

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 22nd Dec 2019



Opening Voluntaries:

Sans Day Carol – John Rutter

A Medley of Carols – J. Fischer

Of the Father's heart begotten – arr. Willcocks

Welcome and Intimations

Call to worship – Isaiah 9:6

Hymn 304: O little town of Bethlehem

Prayer of Approach, Thanksgiving and Confession, and the Lord's Prayer

Lighting of Advent Candle

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14 (page 675)

Matthew 1: 18-25 (page 4)

Hymn 302: It was on a starry night

Thought for today: The candle of Love

Hymn 301: Hark! the herald angels sing

Sermon: When we need a Joseph?

Hymn 303: It came upon the midnight clear

Offering (*Candlelight Carol – John Rutter*)

Prayers of Intercession and

Dedication of Offering

Hymn 306: O come all ye faithful

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Advent Doxology: Praise God / Rejoice

Closing Voluntary:

On Christmas Night – Noel Rawesthorn



DOXOLOGY:

*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: Mr Brian Murray **Organist:** Stuart McMahon **Reader:** Noreena Elwell

*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 Small Hall after the service.*

Intimations

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Monday	10am: Keep Fit Group 1.30pm: Jiggy Wrighglers * 7.30pm: The Guild	* <i>External organisations using our premises</i>
Tuesday	2pm: KA Leisure Chair Aerobics * 4pm: Craft Team	
Thursday	10.30am: 30 minute Midweek Service 2.30pm / 7.30pm: Country Dance Group (alternate weeks)	
Friday	12.30pm: CHANA Care & Share Lunch Club	

- 1. After the closing voluntary is finished** it would be helpful if the chairs could be moved to the side of the hall.
- 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 - he can be contacted on 01294 822272 or at brian.murray100@btinternet.com
- Please keep the 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).
- This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the congregation of Largs Clark Memorial and their minister Rev David Watson.
- Tea & Bible Reading Rota sheets for 2020** are available for collection on the hall vestibule tables.
- The January edition of **Life & Work Magazine** is available to uplift in the hallway.
- Ardrossan Presbytery** has produced some **Christmas gift cards** in aid of Milala Presbytery in Malawi. Each gift card costing £5 will pay for the purchase of a mosquito net for a family in Malawi. Please see Vivien if you would like to purchase a card for this good cause.
- Our **Christmas Eve service** on Tuesday 24th December will be held at 3pm. There is no service on Christmas Day. The midweek Thursday service will take place as usual on 26th December and 2nd January at 10.30am.

9. Some members of the former Erskine and New Trinity congregations may remember David MacGill who served as an elder in the late 1980s & 1990s prior to moving to Glasgow. During his time here he received a Long Service Certificate for 50 years in the eldership and he was an active member of the Church. Sadly, he passed away peacefully on 13th December in a Care Home where he had been a resident for 2 years following a stroke suffered in 2017. There is a thanksgiving service at Maxwell Mearns Parish Church (G77 5RE) at 11.00am on Monday 30th December for anyone who might wish to attend.
10. A service will be hosted by Saltcoats: St Cuthbert's on Sunday, 19 January 2020 at 3.00pm to celebrate the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Further details will be published within the next week or two.
11. The **Care and Share Lunch Club** organised by CHANA for those who are homeless runs every Friday from 12.30pm-2pm in the large hall. The numbers attending the Care & Share Lunch Club have been increasing. It would be helpful to the team if any additional members of Kirkgate could spare a few hours on a Friday (not necessarily every Friday) to assist. If you are interested in helping or wish to know more, please talk to Pamela Martin.
12. We have decided to reinstate our **collection box for the food bank**. We are a distribution point for food parcels during the Care and Share lunches on Fridays, and we see the difference the parcels make. ***The food bank is desperately short of items at present, especially instant coffee, long life milk and cereals,*** but any donations of tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, and tinned meat would also be welcomed.

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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