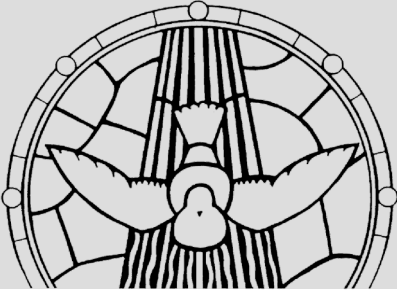


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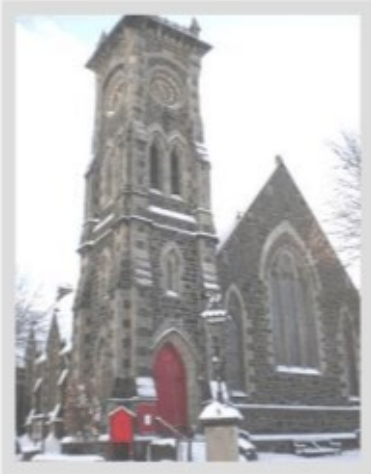


## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Advent 2023*

*Isaiah 9:2 and John 1:1-14*

*God's Word in a World of Shadows*



Dear friends,

As we get deeper into the winter season, the darkness outside is lengthening, and the cold is deepening, reminding us of the shadows that sometimes stretch across our lives. Yet, in the midst of the deepest winter, hope has a way of blooming. Advent, with its illuminating promise, cuts through the wintry challenges we face. The prophet Isaiah once spoke of a people drowning in darkness, their spirits fractured, and their hearts weary. But he foresaw a light so bright it would pierce this overwhelming shadow. This light is encapsulated in the story of Jesus, a birth we prepare to celebrate during Advent.

The opening words of the Gospel of John reminds us of the creation narrative in Genesis. 'In the beginning was the Word', evokes the memory of God's creative power. The connection between these verses emphasises that the Word, Jesus Christ, was present at the very inception of the world. Just as God's Word brought light into existence, so did Jesus, the Word incarnate, become the guiding light for all humankind - and the light brought by Christ enables us to overcome the darkness of our lives and of the world.

Darkness takes many forms in our lives. It is the loneliness we feel in a crowded room, the weight of unspoken guilt, or the shadows of looming challenges. In today's global landscape, the spectre of conflict looms large. From the persistent strife between Ukraine and Russia, the enduring crises in the Middle East, the Anglophone Crisis in my home country of Cameroon, to the unsettling coups in West Africa - these crises paint a grim picture of our world. Each incident not only signifies a failure of diplomacy but also intensifies the prevailing sense of despair, making our global environment seem increasingly bleak.

Yet, this season of Advent offers a timely reminder of hope and renewal. Advent signifies anticipation and preparation for Christ's birth and emphasises the possibility of new beginnings and the transformative power of love and unity. At its core, Advent's message is about light piercing through darkness, a metaphor that is profoundly relevant to our times. It invites us to see past the darkness of our current realities and recognise the latent potential for change.

The apostle John reminds us that Christ, the Prince of Light, reaches us even in the darkest moments. His divine light banishes the darkness. So, when you find yourself in the darkest hours, remember that this light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never comprehend it. The call to followers of Christ is to bask in His light and be conduits of His grace-filled words. In every challenge or doubt, we have the assurance of God's promise, the unyielding luminance of His Word. As we navigate life's tumultuous waves, may we be anchored in this truth: even in the darkest nights, God's Word shines the brightest, guiding us home.

I wish every one of you a very Happy Advent.

Every Blessing,

*Rev Dr Amos Chewachong*



# NEWPORT CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

*Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ through our enthusiasm, worship, witness, nurture and service.*

## Vacancy Hall and Kirk House 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](mailto:g.johnston606@btinternet.com) or leave a message on 07724039844.

**CAN YOU?  
HELP**



## Thank You!

Sincere thanks for the lovely flowers received on my birthday.



**Mike Latto**

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers and flowers following the death of Sandra's mum Olive. They were very much appreciated.

