

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 23rd December 2018



Opening Voluntaries:
Sans Day Carol – John Rutter
Mid Winter – Bob Chilcott
Of the Father's heart begotten – arr. Willcocks

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 273: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Sacrament of Baptism – Ben Henry John Gray

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

Hymn 312: Away in a manger

Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a (page 900)

Hymn 285: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7 (page 75)

Hymn 300: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 (page 75)

Hymn 318: Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour

Offering (*Candlelight Carol – John Rutter*)

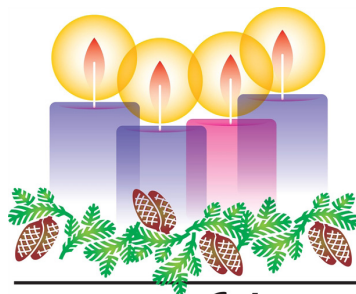
**Prayers of Commitment, Thanksgiving
and Concern for others**

Hymn 294: On Christmas Night all Christians sing

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Advent Doxology: Praise God

Closing Voluntary:
On Christmas Night – Noel Rawesthorn



FOURTH 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 Alan Ward **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reader:** Vivien Bruce

*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:

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| 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. Andrew is conducting a short service of Lessons and Carols at **South Beach House** this afternoon at 3pm. An invitation is extended to come along and join the residents for this short time of worship.
4. Our **Christmas Eve Service** will be held tomorrow, Monday 24th at 3pm.
5. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the congregation of Kilmory I/w Lamlash and their minister Rev Lily McKinnon.
6. The January edition of **Life & Work magazine** is available today for uplifting from the hallway tables.
7. The **Country Dancing Group** will recommence on Thursday 3rd January at 7.30pm.
8. 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.
9. 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!

10. 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.
11. 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.



*We wish everyone the joy and blessing
of this Christmas season,
and peace and happiness throughout 2019*

OTHER SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ARDROSSAN AND SALTCOATS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – 24th December

Ardrossan

Park Church:

6pm: Family Christmas Eve Service

11.30pm: Watchnight Service

EU Congregational Church:

7pm: Christmas Eve Service

St Andrew's Episcopal Church:

11.15pm: Christmas Eve Communion

St Peter in Chains:

5.30pm: Shepherd's Mass

8.30pm: Mass of the Holy Night

Saltcoats

Kirkgate Parish Church:

3pm: Christmas Eve Service

North Parish Church:

7pm: All-age Christmas Eve Worship

11.30pm: Christmas Eve Service

St Cuthbert's Church:

7.00pm: Family Service

11.30pm: Watchnight Service

South Beach Baptist Church:

11.15pm: Watchnight Service

St Mary's:

4.30pm: Vigil Mass

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES – 25th December

Ardrossan

Park Church: 11am

Church of the Nazarene: 10.30am

St Peter in Chains:

11am: Mass of the Nativity

Saltcoats

St Mary's:

11am: Christmas Day Mass

For
unto
us a
CHILD
is born
unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

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 former Royal Bank of Scotland, Chapelwell Street.

A loop system is installed for people who may have hearing difficulties.

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