

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.

HOLIDAY CLUB Holiday club meets today at 10.50 and will run through the festive holiday.

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 group is having a short break over the Christmas period and will resume on Wednesday 8th January at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. Please give prayerful thought to coming along to study God's word. Maybe a good resolution for 2020?

PASTORAL CARE TEAM The Team is available to help. Just call either your elder or the coordinator, Janette Steele (01349861591), and 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

24th December - 11.30pm Watchnight Service

25th December – 11am - Christmas Morning Family Service

29th December - 11am Morning Service

No Evening Service

5th January - 11am Morning Service

6.30pm - Communion Service

Ferintosh Parish Church



Order of Service

for

Sunday 22nd December 2019

**11.00am
Morning Service**

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

Hymn: 312 'Away in a manger'

Reading Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (*page 966 in Bible*)

Hymn: 325 'Bethlehem, a noble city'

Sermon

Hymn: 320 'Joy to the world'

Benediction

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

Welcome and Intimations

Hymn: 8 'Hark the herald angels sing'

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Genesis 3: 8-19 Genesis 22: 15-18 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn: 16 'Once in royal David's city'

Isaiah 11: 1-9 Luke 1: 26-38 Luke 2: 1-7

Hymn: 21 'We three King of Orient'

Luke 2: 8-20 Matthew 2: 1-12 John 1: 1-14

Hymn: 17 'Silent night'

Benediction

BUNDLES OF FUN Thank you to all the parents and toddlers who came to our Christmas party in the hall on Friday. It was great to see the hall packed and everyone enjoying the Christmas celebrations. The children received presents from Santa, the adults had some delicious Mulled wine, and there was plenty food for everyone. Special thanks to Shona, Erica, Liska and others who help and support when they can. We are on holiday now but we look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!

WYVIS HOUSE There will be a service at Wyvis House this afternoon from 4pm and lasts about 20-30 minutes. All are welcome.

HIGHLAND FOODBANK As you know the need is still great. Please donate whatever you can in non-perishable foods, toiletries, baby items or cleaning materials. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

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

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.

Psalms 63: 5-6

- † Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. We pray that your word of prophecy, like that of John the Baptist, may be heard among us in your worldwide church, and through us speak to all people everywhere, preparing them to hear the real message of Christmas and receive the new way of life which Christ came to bring.
- † Pray that Christians in Sri Lanka will continue reaching out with the message of God's love to those around them, despite the risk of violence. Pray that Sri Lanka's political leaders will be fierce defenders of religious freedoms for all.
- † Pray for all those who find this season of the year so difficult to bear. Pray that God's comfort will be near to them and they will know that they are loved and treasured by friends and family.
- † Remember to give thanks to God for all His goodness to us in the midst of all the hustle and bustle. Let us take five minutes in the "madness" of getting ready to be still and know that God is with us.

Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honour, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)