

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 29th December 2024 A Time for Reflection



Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 322 : Good Christians, all rejoice

Prayer

Lighting of the first candle

Hymn 302 : It was on a starry night

Lighting of the second candle

Hymn 316 : Love came down at Christmas

Lighting of the third candle

Hymn 336 : Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

Lighting of the fourth candle

Hymn 694 : Brother, sister, let me serve you

Lighting of the fifth candle

Hymn 727 : In the bulb there is a flower [Tune : Converse]

Lighting of the sixth candle

Hymn 543 : Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Prayer

Lighting of the seventh candle

Hymn 530 : One more step along the world I go

Benediction

Hymn 786 : May the God of peace go with us
(Words printed inside)

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our service today will be led by Mr Bill Imlay, a member of our Worship Team.

2) manna

manna is closed for a Christmas break to give staff and volunteers a well deserved rest. manna will reopen this Friday, 3rd January, at 10am and is open from 10am—3pm this Friday and Saturday.

3) Community New Year Ceilidh

The Ceilidh will be held this Friday, 3rd January, from 6:30 - 9:30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are £4 for an adult or £12 for a family of 4 and are available from Robert Hutchinson, Chris Cameron or from manna (on Friday). Come along to enjoy a night of live music, organised dances, food and drinks and a chance to meet new people.

4) Volunteers

manna is calling for more volunteers. Are you aged 18+ and can you spare a couple of hours a week gaining lifeskills, working as part of a welcoming friendly team? Duties can include baking, soup making, serving, chatting and more. For more information contact Diane Miller at dianemillermanna@gmail.com or (01382) 542781.

5) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is now taking a break over the festive season and will restart again on Wednesday 8th January.

6) Vigil for Peace

The vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 10 minutes on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay. We are continuing to Zoom the Vigils. If you would like to join on Zoom please ask Neil Merrylees or Claire Owen for the link.

7) Daily Reflections

Our minister is recording a daily reflection which is being uploaded to the church website - <http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/>

8) Community Chest

During December we will be supporting the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank. Please support this when you can by buying an extra item or two at your weekly shop. There is a box available every Sunday for donations. They are particularly short of the following items:- diluting juice, tinned veg, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, jars of pasta sauce, tinned and packet soups, biscuits, breakfast cereals and toilet paper. More information can be found in the Journal.

In January we will be supporting St Salvador's Food Cupboard.

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9) Prayer Room

Our Church Prayer Room is a lovely quiet space available for reflection and prayer. It is available whenever the Church is open and you are encouraged to make use of it.

10) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office has now finished for the festive period and will return on Wednesday 8th January.

Hymn 786

May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us -
firm in hope and full of grace.

Daily Readings

Monday 30th December : John 5 : 1 - 15

Tuesday 31st December : John 4 : 46 - 54

Wednesday 1st January : Revelation 21 : 1 - 6

Thursday 2nd January : Ephesians 4 : 1 - 16

Friday 3rd January : Ephesians 4 : 17 - 32

Saturday 4th January : Ephesians 5 : 1 - 20

Quote of the week

God never said that the journey would be easy,
but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

Max Lucado

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year and for 2025.

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