 1027 in Bible)</i>
Praise:	'The holly and the ivy'
FYF / Sunday Club	Nativity Play
Choir	'Where do Christmas songs begin'
Hymn: 304	'O little town of Bethlehem'
Address	
Hymn: 310	'See him lying on a bed of straw'
Benediction	

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

Welcome and Intimations	
Carol: 15	'O come, O come, Emmanuel'
Prayer	
Carol: 22	'While Shepherds watched their flock'
Reading	Luke 2: 1 - 7 <i>(page 1027 in Bible)</i>
Carol: 11	'It came upon a midnight clear'
<i>Come and see him</i>	
Carol: 19	'See amid the winter's snow'
Reading	Luke 2: 8 - 14 <i>(page 1027 in Bible)</i>
Carol: 21	'We three Kings of Orient are'
<i>Are we there yet – An angelic tale</i>	
Carol: 4	'God rest ye merry gentlemen'
Twelve days of Christmas	
Prayer	
Carol: 8	'Hark! the herald angels sing'
Benediction	



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"

And four are for God's people,
In every age and day.
We are watching for his coming,
We believe and we obey.

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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 looking at the Christmas cards you have received and thinking about the feelings they conjure up for you!

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD A reminder for all Congregational Board members that there will be a meeting with Fiona Penny from the National Stewardship Team on Thursday 25th January at 7.00pm in the Church hall. Please can we have as high a turnout as possible at this meeting as Fiona will be travelling some distance to get here.

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

For a child has been born - for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing Counsellor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings. Isaiah 9: 6,7 (The Message)

- † Heavenly Father, during this Christmas week please speak to our hearts and minds once again about the amazing truth and grace of the gospel. May Your Holy Spirit convince many people of their need for reconciliation with You through Christ.
- † Almighty and Everlasting God, we pray for our world which seems to be in such turmoil with conflicts and violence wherever we look. We humbly ask that you will raise up peacemakers who can enter these areas and broker peace and justice for the helpless, innocent people.
- † Dear Father God, be close to all who mourn at this time of joy. Be close to those who have lost loved ones in violent situations. We pray especially for the victims of the school shootings in Pakistan. Lord give your comfort to the families of the victims *and* the families of the gunmen who carried out this atrocity.
- † Lord, as I worry about all the things I need to do, or presents I need to get in the next few days, I ask you to bless me with fresh understanding. Give me wisdom that brings me ever closer to you and to the true meaning of Christmas. (The Prayer Trust)

Euangelio (what we call gospel) is a Greek word and signifies good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, and makes a man's heart glad and makes a man to sing, dance and leap for joy. William Tyndale, 1494-1536, who first translated the Bible into English.