

## **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 and returns on 12<sup>th</sup> January. 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. Breakfast Club returns after the holidays on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**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 10.15-10.45am each Sunday the posh room is available for prayer spoken and unspoken, for our church, for the world and for current needs. You can come and go within that time so no need to stay for the half an hour. Feel free to drop in.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** The final study of 2019 will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall at 1.30pm for approximately an hour. We will look at Titus 3 entitled "God's people at large". A warm welcome awaits you. Please give serious, prayerful consideration to joining us in the New Year if you haven't been previously.

**BUNDLES OF FUN** For all parents/carers, babies + toddlers, every Thursday in the hall from 1pm-2:30pm. Come along and relax over a cup of tea/coffee whilst you watch the children play.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** Please remember we are here to help with transport and visits. Just let us know what you need and we will try our very best to assist. Contact either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591). Do allow time for arrangements to be made.

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

### **Services next Sunday**

Morning Service at 11.00am with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald  
Lessons and Carols Service at 6.30pm Rev'd Stephen Macdonald

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## **Ferintosh Parish Church**



## **Order of Service**

for

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**11.00am**

**Nativity Service**

**Rev'd Stephen Macdonald**

### ***Introit***

***'Come now with faith'***

Welcome and Intimations

Dedication of Offering

**Hymn: 301**

***'Hark! the herald angels sing'***

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Children's play/song

**Hymn: 310**

***'See him lying on a bed of straw'***

Reading

Luke 2: 4 - 7 (*page 1027 in Bible*)

**Hymn: 306**

***'O come, all ye faithful'***

Sermon

**Hymn: 315**

***'Once in royal David's city'***

Benediction

### **Evening Service at 6.30pm with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald**

Welcome and Intimations

**Hymn: 296 v1-4**

***'While humble shepherds watched'***

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: 314**

***'Child in the manger'***

Reading

Luke 2: 1 - 6 (*page 1027 in Bible*)

**Hymn: 320**

***'Joy to the world'***

Sermon

**Hymn: 304**

***'O little town of Bethlehem'***

Benediction

**FERINTOSH FOCUS** Copies of the latest edition of the Ferintosh Focus are available in the annexe to be picked-up by those who kindly distribute them and have not collected them yet.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** If anyone has spare ones please leave in the annex so that those who are short may use them. Thank You.

**HIGHLAND FOODBANK** If anyone is collecting the Reverse Advent Calendar provisions, please bring them to Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December so that they can be delivered to the Foodbank in plenty of time. Regular donations are still very, very welcome.

**Christmas and New Year Services with Rev'd Stephen Macdonald**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** – 11am Morning Service  
6.30pm Lessons and Carols

**24<sup>th</sup> December** – 11.30pm Watchnight Service

**25<sup>th</sup> December** – 11am Christmas Morning Family Service

**29<sup>th</sup> December** – 11am Morning Service

**5<sup>th</sup> January** - 11am Morning Service  
6.30pm Communion Service

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

***And this was John's message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1: 7-8***

- † Father, through John the Baptist you tried to prepare your people for the coming of Jesus. Will you try to 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.
- † God of Advent hope, here in our community is the place we practise Christian principles. It would be 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)
- † Pray that Boko Haram extremists in Nigeria will grow weary of bloodshed. Pray specifically they will release all those they have abducted, including the remaining Chibok girls. Please pray for wisdom, courage and steadfastness for the Nigerian Government and military so they will bring an end to the violence and persecution. (Prayershield Release International)
- † Pray for anyone in your community who may not be feeling festive at this time—those who are grieving, those who are worried and those who are lonely.

***Blessing "For one who Holds Power": May integrity of soul be your first ideal, the source that will guide and bless your work. (To Bless the Space Between us by John O'Donohue)***