

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 TEAM You can be helped by the Team by contacting either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). We will try our very best to assist. Remember to allow time for arrangements to be made if you need to be taken to an appointment.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The ladies completed the four Advent studies on "Angels from the realms of glory" which proved so interesting as we looked at our everyday lives in relation to Advent. We are taking a short break and will resume our meetings on 9th January 2019. Happy Christmas and hope to see you after the holiday.

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

24th December – 11.30pm Watchnight Service

25th December – 11am Christmas Morning Family Service

30th December – 11am Morning Service (no Evening Service)

6th January - 11am Morning Service

6.30pm Communion Service

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 23rd December 2018

11.00am

4th Sunday of Advent

Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

Hymn: 19 'Ye gates, lift up your heads on high'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's Address and Prayer

Hymn: 312 'Away in a manger'

Reading Luke 2: 7 (*page 1027 in Bible*)

Hymn: 320 'Joy to the world'

Sermon

Hymn: 277 'Hark the glad sound!'

Benediction

Lessons and Carols Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

Welcome and Intimations

Carol: 26 'Come, O long-expected Jesus'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Readings

Genesis 3: 8 - 19

Genesis 22: 15 -18

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 - 7

Carol: 15

'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Readings

Isaiah 11: 1 - 9

Luke 1: 26 - 38

Luke 2: 1 - 7

Carol: 8

'Hark the herald angels sing'

Readings

Luke 2: 8 - 20

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

John 1: 1 - 14

Carol: 17

'Silent night'

Benediction

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

WYVIS HOUSE There is to be a service at Wyvis house this afternoon (23rd December) at 4pm. The residents are always happy to see people from the congregation join them in worship

HIGHLAND FOODBANK Thank you all for your amazing generosity to those less fortunate than us. Unfortunately, the foodbank is still needed. We hope you can continue to donate. The list of foodstuffs can be seen in the annex of the Church but other items such as cleaning stuffs and toiletries are also so very necessary. Thank you.

USED STAMPS As Christmas mail arrives, 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, the advent of Your birth draws near.
The time of waiting and wonder,
The time of longing and lingering is nearly over.
As one year rolls into another, we teach ourselves amidst the rush
To listen and be still.
Let us listen for the sound of angels' wings, bringing word of good news.
Let us listen for the sound of shepherds' feet, running to worship a new-born
hope.
Let us listen for the steady step of camels bearing kings,
Offering gifts in worship.
Let us listen for the distant tramp of hostile soldiers,
Reminding us that new birth is not always celebrated.
Let us listen for the cry of an infant,
Heralding God breaking into the human story with love.

Let us be still, when the rush of preparation threatens to overwhelm.
Let us be still, when the endless merriment deafens.
Let us be still when the expense of this season overshadows its true value.

Lord Jesus Christ, vulnerable yet strong, helpless yet unbreakable,
The persistence of Your love renews each year,
And many near to or far from faith, find hearts warmed, spirits lifted, hope
renewed, love made real.

Be near to us, stay by our side;
Be near to us, close by us;
Be near to us, love us we pray.
For you are the Lord of presence.
The source of comfort.
The promise of peace.
We worship You, Lord Jesus Christ,
And ready our hearts and minds, our bodies and souls,
In this Advent, as we move to Christmas. (Life and Work)