

# Order of Service and Intimations

## Sunday 15th Dec 2019



*Opening Voluntaries:*

*Variations on Veni Emmanuel – arr. David Lasky*

*Cantique de Noel – Adolphe Adams*

### **Welcome and Intimations**

### **Call to worship – Psalm 146**

Hymn 124: Tell out my soul

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

### **Lighting of Advent Candle**

**Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10 (p696)**  
**Matthew 11: 2-11 (p16)**

Hymn 277: Hark the glad sound!

### **Thought for today:**

### **The Christmas Letter**

*Short film: "Mary did you know"*

Hymn 284: Hope is a candle

### **Sermon: Great Expectations**

Hymn 259: Beauty for brokenness

**Offering** (*Nativity Carol – John Rutter*)

### **Prayers of Intercession and Dedication of Offering**

Hymn 124: Praise to the Lord

### **The Blessing and Choral Amen**

**Advent Doxology:** Praise God / Rejoice

*Closing Voluntary:*

*See amid the winter's snow – James Kasen*



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

### **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 McMahan   **Reader:** Mima McSwan

*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

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## 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](mailto:JMcNay@churchofscotland.org.uk). Brian Murray is our locum - he can be contacted on 01294 822272 or at [brian.murray100@btinternet.com](mailto: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 Kilwinning Old Parish Church and their Interim Moderator Rev Ross Mitchell and Deacon Isobel Beck.
- 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.
- Tea & Bible Reading Rota sheets for 2020** are available for collection on the hall vestibule tables.
- The Guild** meets tomorrow, Monday 16th December at 7.30pm for an evening of Carols and Readings, followed by mince pies and parcels.
- 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.

9. **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.
10. The **Country Dance Group** meets on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm for their Christmas Party.
11. There will be a **Blue Christmas Service** in Kirkgate on this afternoon 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.
12. There will be joint **Christmas Praise Service** with Park Church on **Thursday 19th December at 7pm in Park Church**. All welcome.
13. Our **Christmas Eve service** on Tuesday 24th December will be held at 3pm.
14. 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.
15. 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  
T O G E T H E R

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

A L L W E L C O M E

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Anyone wishing to include a notice in the weekly intimations should give details to Stuart McMahon, [stuart@md93.co.uk](mailto: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.

[www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk](http://www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk).

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