

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 24th September 2023 Harvest Thanksgiving Service



Introit
Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 229 : We plough the fields and scatter

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Reading : Genesis 41 v 28b - 31 & 33 - 36

Children's Talk

CH4 186 : Father God, I wonder

Anthem

Reading : Matthew 9 v 35 - 38

Praise : These are the days of Elijah

Children's Talk

Hymn 231 : For the fruits of all creation [Tune : Ar Hyd Y Nos]

Prayer of Dedication

Children's Song

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Hymn 153 : Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction
Threefold Amen

Intimations

1) Worship Leader

Our service this morning is led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong, and our young people.

2) Harvest Service

This Sunday, 24th September, is our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Following the service there will be a bake sale in the hall to raise money for Rimberto, the child the Sunday Club are sponsoring through World Vision.

3) Kirk Session

The next meeting of the Kirk Session will take place this Tuesday, 26th September, at 7:30pm. This will be a hybrid meeting held jointly in the Agnes Duncan Room and on Zoom.

4) Youth Cafe

Youth Cafe this Sunday will be held in the church hall between 6.30 and 8.30pm for young people from P7 to S6. It will be a 'Bake Off', working in small groups to bake something with the theme 'youth'. The young people spent some time last Sunday planning their bakes, but all are welcome to come and join even if they weren't there. Basic baking ingredients will be provided.

5) Daily Reflections

Our minister is recording a daily reflection which will be uploaded to the church website. You can listen to the reflections here

<http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/>

6) manna

manna will be closed this week from 25th September and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd October.

7) Blythswood Trust Shoebox Appeal

As intimated last week, we will be having a collection of shoeboxes, or individual items, to donate to the shoebox appeal. There is a list in church of suggested items and there will be more information available in the October Journal which comes out next weekend.

For further information please go to <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/> or contact Linda and Francis Robertson on (01382) 330687.

Intimations

8) Christian Aid Appeal—Libya

This most recent appeal is to provide immediate emergency supplies of medical aid, emergency shelters, sanitation and hygiene kits, food, etc to those in Libya following the giving way of the two dams recently.

If you are "tech" savvy please go onto Christian Aid's Libya Appeal site <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> and donate, with the opportunity to add Gift Aid.

This means your help will be received immediately.

If, like me, your tech skills are limited, but you wish to donate then please contact me and I can send donations electronically. However this will take longer and there is no opportunity to add Gift Aid. Please consider helping. Thank you.

Margaret Imlay

9) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is running from 1.30pm to 3pm each Wednesday in the Agnes Duncan Room. There will be refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits/baking), company (with plenty of opportunity to chat), and perhaps some activity (e.g. table top games, if that is what people want). There will be no charge, however if anyone wishes to make a donation then there will be a collection plate.

We estimate that 2/3 people would need to be on duty each week. We have got enough volunteers to start but more are always welcome to lighten the load and fill any gaps. If you can help with this, please do get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

10) Ukraine Vigil

The Vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 15 minutes, on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay.

11) Prayer Room

Our Church Prayer Room (opposite the entrance to the kitchen) 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. Why not drop in before the church service for a quiet moment? The door may be closed to keep out the noise of kitchen traffic but just come in. Some may wish to pray out loud but there is no pressure to do so.

12) Community Chest

This continues to be well supported and many thanks to all who have contributed. The appeal will continue for the time being so please support this when you can. Information is available in the September Journal.

13) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office continues to run only on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.

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Daily Readings

Week Beginning

Monday 25th September 2023

Monday 25th September : John 11 : 55 - 12 : 8

Tuesday 26th September : John 12 : 9 - 19

Wednesday 27th September : John 12 : 20 - 26

Thursday 28th September : John 12 : 27 - 36a

Friday 29th September : John 12 : 36b - 43

Saturday 30th September : John 12 : 43 - 50

Quote of the week

"We must note, therefore,
that he that does things pleasing to God serves Christ,
but he that follows his own wishes is a follower,
rather of himself and not of God."

St Cyril of Alexandria (376 - 444 AD)