

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent



Introit
Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 279 : Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Hymn 304 : O little town of Bethlehem [omit verse 2]

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Children's Address

Junior Praise 149 : Kum ba yah [omit verse 2]

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Isaiah 64 v 1 - 9
Mark 13 v 24 - 37
Read by John Cuthbertson

Hymn 273 : O come, O come, Emmanuel

Sermon

Praise : My hope is built on nothing less

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 130 : Ye servants of God

Benediction
Threefold Amen

Intimations

1) Worship Leader

Our service this morning is led by Miss Claire Owen, a member of our Worship Team.

2) Church Journal

The Winter edition of the Church Journal is now ready for distributors to collect. If you do not normally receive a copy and would like to, please speak to the Welcome Team. Alternatively you can view it online at www.notchurch.co.uk

3) Magazine Fund Appeal

We are seeking financial donations to support the costs of our "Journal". Appropriate envelopes are in the pews. Please return these into the offering plate for the next few weeks. Alternatively donations can be made directly into our bank account; for details please contact Philip Owen.

4) Christmas Gifts

We are once again collecting new gifts for the Toy Drive Christmas Appeal in North East Fife **until this Sunday, 3rd December**. Gifts should be unwrapped and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors of the Church. For more information please see the Journal or speak to Claire Owen.

5) Community Carol Concert

On Saturday 9th December at 6pm there will be a Community Carol Concert at Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland organised by Hannah Chan. Suggested donation £5 upon entry with the proceeds to go to the church. Music to include Christmas carols, string classics, piano favourites, brass fanfares and a soprano!

6) Cleaner

The Church is looking for a cleaner for the Hall and Kirk House Complex. The work is for eight hours a week, which must fit around hall and room bookings. The post is temporary, but is likely to last at least three months. A specification for the job and details of pay are available. If you are interested please contact Graham Johnston at g.johnston606@btinternet.com or leave a message on 07724039844.

7) Post Office

Until Christmas, the Pop-Up Post Office will run on both Wednesdays AND Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.

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8) Daily Reflections

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

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

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. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

10) 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 Journal.

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) Ukraine Vigil

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

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Daily Readings

Week Beginning

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 4th December : Matthew 21 : 1 - 11

Tuesday 5th December : Matthew 21 : 12 - 22

Wednesday 6th December : Matthew 21 : 23 - 32

Thursday 7th December : Matthew 21 : 33 - 46

Friday 8th December : Matthew 21 : 1 - 14

Saturday 9th December : Matthew 21 : 15 - 22

Quote of the week

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is not to stop questioning

Albert Einstein

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