

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 6th January 2019



Opening Voluntaries:

A New Year Carol – Benjamin Britten

Christmas Concerto – Corelli

Welcome and Intimations

Call to Worship – Psalm 72

Hymn 197: As we are gathered, Jesus is here (x2)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Reflection: Celebrate every year of your life

Hymn 327: Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Readings: Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 4) Ephesians 3: 3-12 (page 241)

Sheet: MP 740 - We three kings of Orient are

Sermon: The journey to Christ

Hymn 543: Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Offering

(Intermezzo – Mascagni)

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Hymn 124: Praise to the Lord

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Doxology:

Let there be love shared among us (x2)

Closing Voluntary:

Trumpet Tune – David Johnson



DOXOLOGY:

*Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now Your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise:
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.*

Preacher: Mr Brian Murray **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reader:** Morag Forsyth

*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. Brian Murray is our locum at present - he can be contacted on 01294 822272 or at brian.murray100@btinternet.com
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. The monthly **Prayer Group** will meet at the close of this morning's service.
4. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the congregation of Kilwinning Old Parish and their minister Rev Jeaneatte Whitecross and Deacon Isobel Beck.
5. The **Kirk Session** will meet on Thursday 17th Jan at 7.30pm.
6. The **Country Dancing Group** will meet on Thursday 10th Jan at 2.30pm.
7. 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.
8. 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!

9. 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.
10. **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.
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MP 740: We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.
*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light*
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
O Star of wonder, star of night ...
3. Frankincense for Jesus have I,
God on earth yet Priest on high;
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship is earth's reply.
O Star of wonder, star of night ...
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Tells of His death and Calvary's
gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding,
dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
O Star of wonder, star of night ...
5. Glorious now, behold Him arise
King and God, and Sacrifice
Heaven sings out 'Alleluia',
'Amen', the earth replies.
O Star of wonder, star of night ...

CHANA

Churches' Homelessness Action North Ayrshire **KIRKGATE CARE & SHARE**



We aim to provide Soup and Sandwiches and our presence in the Kirkgate every Friday from 12.30pm to 2pm for those who are homeless.

**For further information contact
CHANA on 07585 665751**



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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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