**Garry & Sandra Fraser**



Until Christmas, the Pop-Up Post Office will run on

**both Wednesdays AND Fridays**

from 9:30 - 11:30am  
in the Kirk House Complex.

In the New Year it will return to Wednesdays only.



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## Community Chest

The Community Chest Appeal supports the Rio's foodstuff collection for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the local foodbank.

There continues to be a great response to this appeal and as the cost of living is still high, the need of some people may well be greater so please consider supporting this if you can.

Over the next couple of winter months when finances become tighter and the weather turns colder, there could be a greater need for some additional support.

Any donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received.

A large container is available each Sunday to receive foodstuff, toiletries, etc. and these items will be delivered regularly to the Rio Community Centre for their use and distribution.

Recommended items of foodstuff include:

- tins of soup
- beans
- custard
- fruit
- meat
- pasta



Many thanks.

## Evening Services

After taking a break from the Evening Services we are planning to reintroduce these in the New Year. It is hoped there will be a mix of contemporary services and more traditional services such as Communion Round the Table.

Details are still being finalised but dates of services will be included in the Order of Service, weekly email and on our church website.



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# manna matters



We welcome Olha as our new work placement in manna through the Fife Council work placement scheme. She is here from Ukraine. As well as gaining skills in making coffee and learning about hospitality, she is gaining invaluable experience with her English. manna is a lovely place to gain this experience with so many regular customers. Olha is getting to know our regulars and what things they like. Olha is fitting in very well. The timing is perfect too with some of our regular volunteers taking a bit of time off with Christmas fast approaching.

We have a new regular baker Yulia, who is also from Ukraine. Some of you may know her from our local Scotmid where she works. She has made us some lovely cakes which are different from any other cakes we have being made for us.

Our bakers are about to start making festive treats for us now. So it's worth popping in to see what delights we have in store.

We are delighted that Alison Heywood is returning to scone and soup making from December following a break due to a recent operation from which she is making a wonderful recovery. Thanks be to God.

God bless  
**Diane Miller**

**manna** is open Tuesday – Saturday 10am - 4:30pm

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Morag Rowley (01382) 541157 & [moragrowley.4@gmail.com](mailto:moragrowley.4@gmail.com)

manna will close at 4:30pm on Saturday 23rd December for a Christmas break and will reopen in the New Year.



## Church Christmas Services

This year we will be holding the following services:-

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| Sunday 3rd December  | 11am Service led by Miss Claire Owen   |
| Sunday 10th December | 11am Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong   |
| Sunday 17th December | 11am Nativity Service in our Church led by our Young People                                    |
| Sunday 24th December | 11am Service of Lessons and Carols led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong<br>11:30pm Watchnight Service |
| Monday 25th December | 11am Family Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong  |
| Sunday 31st December | 11am Reflective Service led by Mr Bill Imlay   |



We hope to be able to Zoom most of these services but it might not be possible for them all depending on technical helpers availability. We will keep everyone updated through our weekly email — if you are not on our mailing list and would like to be, please drop us an email at [newportcos@btinternet.com](mailto:newportcos@btinternet.com)



DAILY  
REFLECTION

## Daily Reflections

Our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong, is continuing his series of daily reflections. These are uploaded to the church website ([www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/](http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/)).

*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*

*Luke 2 : 14*

# 150 Year Celebration Weekend

I do hope everyone enjoyed what seemed to me to be a very enjoyable and successful weekend. We may have been three years late with our celebrations, and perhaps a little lower key than originally planned, but it did feel good to finally be able to celebrate the tremendous achievements of our predecessors. I refer not just to those of 150 years ago, but also to all those who had gone before as well as those who followed on, and who continued to improve upon and add to what was started in 1870.

Our weekend would not however have been so enjoyable and successful without the hard work and enthusiasm of very many people.

First of all a huge thank you is due to Margaret Wright and the flower team who decorated the church so beautifully. I heard dozens of comments remarking on how stunning the church was looking. On this weekend, when we were celebrating the actual building of the church, it was particularly pleasing to see it looking so good.

