

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 to take part in the Nativity Service. They will break for the holidays and return on Sunday 10th January. As always there is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The Prayer Group has now stopped for a few weeks and will restart again on 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 group will resume in the New Year on Wednesday 6th January.

GUILD First meeting will be held on January 4th 2016.

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.

PVG TRAINING The Presbytery Protection of Vulnerable Groups Training Coordinator has arranged a training session for all volunteers who work with children and adults within our congregation. Training is now required for all PVG certificate holders. The training session will be held here in the Church hall at 7.00 p.m. on 12th January. It is expected that the session will last for approximately 2 hours and it is likely that we will be joined by members of other congregations. In order to assist with the planning of the session it would be appreciated if you could let Hugh Fraser know if you will be able to attend at hughfr1@aol.com or by phoning 01997433384.

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

Services next Sunday

Morning Worship at 11.00am with Rev'd Andrew F. Graham
No Evening Service

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 20th December 2015

11.00am

Family Nativity Service

Rev'd Andrew F. Graham

Choir Introit –

Welcome and Intimations

Advent Hymn

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The real story of the Nativity

Reading

Hymn: 304

Reading

Hymn: 310

Reading

Hymn: 296

Reading

Hymn: 323

The real story of the Nativity ends

Talk to young people

Poem:

Reflection

Prayer

Hymn: 312

Benediction

'Who would think that what was needed'

'The holly and the ivy'

Luke 1: 26 - 38 (*page 1026 in Bible*)

'O little town of Bethlehem'

Luke 2: 1 - 7 (*page 1027 in Bible*)

'See him lying on a bed of straw'

Luke 2: 8 - 20 (*page 1027 in Bible*)

'While humble shepherds' Choir

Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (*page 966 in Bible*)

'The first Nowell'

'One solitary life'

'Away in a manger'

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

Welcome and Intimations

Carol: 15

Prayer

Carol: 22

Reading

Carol: 11

Reading

Carol: 4

Reading

Carol: 19

Reading

Carol: 21

The twelve day of Christmas

Prayer

Carol: 8

Benediction

'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

'While humble shepherds watched their flocks'

Isaiah 60: 1 - 7 (*page 746 in Bible*)

'It came upon the midnight clear'

Christmas at the movies

'God rest ye merry gentlemen'

Matthew 1: 18 - 25 (*page 965 in Bible*)

'See, amid the winter's snow'

The three Kings

'We three Kings of orient are'

'Hark! the herald angels sing'

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

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

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

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

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God. John 1: 9-12 (New King James Version)

† Lord Jesus, we long for many people to be touched by the Christmas message as they listen to talks, familiar Bible readings and carols. Help them to recognise their need of forgiveness and invite You into their lives.

Give thanks for the generosity so many demonstrate through hospitality and gifts at Christmas. Pray for all who will share with others in need: homeless people, patients in hospital, the elderly in care homes and others who feel lonely and marginalised.

Remember those who this Christmas have to worship in secret because they live in countries where being a Christian is officially forbidden. Pray too for those who are separated from loved ones, that they will experience the encouragement and comfort that only comes from God.

† Pray for all who are awaiting justice. Lord, Your word shows us the right way to live and how to care for people, but there are still some who are being treated badly and who await a voice of reason in their lives. Show those who judge and those who have waited for justice the way of peace. (Guild 16 Days of prayer)

† Lord, as you dispelled the fears of a maiden mother by whispering the promise of your presence, so banish the world's misconceptions about you and your ways. Come to each of us. Roll back the clouds of doubt and pessimism. Fill our individual lives with servant love and direct the nations to humble awareness; for you are God, rich in mercy, strong in righteousness, ready to make your home with us now and forever. (from Further Everyday Prayers)

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean... "He will rule them with an iron sceptre"... On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19: 13,14,15,16.



Christmas Services

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)