

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 Church hall after each 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB Breakfast Club for nursery and primary children is today at 10.20am.

PRAYER GROUP Prayer meetings continue on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Church hall. Prayer is the essential powerhouse of the Church and your participation would be greatly valued. We are showing the film 'Tortured for Christ' on Wednesday 12th December at 10am in the hall. The film is about the well known pastor Richard Wurmbrand who spent 14 years in communist prison. All are welcome to come along.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME BEFORE THE MORNING SERVICE Come along when you can, leave when you want: ***for ten seconds or ten minutes***. Prayer and reflection time in the hall posh room every Sunday between 10.15 and 10.45am.

LADIES BIBLE On Wednesday 12th December at 1.30pm in the Church Hall, the ladies will study "Sages, leave your contemplations" as we continue our advent study of Angels from the realms of glory Christmas Carol. It would be lovely to have you come along to study God's word with us. A warm welcome is waiting!

PASTORAL CARE Do make a call to the team if you need some help. Contact can be made through your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). We will do our very best to assist.

PASTORAL DUTIES Rev'd Stephen Macdonald can be contacted on 864273 if required for any Pastoral duties.

Christmas and New Year Services with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

16th December – 11am Nativity Service
6.30pm Evening Service
23rd December – 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Lessons and Carols
24th December – 11.30pm Watchnight Service
25th December – 11am Christmas Morning Family Service
30th December – 11am Morning Service
6th January - 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Communion Service

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 9th December 2018

11.00am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 63 'All people that on earth do dwell'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address and Prayer

Hymn: 314 'Child in the manger'

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

Hymn: 324 'Angels from the realms of glory'

Sermon

Hymn: 296 'While humble shepherds'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 86 'When Zion's fortunes God restored'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 182 'Now thank we all our God'

Reading Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 (*page 1207 in Bible*)

Hymn: 183 'Fill now our life'

Sermon

Hymn: 220 'The day you gave us, Lord'

Benediction

NEWSLETTER The December edition of the Ferintosh Focus Newsletter is now available in the annexe to be picked-up by those who kindly distribute them.

RIVER CAFÉ The last River Cafe of 2018 takes place in the Church hall on Wednesday 12th December from 2pm-3.30pm. Why not take the chance to drop in for a well earned break and enjoy some tea/coffee and home bakes, while meeting others for the all important chat? We look forward to welcoming you there.

GUILD Guild members are reminded that the Christmas lunch takes place tomorrow Monday 10th December in the Cottage bar. Please arrive from 12 for a 12.30 start. Pat Gillanders is still looking for payment from one or two people – if this is you, please see Pat today.

The Guild has also been invited to a Christmas social afternoon in Castle Street church hall on Wednesday 19th December at 2.30pm. There is a list for names of those wishing to attend at the back of the Church. (It **is** there this week – apologies for those who were looking for it last week).

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of last week's Coffee Morning. The excellent sum of £1150 has been banked for Church and Community Activities. The results of the Competitions are:

The **Knitted Dog** was named Willow which was correctly chosen by Pat Gillanders.

The **Christmas Cake** weighed 6lb 6.5oz (2.916Kg) and was won by Sylvia Chalmers.

The **number of sweets in the jar** was 274. The nearest guess was by the Minister who kindly donated it to a worthy recipient. (Cerys).

Thank you one and all.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK There is still a tremendous need for your assistance in providing for the less fortunate by donating non-perishable food items, toiletries, cleaning items, small packets of toilet rolls and, of course, something to treat the children at this time of year. Thank you all for your support.

MIRIAM SINGERS The annual Christmas Evening by the choir will take place tomorrow 10th December in Rosskeen Church Hall. It begins at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to hear the Christmas message in song, readings and music. The Miriam Singers and Iain's Boys would love to see you there!

USED STAMPS As Christmas mail begins to arrive, please remember to keep your stamps for the World Mission Council used stamp appeal. Cut them off, leaving a half inch margin if possible, but in any case perforations must be intact. It is helpful if UK and foreign stamps are kept separate.

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

The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!" Luke 1: 26 (Good News Bible)

It's Advent!

What are we waiting for?

We are waiting for a baby.

A baby who will show us the way back to you, O Lord.

Who will show us how to love you.

It's Advent!

What are we waiting for?

For the second Advent which will usher in the new age
When love will reign.

It's Advent! What are we waiting for?

We are waiting for the Kingdom of God

to become a reality in our lives and our world.

When your love shines through us

For the salvation of all.

It's Advent! What are we waiting for?

We are waiting for that moment when strangers call to one another, "Happy Christmas".

When a momentary peace leads to a game of football in no man's land.

Advent, the anticipation of peace and goodwill from God to earth

When your love unites us across the barriers we have made.

It's Advent, what are we waiting for?

For the fulfilment of our prayer

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

By Jane Denniston
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