Going through the weekend events in order I'd like first to thank the members of Newport History Group who set up the hall and exhibition and then staffed the coffee morning. Thanks are also due to them for helping to move the exhibition into the church for the rest of the weekend.

On Saturday evening our concert was a great success, and hugely enjoyed, I believe, by all who attended. The choir members were given supper before the performance and thanks again to Margaret Wright for organising that. Thanks also to Margaret Imlay for organising the refreshments for the audience at the interval, and to Kevin Campbell for his assistance during the evening. Then of course there were the performers – the Scottish Police and Community Choir, William and Claire Johnston and our own Hannah Chan! What superb performances from them all. They all willingly played for us at no charge, allowing us to make a substantial donation of around £1,600 to the Zolotarevo fund. They all gave up their Saturday evening and many of them came from a considerable distance. Thank you to them all.

Thanks also to everyone who came along to Saturday's events. Both were extremely well attended. There was a real buzz about the coffee morning/exhibition and the hugely appreciative evening audience were very enthusiastic in their applause. So a massive thank you to all supporters!

On Sunday we had our lovely Songs of Praise Service, and thanks are due to Philip, Bill and Graham for choosing the hymns and to Bill and Graham for conducting the service. Thanks also to William Berry who spoke to us of his family's long connection with the church in this parish, with his great-grandfather being the Chair of the original Committee charged with the task of establishing our church 150 years ago.

This was followed by our soup lunch, organised by Margaret Imlay. Thank you Margaret for all the planning that went into it and to the kitchen team who served. (Sunday coffee ladies had more than they bargained for that particular Sunday!) And of course thank you to all the bakers who so very kindly produced all the goodies for us on both days and to the soup makers. All their contributions were greatly appreciated.

Finally thanks to the core team of Philip Owen, Margaret Wright and Jane Campbell. Philip deserves a special mention as he turned his hand to just about everything apart from the baking! His contribution was enormous and we couldn't have done it without him. Thank you Philip, and we'll look forward to your baking next time.

To close I'll return to our forebears. Without their vision, hard work, determination and, of course, most of all their faith, we would not have our beautiful church building. Let us salute them too and thank God for their efforts. I like to think they also would have thoroughly enjoyed the weekend!

## Mairi Shiels



***[Mairi appears to have forgotten to mention herself in this article. Without all the hours spent preparing, organising, and coordinating, this weekend would not have been the success that it was. Thank you Mairi!]***





# Flower Ministry

Thank you to all who have gifted the church flowers or delivered them to members of our congregation and community. I know from the personal thanks and notes in this magazine that they are much appreciated.

Special thanks go to those who help me - Eleanor Owen, Margaret Wright, and Avril Waugh. Also Philip Owen who produces the small church cards, Dorothy Collison who writes the birthday cards for inclusion with the flowers for those special occasions together with Amos Chewachong, our Minister, who personally signs each one.

**Frances Durward**

Thank you to Ann Barona, Carolyn Barr, Frances Durward, Anne Griffiths, Margaret Heron, Jeanette Johnston, Muriel McCabe, Liz McCrickard, Jo McKendrick, Margaret McNicol and Avril Waugh for your time and talents to beautifully decorate our Church for the 150th Anniversary celebrations (see pictures below)!

I look forward to working with you all for Christmas!

**Margaret Wright**



## Don't Miss Christmas - Secret Message

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*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2 : 10 - 11 (KJV)*

# Christmas Greetings

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all.

**Diane and Gordon Miller**



Christmas blessings to one and all.

**Ann Barona**



Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. God Bless.

**Neil, Morag, Andrew and Peter Rowley**

Wishing everyone a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

**Linda and Francis Robertson**



To our Church family, Seasons Greetings and Blessings

**Margaret & Richard McNicol**



Seasons Greetings and a peaceful New Year to everyone.

**Eleanor, Philip and Claire Owen**

**Catherine, Neil and Lily Merrylees** would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.



Wishing all our customers and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year. Thank you all for your continued support throughout 2023.



