

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'. If you are able, please stand as the Bible is brought in and taken out.

SUNDAY CLUB AND FYF Sunday Club and FYF meet today at 10.50am. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning. On Saturday 12th December we are going to see the Panto Aladdin at 2.30pm at Dingwall Academy by Dingwall Players.

TEA, CAKE & CRAFT FUNDRAISER The Sunday Club and FYF are doing the teas after Church today to raise money for the teenager they support in South America. Please come and enjoy our home baking with a cuppa and a chat. Saffron will be playing the piano. We have been busy making calendars, gift tags and coasters, come and give us a donation. Even if you don't have much time, we will bag up your cakes to take home.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet on Wednesday 2nd December at 10.00am in the small hall.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM Please contact us if you need some help. We are ready to be of assistance. Contact your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591). Do allow time to make the arrangements.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The meeting on Wednesday 2nd December will see the start of our Advent studies looking at Mary, the Virgin Mother (Luke 1:26-45). We meet in the Church Hall at 1.30 pm for approximately one hour. Do try to come along and think about the Christmas Incarnation. If any ladies would like the notes prior to the meeting, please see Janette after the Service.

GUILD Monday 7th December is our last meeting for 2015 and we are going to the Conon Hotel for lunch. If you haven't already put your name down for that, please see Pat Gillanders who will give all the details. Really looking forward to this fellowship together.

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

Services next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent Service at 11.00am with Mr Andrew Morrison

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

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh



Parish Church

Order of Service

for

Sunday 29th November 2015

11.00am

First Sunday of Advent Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 189

'Be still, for the presence of the Lord'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Advent Hymn

'The holly and the ivy'

Readings

1 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 *(page 1187 in Bible)*

Luke 21: 25 - 38 *(page 1057 in Bible)*

Hymn: 283

'The voice of God goes out'

Sermon

Hymn: 481

'Jesus is the name we honour'

Prayer

Hymn: 472

'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 279

'Make way, make way, for Christ the King'

Prayer

Hymn: 288

'Creator of the stars of night'

Reading

Galatians 3: 26 - 4:7 *(page 1170 in Bible)*

Hymn: 558

'Lord I lift your name on high'

Address

Prayer

Hymn: 237

'Look forward in faith'

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*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.....

SOUP LUNCH Our next Soup Lunch is to be held on Friday 4th December at 12 noon in the Church hall. After some delicious soup and a cuppa, we plan to look at how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAROLS, TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION, SHORTBREAD, MINCE PIES AND GENERAL JOLLITY Following the outstanding success last year, Ferintosh Parish Church, along with members of the 1st Conon Bridge Brownies, Conon Bridge Community Council, Amenities Association, Dingwall Rotary and others, will again be participating in the annual Conon Christmas lights illumination event on **Saturday 5th December from 5.45 p.m. onwards**. After the Christmas tree lights are switched on at the War memorial at 6.00, those attending will be invited down to the Church hall for a bite, a cuppa and some great fellowship.

MIRIAM SINGERS The choir invite you to join them at Rosskeen Church hall on Monday 7th December at 7.30pm for their Christmas programme, "Born to Bring Love to the Earth". There will follow a Christmas tea. Do come along and hear the Christmas story in word and song.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the Church hall on Wednesday 9th December from 2pm to 3.30pm. Whether you've joined us before, or not, why not drop in for some tea, coffee, home baking and the all important chat? We look forward to welcoming you there.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE Many thanks to those who have already handed in donations for this project, to assist the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon support refugees from Syria in neighbouring countries, and displaced people within Syria. All the money collected will be sent off during the week beginning 14th December, so all donations should be put in the offering plate (in an envelope clearly marked A Place at the Table) by **Sunday 13th December**. Information packs are still available on the table at the back of the Church, if you want to find out about different ways of raising money, but a straightforward donation is equally acceptable.

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

***My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26 (English Standard Version)***

- † Lord Jesus, as we prepare for Your coming - as a baby born in Bethlehem and also our triumphant returning King - we long to see You more clearly and know Your wisdom. Strengthen us to love and serve You more.
- † **WORLD AIDS DAY** 1st December. Today we remember the 78 million people who have been infected with the HIV virus - almost 40 million dying as a result. Give thanks for the progress in defeating this epidemic and pray that ongoing research, treatment and care will touch many lives.
- † Dear Lord, we ask you to be with all who are suffering bereavement at this time. We think especially of those known to us in our community but also those who have suffered this through dreadful acts of other human beings. Loving God, we cannot comprehend how one person can treat another in such a manner. Help us to be caring and understanding to those who are going through such traumatic experiences.
- † Remember to pray for yourself. God is waiting to hear your prayers. He loves to know about your troubles and sorrows but also your joys and happiness. Pray, not just in times of trouble.

At Advent we should try the key to our heart's door. It may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Christmas time! Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.
(Prayer of a New Guinea Christian)