

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. There is a Crèche for pre-school children each Sunday morning.

PRAYER GROUP The prayer meetings continue on Wednesday mornings at 10.00am in the small hall. John Fraser is leading them and if you would like them to pray for someone at those meetings please contact John on 861140. The Prayer Group are happy to pray for any requests which any of the congregation have. Feel free to put any in the box in the vestibule.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The final meeting (for this year!) of the group will be on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm in the Church hall. We continue in our study of Hebrews at chapter 8 under the heading "God's New Deal". It would be lovely if you could come along. We'd love to have you with us to study God's word. Please give it prayerful thought and come along in the New Year.

FLOWER CALENDAR The Flower Calendar is now ready for collection and can be uplifted from the back of the Church.

PASTORAL CARE Please contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349 861591) if you need some help. We will try our very best to be of assistance. Remember we do require time to arrange lifts to appointments.

MARYBURGH FREE CHURCH CAROL SERVICE Maryburgh Free Church will be holding a Christmas Carol Service on Friday 23rd December at 6.30pm.

SHOEBOX APPEAL Thanks are due to all who donated to this year's appeal, the men and women of Ferintosh congregation who checked and filled boxes in Maryburgh Free Church hall for Blythswood. An amazing total of 11,701 boxes.

RIVER CAFÉ The next River Cafe takes place in the Church hall on Wednesday 14th December from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not drop in for some tea/coffee, home baking and the all important chat. There will be a small sales table of Christmas decorations available and you may even find that "special gift" you've been looking for. We look forward to seeing you there.

CHURCH FINANCES For the month of November our total income was £3,005.96 and our expenditure was £4,654.94 meaning thus far for 2016, up until the end of November, we are running with a deficit of £2,792.58.

PASTORAL DUTIES Interim Moderator Rev'd Scott Polworth is available for pastoral cover and can be contacted on 01463 870259.

Services next Sunday

Family Service at 11.00am with Mrs Irene Munro
Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm with Mrs Irene Munro

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Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 11th December 2016

**11.00am
Morning Service**

Mrs Irene Munro

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 273

'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Prayer

Hymn: 282

'Christmas is coming!'

Readings

Psalm 2 (*page 543 in Bible*)

1 John 5: 1 - 13 and 20 - 21 (*page 1228 in Bible*)

Hymn: 285

'The Angel Gabriel from heaven came'

Prayer

Hymn: 277

'Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes'

Sermon

Simplicity or superficiality

Hymn: 291

'When out of poverty is born'

Benediction

And may God make us increase in love for one another;

May Christ Jesus teach us how to live in God's ways;

and may the Holy Spirit strengthen us hearts in holiness,
as us ready for the coming of the Lord.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Mrs Irene Munro

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 290

'The race that long in darkness pined'

Prayer

Hymn: 327

'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning'

Readings

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

MP: 697

'Thou didst leave Thy throne'

Sermon

MP: 162

'From heaven You came'

Prayer

Hymn: 53

'Oh, greatly blest the people are'

Doxology

Christmas Services

- Sunday 18th** Family Nativity Service followed by tea and coffee in the Church hall
- Sunday 18th** Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm
- Saturday 24th** Watchnight Service at 11.30pm
- Sunday 25th** Christmas Day Family Service and Baptism at 11.00am (No Evening Service)
- Sunday 1st January** Morning Service at 11.00am (No Evening Service)

GUILD The Prospects Group (Worship for people with learning difficulties) Dingwall have invited Guild groups to their Christmas party on Friday 16th at 7pm in Dingwall Free Church. Some of the Guild have signed up to this and if anyone else is interested in joining us then please sign the sheet at the back of the Church.

FERINTOSH FOCUS Copies of the December Ferintosh Focus Newsletter are available today for those who distribute them.

CROWN CHURCH QUIET DAY Saturday 17th December from 12noon - 4pm. Experience the peace and beauty of the candlelit Crown Church, a haven from the bustle outside. Come and go as you please. Refreshments (small donation) available.

CHRISTIAN AID AT CHRISTMAS if Christian Aid isn't already on your present list this season, perhaps you might like to consider helping those around the world less fortunate than yourself. There are so many ways Christian Aid is trying to help young and old people lessen their struggle to survive in this turbulent period of their lives. Christian Aid has a web site which can be accessed by clicking on christianaid.org.uk or contacting the Perth (Scottish) office 01738 643982 or perth@christian-aid.org, this will give you so much more valuable information about the work of this charity. Thank-you for considering this appeal, and wishing you all a very happy festive season, and peaceful year ahead.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK Have you thought of a reverse Advent Calendar? Instead of getting something from the Calendar, why not put something for the Foodbank into a box/bag/basket each day of Advent to help those in need this season.



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

Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22:12-13

- † Father, we hear and read about so many troubles throughout the world. We think of Yemen, Iraq and Syria. We can't understand how people can survive, let alone live, in such dire circumstances. We give thanks that You are there, O Lord, in the midst of the killings and bombings. Help the peacemakers to work very hard to find lasting peace for the peoples of these war-torn countries so that innocent lives might be saved.
- † Father, we pray for all who are the victims of violence: in their own homes; on the streets of our towns and cities; in countries all around the world. Be near them, Lord Jesus, and help the many agencies to support them in their hour of need.
- † Father, we lift up to you this week all we know who are worried about the health either of themselves or family or friends. Father, lay your healing hands upon them and grant them your peace.
- † Father, we pray for ourselves. We give you thanks for all the good things we enjoy at this time: parties, meals out and meeting with friends old and new. We pray that you will be with us during our happy times but also during the times when we feel downcast as many of us do at this time of Advent.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Ephesians 3: 20-21