**The manna Team**



## Christmas Gifts

As mentioned in the November Journal, we have been collecting new and unopened gifts which will be gifted to children less fortunate this Christmas.

Gifts donated up to 3rd December will be donated to the Toy Drive. We have however decided to keep this appeal going and anyone who missed this collection can still donate up to Sunday 17th December and these gifts will be donated to Tay FM's Mission Christmas Appeal.

If you are able to buy an extra gift for a child/young person up to the age of 18 then these can be brought to the church and put in the donation box at the main door. Gifts should be unwrapped. If you are unable to buy a gift but would still like to contribute then money can be given to Claire Owen or put in an envelope with Christmas Gift on the outside and placed in the offering plate.

Suggested Gift Ideas :-

0-3 YEARS - Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats

3-5 YEARS - Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils

5-7 YEARS - Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games

7-9 YEARS - Footballs, Board Games, Remote Control Toys, Stationery Sets

9-12 YEARS - Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish

12-18 YEARS - Toiletries, Electrical items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets



For more information please contact Claire Owen.

# The Harmonious Heralding of Christmas: An Organist's Tale

Dear cherished congregation,

As the Advent and Christmas season adorns our hearts and homes with its ethereal splendour, I find myself perched once more upon the familiar, and somewhat health hazard, organ stool. It is here that our musical journey unfolds, echoing through the arches of our beautiful church, filling the nave with melodies both joyous and serene. With each press on the keys and pedals, our treasured Willis II organ sings, ushering in the festive spirit that heralds the celebration of the birth of our Saviour.



Christmas is a time brimming with tradition. In our sacred space, the organ breathes life into these traditions, performing timeless carols that have been lovingly passed down through the generations, in the form of old hymn books and my favourite, Carols for Choirs. 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing', 'O Come, All Ye Faithful', and the delicate French plainsong of 'Veni, Veni, Emmanuel', each melody a gentle whisper of the stories that shape our tributes in this joyful season.

Being an organist is not without its light-hearted moments. There's always a sprinkle of humour hidden between the keys and pipes, and the occasional cheeky smile from a certain alto which my eye catches in the mirror. Sometimes, the organ, with its grandeur and imposing presence, takes on a persona, partaking in a delightful duet of wits with me. The organ is essentially a large pair of lungs which must catch its breath when keys are released correctly (in other words, not snatched!), or a playful insistence on holding onto a note for a tad too long, or perhaps particular pedal notes need more pressure applied to it than usual! It certainly keeps us on our toes (literally), and ensuring our spirits remain as agile as our fingers.

In the heart of winter, our church becomes a refuge of warmth and light, where the music from the organ wraps us in an embrace of familiarity and liberation. It reminds us of the timeless tale of hope and salvation, allowing us to pause, reflect, and find solace in the rhythms and harmonies that resonate within our spiritual space, and what feels like my second home. Singing our favourite carols is our tradition, and enhances our worship and celebration.



So, as we gather together this Christmas, let us embrace the music that fills our church; each note a blessing, each Christmas carol sung as a cherished memory. Let us share in the joy, the community, and the occasional surprise that our magnificent organ has to offer.

Wishing you a melodious and heartwarming Christmas filled with love and happiness.

Yours harmoniously,

**Hannah Chan**

## 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!





## Christian Aid - Libya Floods Appeal

This appeal was begun in late September then became part of our Harvest Appeal which finished at the end of October.

Whilst I was willing to forward money to Christian Aid I encouraged folk to donate electronically as they could then add Gift Aid to their donation and thus increase their giving for what was a truly terrible situation in Libya. I have no idea how much was given in this way but, on behalf of Christian Aid, I would like to thank these donors.

However I also want to thank those who gave money to me directly and also anyone who contributed to the Penny Bucket over the last month or two. As a result of these gifts I sent off £145 to Christian Aid.

Since that appeal began we have been overwhelmed with the Israel/Gaza situation and have heard little of preceding disasters. However I am in no doubt that donations made to Libya will have been received with much gratitude and put to good use.

Thank you to all who responded.

