

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 3rd December 2017



Opening Voluntaries:

Variations on Veni Emmanuel – arr. David Lasky

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen – Prætorious

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 273: O come, O come, Emmanuel

**Lighting of Advent Candle
and Advent Hymn 284: Hope is a candle (verse 1 only)**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Church Dedications

Hymn 336: Christ is our light

Reading: Luke 1: 67-80 (page 74)

Sermon

Offering (*Iona: A Hebridean Carol – Edmund Walters*)

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 277: Hark the glad sound!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

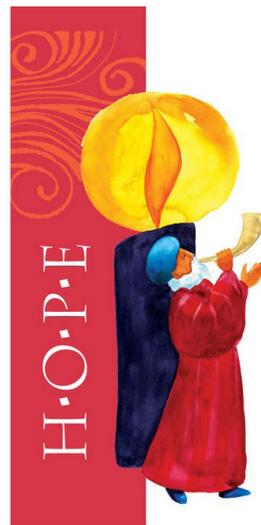
Hymn 286: Tell out, my soul

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Doxology: Jesus, name above all names

Closing Voluntary:

Festive Trumpet Tune – Carolyn Hamlin



DOXOLOGY: Hymn 774

*Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessèd Redeemer, living Word.*

Preacher: Rev Mandy Hickman **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Readings:** Christine Ewing

*We extend a warm welcome to any visitors joining our service this morning.
You are invited to join us for soup and sandwiches in the Large Hall after the service.*

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday	10am: Keep Fit Group; 7.30pm: The Guild
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics; 4pm: Craft Group
Wednesday	6.30pm: 1st Saltcoats Girl Guides
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service; Country Dancing Group 2.30pm / 7.30pm alternating weeks

1. Due to Dorothy's continued absence, we have appointed Rev Mandy Hickman as a locum minister to assist with pastoral support and preaching. Rev James McNay is continuing as our Interim Moderator. If you require the services of a minister, please contact Mandy on 01475 675347 or email Mandy at MHickman@churchofscotland.org.uk. Please continue to remember Dorothy in your prayers and we wish her voice a speedy recovery.
2. Please keep the **Pastoral Care Team** up to date with information about people who need pastoral care or support, or visited at home or in hospital. Please don't assume that they already know – they would rather hear several times over than not at all. The main contacts for pastoral care are Miss Alison Buick (01294 464531) and Mrs Morag Forsyth (01294 463762).
3. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray the congregation of Dalry Trinity and their Minister Rev Martin Thomson.
4. The **Christmas Fair** held last Saturday has now raised an amazing £3,142. A huge thank you to everyone who supported it.
5. **The Guild** meets tomorrow night at 7.00pm for a short finance meeting, which will be followed at 7.30pm when they will have a talk by Barbara Graham about Marie Curie.
6. **The Guild** are planning to run a bus to Largs Operatic's production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Thursday 29th March 2018. Tickets will be £13 and a list is on the table for those interested in going. Total cost will depend on the amount of interest.
7. The **Country Dance Group** will meet this week at 2.30pm.
8. The **Kirk Session** will meet for regular business on Thursday 14th December at 7.30pm.
9. The December editions of the **Kirkgate Messenger** and Life & Work magazine are available for distributors to uplift in the Large Hall.

10. **Gift Service on Sunday 10th December:** In response to the North Ayrshire Women's Aid 2017 Christmas Appeal, this year at Kirkgate there will be a gift service held on Sunday 10th December. At this service you are invited to bring along an unwrapped gift for a pre-school, primary or teenage child or a gift for one of the women affected by domestic abuse and these will be distributed to those within the service, let's give our giving support this Christmas.

11. The Craft Team are holding another **Christmas Tree Festival** on Saturday 16th December from 10am. This will be followed by a short Shopper's Carol Service at 3pm. This year the Christmas Trees will all be themed on popular Christmas Carols. If any individual or group would like to decorate a tree, please choose a carol from the basket in the hallway and / or speak to Jean Hay.

12. The Church of Scotland has created a new online **Advent Calendar** for this Christmas. Each day, from 1st December, the Advent calendar will journey with the characters in the Nativity through video, reflections and prayer. If you sign-up at www.churchofscotland.advent-calendar.net you'll receive an email alert when each Advent window is open and ready to reveal a new short film. Please spread the word of the online Advent Calendar amongst your family and friends.

13. On Sunday 24th December, Andrew Bruce will be conducting a Service in South Beach Home at 3pm. He is planning to make this a Readings and Carol Service and it would be good if some others in the congregation would be willing to take part by giving a short reading and perhaps introducing a Carol. This would give a bit of variety to the voices and help augment the singing. If you feel you can take part then please let Andrew know as soon as possible either by speaking to him or phoning on 01294 605113 or emailing andrew_bruce2@sky.com

14. Donations for the **North Ayrshire Foodbank** can be placed in the box in the hallway or additionally can be handed in to St Mary's Church Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 12.30pm, or left at any local supermarket.



The poster for the Kirkgate Craft Team Christmas Tree Festival features a large, decorated Christmas tree on the right side, adorned with yellow and red ornaments, candy canes, and a gold star. On the left, there are three small inset images: the top one shows a decorated tree in a room; the middle one shows a church interior with a table and chairs; the bottom one shows lit candles. Text on the poster includes the Kirkgate Church logo, the event title, the date and time, and an invitation to see stained glass windows.

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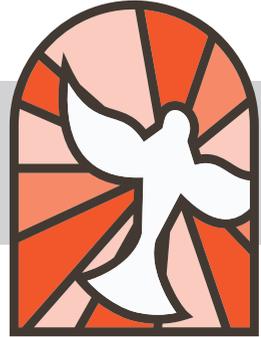
Kirkgate Craft Team
Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 16th December
from 10am and finishing with a
Shoppers' Carol Service at 3pm

Additionally,
come and see
our new stained
glass windows

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Prayer points and thought for the week



Please pray for:

- *Areas in our world affected by natural disasters, especially those near Mount Agung volcano in Bali*
- *Peaceful resolve in the places in our world where there is conflict*
- *Compassion, tolerance and healing for those caught up and displaced from their homes, families and culture by acts of terror or fighting*
- *Hope for positive decisions within the political struggles in Kenya and Zimbabwe*
- *Those who are struggling within our church family and our community*

At the start of this season of Advent and during all the hustle and bustle in the lead up to Christmas remind ourselves and those around us that Christmas starts with Christ. Advent is not simply a time for expecting but a time for asking ourselves whether we are expecting the right thing, whether we are open to what God has done, is doing and has yet to do.

Anyone wishing to include a notice in the weekly intimations should give details to Stuart McMahon, stuart@md93.co.uk, Tel: 01294 603848 **no later than a Wednesday evening.**

Fire Safety – in the event of a Fire:

- Remain calm and leave the building by the nearest exit.
- Do not wait to uplift belongings.
- Do not attempt to go back into the building until instructed it is safe to do so.
- Please gather outside the Royal Bank of Scotland, Chapelwell Street.

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