

Order of Service and Intimations

Sunday 8th Dec 2019



Opening Voluntaries:

*O Magnum Mysterium –
Morten Lauridsen*

*Iona – A Hebridean Carol –
Edmund Walters*

Welcome and Intimations

Call to worship – Micah 5:2

Hymn 234:

Tis winter now the fallen snow

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

Lighting of Advent Candle

Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 (page 73)

Hymn 291: *When out of poverty is born*

Thought for today:

The Canticle of Mary

Luke 1: 39-45 (page 74)

Short Film - Breath of Heaven

The Magnificat - Luke 1: 46-56:

Mary's Song of Praise (page 74)

Hymn 316:

Love came down at Christmas

Sermon: Ordinary People – Mary

Hymn 549:

How deep the father's love for us



Offering

(Mary's Lullaby – Christopher Tambling)

**Prayers of Intercession, Dedication
of offering and gifts under the tree**

Hymn 303:

It came upon a midnight clear

The Blessing and Choral Amen

Advent Doxology: Praise God / Rejoice
(Tune: Veni 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

Closing Voluntary:

*Angels we have heard on high –
James Kasen*

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

*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. There will be a **retiring offering** at the close of this morning's service in aid of '**A Space to make Sense of School**' (it should have been held last week). The charity aims to provide a bus which will tour round schools in Ayrshire and which will create a transportable sensory / interactive space for children. More information on the project is in the November edition of the Kirkgate Messenger.
2. **After the closing voluntary is finished** it would be helpful if the chairs could be moved to the side of the hall.
3. 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
4. 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).
5. This week in the **Presbytery Prayer Diary** we are asked to pray for the congregation of Kilwinning Mansefield trinity and their minister Rev Hilary Beresford and Parish Worker Carol Boyd MDS.
6. The monthly **Prayer Group** will meet at the close of this morning's service.
7. **FWO envelopes** are now available for collection. Please help the distribution of them by uplifting and delivering them for any friends or neighbours not present.
8. **The Guild** meets tomorrow, Monday 9th December at 7.30pm a talk about Flora MacDonald by Barbara Graham.

9. **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.
10. **Ticket money** (£14) for Largs Amateur Operatic Society's production of **Fiddler on the Roof** on 28th March should be paid to Alison Buick by 15th December please.
11. The **Country Dance Group** meets on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm.
12. The **Bible Study Group** in partnership with Park Church meets on alternate Wednesdays in Kirkgate at 7.15pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December and all will be made most welcome.
13. There will be a **Blue Christmas Service** in Kirkgate on Sunday 15th December at 2pm. This service offers a time of quiet reflection and support for those who are grieving, having experienced the loss of a loved one.
14. There will be joint **Christmas Praise Service** with Park Church on **Thursday 19th December at 7pm in Park Church**. If anyone wishes to augment Park's choir for the evening, please see Vivien for more details of rehearsals.
15. 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.
16. 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.

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
T H U R S D A Y 19th D E C E M B E R

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.
- Please gather outside the former Royal Bank of Scotland, Chapelwell Street.

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