**Margaret Imlay**



## Shoebox Appeal Response

With approval from the Kirk Session, an appeal was launched in church on behalf of the Blythswood Care charity's annual Christmas 'Shoebox Appeal'. The charity collects wrapped shoeboxes filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, clothing and toys, before distributing them in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities within Eastern bloc countries. Many have also gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine. In addition to completing a full shoebox, further options of donating individual items (to collectively fill a box), or money (to assist with the transportation costs) were also requested.



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation 28 boxes, (fully compliant with the requirements of the charity's checklist) were collected and taken to our nearest pick-up point in Cupar on Tuesday 7th November. In addition, a significant sum of money has also been forwarded to the charity. Thanks also to Chris our Youth Worker and his Messy Church elves for sorting and wrapping some of our boxes.

The images show our small red car (sleigh!) fully loaded with our church's contribution and the van at the collecting point in Cupar.

**Francis and Linda Robertson**



## Remembrance 2023

Remembrance Day this year was, once again, another poignant day.

Uniformed organisations joined us for our Church Service and at the War Memorial but there was no parade this year.

The occasion was marked by many - both in church and at the Ecumenical Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

The service at the War Memorial was led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong (our minister), Rev Gareth Saunders (St Mary's Episcopal Church) and Anne Meiland (St Fillan's Roman Catholic Church).



***At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.***





# Sunday Club Update

## Teaching this month

We have continued our series of sessions looking at key characters from the Bible using Energize materials, including Samson and Ruth in November.



We were pleased to welcome children from the Brownies and Boys' Brigade to Sunday Club for Remembrance on 12th November. We all made poppies together with some tricky folding and cutting to create the perfect flower. We're now moving on to preparing for the Nativity Service on 17th December and supporting the Toy Drive Christmas Appeal in North East Fife.

## Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship of Rimberto from Bolivia

As you will know, we have committed to sponsoring through World Vision, Rimberto, a young boy from Bolivia. The children keep up-to-date with Rimberto's progress through frequent reports received from World Vision. This allows them to better understand the lives of children growing up in very different circumstances and to pray for Rimberto and his family and community in a relevant and intercessional way.

## Fundraising

We continue to fundraise through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends. Robert and Calum Hutchinson will be busking as part of the celebrations for the switching on of the lights in Newport on Thursday 23rd November in support of our sponsorship of Rimberto.

## General Information

For further information about World Vision and its work do have a look at their website:

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

## **Emma Wisher**

On behalf of the Sunday Club Team



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# Youth Update

November has been a busy month so far for our Youth and Children's Ministries. Below is what we have been up to in some of our ministries and what we have planned going into 2024.

## Youth Groups

During our Sunday morning sessions we have been looking at Paul and his early life. We have thought about Paul's upbringing and how that may have affected some of his decisions in his young adult years. We have looked at the story of his conversion and if we would believe it, after hearing about all the terrible atrocities he committed in his early years as a Christian and what we could do to build strong foundations of our faith.

With our Sunday nights, we have been playing board games, Jackbox Party Games, Among Us and more! Each night we take a Psalm and read it out and we discuss how God is speaking to us through the Psalm. We sometimes have words or verses that stand out, to pictures in our heads, and more. And of course, no Sunday night is the same without Hot Chocolate, especially on these cold winter nights!

## Messy Church

November was our Christmas Messy Church, where we looked at the Christmas Story in a new way, we made lumps of coal out of marshmallows and Oreos, made a nativity scene out of junk, made and decorated our own Christmas cards and more. We are looking forward to having everyone back together on Saturday 27th January 2024!

## Newport Primary School

We are looking forward to welcoming the school to our Church on Thursday 14th December for their annual Christmas assembly. The children have been practising their singing and we are excited to be welcoming them back. Please pray for good weather on the day!

I am also delighted to be able to support the school on Tuesday mornings with playground assistance and get stuck in with classes who need an extra pair of hands. I am excited to do everything and anything that supports our incredible school, staff and students here in Newport!

