

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 finish today for the Christmas holidays. 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.

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.

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.

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

Services next Sunday

Christmas Day Family Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Russel Smith

No Evening Service

Registered Charity no. SCO12675

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 18th December 2016

6.30pm

Lessons and Carols Service

Mrs Irene Munro

Reading	John 1: 1 – 5; Martin McLauchlan
Hymn: 315	'Once in royal David's city'
Welcome and Intimations	
Prayer	
Reading	Genesis 3: 8 – 15; Janet Winchester
Hymn: 314	'Child in the manger'
Reading	Isaiah 9: 2, 6 – 7; Janette Steele
Hymn: 472	'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'
Reading	Micah 5: 2 – 4; Janet Murray
Hymn: 324	'Angels from the realms of glory'
Reflection	
Hymn: 310	'See him lying on a bed of straw'
Reading	Luke 1: 26 – 33, 38; Hugh Steele
Hymn: 313	'See! In yonder manger low'
Reading	Matthew 1: 18 – 25; Isabel MacKenzie
Hymn: 326	'As with gladness'
Reading	Matthew 2: 1 - 2, 7 - 11
Hymn: 331	'Unto us a boy is born' v: 1,2,4,5
Reading	John 1: 9 – 14; John Fraser
Doxology	

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



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)

SCOUT POST 1st Conon Bridge and Maryburgh Scout Group would like to thank the residents of both Conon Bridge and Maryburgh for once again supporting our Scout Christmas Post. We raised an amazing £514 and we delivered just over 1,200 cards to both villages. Cathy MacKintosh (Maryburgh) and Janice Weir (Conon Bridge) were the winners in the Cake Competition, the cakes being donated by Fiona Will to who we offer our grateful thanks.

EVENING SERVICES The Kirk Session have decided that due to declining numbers and the possibility of bad weather in the coming months there will be NO Sunday Evening Services in January and February 2017. The Kirk Session will review this decision in the New Year with regards to Sunday Evening Services from March 2017 onwards.

WATCHNIGHT OFFERING The Offering at this year's Watchnight Service will be used to support the work of Shelter.

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over all Israel... Micah 5: 2

- † Heavenly Father, we ask you to be with children everywhere in this Advent season. Father we thank you for the joy and happiness children bring to us. We ask you to be very close to the children in Syria and, in particular, in Aleppo. Raise peacemakers who can broker the peace which will allow the children to have their childhood back and no longer be traumatized by what they witness in the bloody conflict.
- † Heavenly Father, we bring to you all known to us who are in ill health or worried about the health of a loved one. We also ask you to be close to all who have recently been bereaved. Place your comforting arms around them and let them experience your peace. Help us to be inclusive when this might be a time of great sadness.
- † Father, be with those who have experienced violence in their lives, at home or in sports clubs or elsewhere. May they know your love and be given the help and support they need. We think of Women's Refuges at this time of year when families may be scared and less able to cope with the festivities around them.
- † Almighty God, who came to earth as a little child and died for our sins at Calvary, help us to always remember the true meaning of Christmas and not get caught up in the commercialism of the day.

***Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.*** Charles Wesley (1701 – 1788)