

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.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME BEFORE THE MORNING SERVICE From 1015-1045 each Sunday the posh room is available for prayer spoken and unspoken, for our church, for the world and for current needs. Those who have participated come and go within that time so no need to stay for the half an hour. Feel free to drop in.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The final study of the Advent series will be examined on Wednesday 19th December in the Church Hall beginning at 1.15pm (note the early start!!) This will be the fourth verse (fifth one generally omitted from hymn books) of the carol "Angels from the realms of glory" and will think about saints. Questions for the study are: Who are the saints?; the life of a saint; Union with Jesus; risks faced by saints; blessings of sainthood. As you can see this should be very interesting. We would love to welcome you at this time. Don't worry if you have never been previously. A warm welcome awaits! See you in the New Year.

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

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 16th December 2018

**11.00am
Nativity Service**

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 96 'You are before me, God'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address and Prayer

Hymn: 310 'See him lying on a bed of straw'

Reading Matthew 28: 16 - 20 (*page 1001 in Bible*)

Hymn: 290 'The race that long in darkness pined'

Sermon

Hymn: 315 'Once in royal David's city'

Benediction

Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 22 'The Lord's my light'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 374 'From heaven you came'

Reading Psalm 27: 1 (*page 557 in Bible*)

Hymn: 482 'Come, let us to the Lord our God'

Sermon

Hymn: 306 'O come, all ye faithful'

Benediction

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

GUILD The Guild has 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.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK What a response to the request for carrier bags. It is amazing the generosity of this community! Thank you. Unfortunately, the foodbank will be so necessary at this time when we are all looking forward to plenty. Please think of those who are really struggling to keep things together for themselves and family. All the usual non-perishable foodstuffs are required but maybe you could afford to donate a selection box or some such for the children?

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.

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 excellent £503.02. The winner of Maryburgh's Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake was Hazel Ross and Conon's Guess the Weight winner was Audrey Ross.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)

- ✠ Father, through John the Baptist you tried to prepare your people for the coming of Jesus. Will you prepare us too? Prepare our hearts and minds that we may know what to look for in the coming of Jesus Christ into our world... May we show the joy of the Advent message in our lives day by day. Through him who came at Christmas time.
(from Prayers before Worship)
- ✠ The Leprosy Mission Trust India takes care of elderly people severely disabled by leprosy in its five Snehalayas (houses of love in Hindi) spread across three states of India. These people were rejected and abandoned by their families due to disabilities and stigma associated with leprosy. Pray that the residents of the Snehalayas develop an intimate relationship with God. Pray that they experience God's everlasting love, even when their families have abandoned them.
- ✠ Give thanks for the joys and successes that the residents and staff have experienced individually and as a team at Whinnieknowe Care Home for 24 older people in Nairn. They acknowledge God's hand in these circumstances and ask us to direct praise to him for them.
(CrossReach Prayer Diary)
- ✠ God of Advent hope, here in our community is the place we practise Christian principles. It would be so comfortable to have certainties; to know exactly what we ought to do and how to do it, without having to think hard about what the Bible means. Help us to take the trouble to study your word, to benefit from all scholarship and to learn for ourselves your word for today, so that people may see in our lives obedience to the eternal truths contained within the Bible. (Prayers for Today's World)

To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1 (Good News Bible)