## **Chris Cameron**

Youth Worker

# The Guild Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.*

## Wednesday Afternoon Club

**This runs from 1.30pm to 3pm each Wednesday in the Agnes Duncan Room.**

Attendance is generally good and those who come enjoy the refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) often with some home baking, and company (with plenty of opportunity to chat).

There is no charge, however if anyone wishes to make a donation, there is a collection plate. We have got enough volunteers at present but more are always welcome to lighten the load and fill any gaps. A big thank you to Margaret Wright for co-ordinating it.

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

### Wednesday Afternoon Club Rota

December 6th - Neil Merrylees & Bianca Hugel

December 13th - Frances Durward & Pam Laurence

January 10th - Carolyn Barr & Eleanor Owen

January 17th - Bianca Hugel & Margaret Wright

This Club will take a break over Christmas and New Year to give the helpers a well-earned break. There will be no Wednesday Club on 20th December, 27th December and 3rd January.

## Ukraine Project

### ~ Fundraising for Ukraine

We have one remaining print of the 'Royal Knight' donated by Morag Muir, a well-known local artist. We plan to raffle this at the Rotary Christmas Fayre in the Blyth Hall on the 2nd December.

The sunflower cards (both greeting and postcards) remain on sale through manna.

All the money we raise is transferred to the Newport and Zolotarevo Twinning Association (NAZTA) to support our friends there.

Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed in any way.

### ~ Vigil: Every Thursday evening at 7pm on the Church Green.

We plan to continue these for as long as the conflict continues.

It is important that we continue to bear witness to the ongoing suffering of the people of Ukraine and stand with them. The Vigil is one small way of doing this.

We also use it as an opportunity to pray for all those affected by other conflicts around the world.

Please do join us if you are around at that time. We usually have a time of prayer starting promptly at 7pm lasting 5-10 minutes.



## Return of Summer Concerts: Wednesdays@One 24

Following two series of very enjoyable concerts in 2022 and 2023, plans are already shaping up for next year. Watch this space early in the New Year for the dates!

## Ways to support your Guild

If you have any suggestions about other projects we can start or get involved in, please do let us know. Why not think about joining us? (Contact Catherine Merrylees or any Guild member for more information.)

## **The Guild Team**

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*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9 : 6

# Calendar of Worship

## Sunday 7th January 2024 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : F Robertson      **Reader** : P Owen

**Welcome** : C Johnston

**Flowers** : D Collison      **Delivery** : P Laurence

**Coffee** : A Barona, I Navickas, P Foulis,  
Elaine Thomson + D Macleod

**Creche** : F Harris

**Sunday Club** : F/S West, F Hutchinson

**Youth Elder** : D Miller

## Sunday 14th January 2024 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : L Robertson      **Reader** : A Heywood

**Welcome** : D Miller

**Flowers** : A Griffiths      **Delivery** : E Owen

**Coffee** : F Durward, K Cruickshanks, M Rowley +  
F Ritchie

**Creche** : C Owen

**Sunday Club** : A Gray, S McCowan

**Youth Elder** : A Barona

## Sunday 21st January 2024 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : M Shiels      **Reader** : K Campbell

**Welcome** : K Cameron

**Flowers** : A Barona      **Delivery** : M Rowley

**Coffee** : P Laurence, Elizabeth Thomson, S Myles  
+ W Imlay

**Creche** : C Johnston

**Sunday Club** : J Wylie, E Wisher

**Youth Elder** : G Johnston

## Sunday 28th January 2024 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : E Thomson      **Reader** : G Johnston

**Welcome** : F Harris

**Flowers** : M Martin      **Delivery** : M Shiels

**Coffee** : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh + P Owen

**Creche** : F Chewachong

**Sunday Club** : F/S West, F Hutchinson

**Youth Elder** : M Wright

## Sunday 4th February 2024 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : A Barona      **Reader** : K Cruickshanks

**Welcome** : J Johnston

**Flowers** : N Pong      **Delivery** : E Thomson

**Coffee** : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright +  
C McCowan

**Creche** : J Taylor

**Sunday Club** : