

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.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will meet on Wednesday 16th December at 10.00am in the small hall. This will be the last meeting before Christmas and we will restart again on Wednesday 13th January.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM As always a dedicated group of helpers are willing and anxious to be of assistance. Please let us know if you need our help. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591), and we will do our very best to help. Please do allow time for arrangements to be made.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The final Advent study for this year is on Wednesday 16th December at 1.30pm in the Church hall. The Shepherds' Sign of the Manger is the title of the study examining Luke 2: 1-20. Why not come along and take time out from all the hustle and bustle to look at God's word this Advent season? A warm welcome awaits.

SAVE OUR STAMPS As Christmas cards begin to drop through letterboxes, please remember to save the stamps for the World Mission Council Used Stamp Appeal. Perforations must be intact, and a half inch margin should be left round the stamp(s) where possible. It is helpful if UK and foreign stamps are packaged separately. Stamps can be left in the red box in the annexe any Sunday. The project to be supported in 2016 will be intimated as soon as this information is available.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE All intimations should be sent to John Smith by 5pm on Thursdays at strathdrynie@gmail.com or by telephone to 01349 865915.

Services next Sunday

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

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

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 13th December 2015

11.00am

Third Sunday of Advent Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 290

'The race that long in darkness pined'

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Advent Hymn

'The holly and the ivy'

Readings

Psalm 80: 1 - 7 (*page 592 in Bible*)

Luke 1: 39 - 56 (*page 1026 in Bible*)

Hymn: 555

'Amazing grace!'

Sermon

Hymn: 286

'Tell out, my soul'

Prayer

Hymn: 273

'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 475

'Christ is coming!'

Prayer

Hymn: 291

'When out of poverty is born'

Reading

Romans 11: 25 - 36 (*page 1138 in Bible*)

Hymn: 512

'To God be the glory'

Address

Prayer

Hymn: 277

'Hark the glad sound!'

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.....

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.

The holly and the ivy.....

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.....

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

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3: 22-23.

- † God of Greatness, at a time when so many peoples are displaced, let us remember the conflicts that brought them to the place they now reside. Let us show compassion to them as Jesus did to the sick, the displaced and the vulnerable in the world. May they be strengthened by prayers and support from the many agencies who help in any way they can to make their life more bearable and may they gain the knowledge and the love of a caring and compassionate God.
- † Thank you, Heavenly Father, that you care deeply for each and every one of us. Thank you that Jesus touched and healed those who were outcasts just because they had leprosy. Reach out to touch and heal them again today. Bless all those striving to bring healing and justice to people affected by leprosy around the world. Give them skills, wisdom and strength that they need to care for those who need help. May we one day see a world where nobody is disadvantaged in any way just because they have leprosy. May we see a world without leprosy.
- † Give thanks that Simpson House, Edinburgh, celebrated 30 years as a counselling service this year. Pray for the SMART Recovery and "Choose Life" groups that the clients will be released from darkness and despair, heartache, mourning, stress and anxiety and be restored and rebuilt, finding peace, hope, healing, new growth and new life. (CrossReach Simpson House is a counselling service for people with addictions and runs the Sunflower Garden helping children of parents with alcohol or drug problems)
- † Isaiah 9:2 The star was and is a symbol of revelation and light. The prophet Isaiah spoke about it in this verse. In John's gospel we read, "In him was life and that life was the light of men." The light has come. The light shines. May our song over the Christmas season be "Shine, Jesus shine, send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light."

My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 2 Corinthians 12: 9 (New Living Translation)



Christmas Services

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| Sunday 20th | Family Nativity Service at 11.00am, followed by tea and coffee in the church hall. |
| Sunday 20th | Family Carol Service at 6.30pm, followed by tea, coffee and mince pies in the church hall. |
| Thursday 24th | Watchnight Service at 11.30pm. |
| Friday 25th | Christmas Day Family Service at 11.00am. |
| Sunday 27th | Morning Worship at 11.00am (No Evening Service) |
| Sunday 3rd January | Morning Worship (Communion Service) (No Evening Service) |