

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 16th December 2018



Opening Voluntaries:

Mary's Lullaby – Christopher Tambling

Cherry Tree Carol – Trad.

Cantique de Noel – Adolphe Adam

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 277: Hark the glad sound!

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Baptism

Blessing – Hymn 796: The Lord Bless you and keep you

Hymn 632: Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer

Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (page 911)

Luke 3: 7-18 (page 77)

Hymn 334: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Sermon: John the Baptist prepares the way

Hymn 314: Child in the manger

Offering (*Nativity Carol – John Rutter*)

Prayers of Dedication, Intercession and Thanksgiving

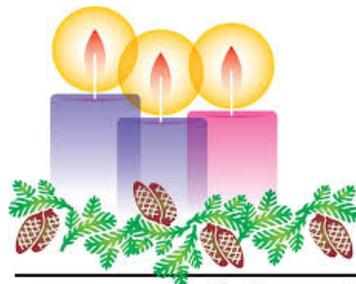
Hymn 313: See! in yonder manger low

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Advent Doxology: Praise God

Closing Voluntary:

See amid the winter's snow – James Kasen



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Veni Emmanuel -

O come, O come Emmanuel)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Preacher: Rev James McNay **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reader:** Chrissie Baillie

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

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday	10am: Keep Fit Group
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics 4pm: Craft Team
Wednesday	6.30pm: 1st Saltcoats Girl Guides
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service 2.30pm / 7.30pm (alternate weeks): Country Dance Group
Friday	12.30pm: CHANA Care & Share Lunch Club

1. Rev James McNay is our Interim Moderator. If you require the services of a minister, please contact James on 01294 823186 or email James at JMcNay@churchofscotland.org.uk.
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. A reminder that there will be a **congregational meeting** at the close of this morning's service for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee. Please try and wait behind for this important meeting.
4. Next Sunday we look forward to having another baptism, this time for Ben Gray. The preacher will be Rev Alan Ward.
5. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the Milala Presbytery in Malawi which is twinned with Ardrossan Presbytery.
6. We will be holding a **Blue Christmas** service this afternoon at 2pm. This is a service that invites you in a quiet space to remember loved ones, to reflect and to be still. To come alongside God and know God is with you in the lead up to Christmas and during Christmas.
7. Kirkgate and Park Churches together will be holding a **Christmas Praise Night** in Park Church on Thursday 20th December at 7pm. Refreshments in the church hall after the service.
8. Andrew is conducting worship at **South Beach House** on Sunday 23rd December at 2pm. He intends to have a short service of Lessons and Carols. If you would be able to read one of the Lessons please contact him.

9. **Saltcoats hostel** would like to express their sincere thanks for all the gifts that were donated by the congregation last Sunday. They were very much appreciated.
10. The **Country Dancing Group** will recommence on Thursday 3rd January at 7.30pm.
11. The **North Ayrshire Foodbank** is in need of in-date tinned or dry foodstuffs. If you are in a position to help then donations can be taken directly to the foodbank in the Church of the Nazarene in Glasgow Street, Ardrossan. Thank you.
12. The **Rag Bag collection** this year realised the wonderful sum of £200.70 from Nathan Wastesaver.
13. The **retiring collection** after the Communion service on the 2nd December raised £130.65 for South Beach Mini Bus Fund.
14. Some **2019 Freewill Offering** envelopes are still available for collection in the large hall. It would be extremely helpful if friends / neighbours could take envelopes of anyone not present to aid distribution.
15. The **Care and Share/Lunch Club** in Kirkgate for those who are homeless, is now running every Friday **from 12.30pm-2pm**. CHANA (Churches Homelessness Action North Ayrshire) are always looking for more volunteers from around North Ayrshire to assist with running it. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact CHANA on 07585 665751. CHANA is currently one of Tesco Irvine's selected charities where you can select where to put your little blue tokens - every little helps!
16. The list for the **Guild theatre outing** to Largs on Saturday 30th March is now closed. Any added names will be on a waiting list. Ticket money £13 can be paid to Alison Buick any time, but before the end of January.
17. Ardrossan Presbytery is holding a **conference** on Saturday 9th February from 10.15am to 2.30pm in West Kilbride Parish Church. This event is open to all members of the congregation, with at least three folk required to attend from each congregation within Presbytery. As lunch will be provided, please let Vivien Bruce know as soon as possible if you wish to attend so that catering numbers can be confirmed. The conference will be looking at the challenges facing the church in the coming years, and how best the Presbytery and congregations can adapt to meet them.

KIRKGATE & PARK CHURCHES
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invite you to  join them for

A Christmas
P R A I S E N I G H T

Thursday 20th December at 7pm

ARDROSSAN PARK CHURCH
Dalry Road, Ardrossan KA22 7JX

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- Do not wait to uplift belongings.
- Do not attempt to go back into the building until instructed it is safe to do so.
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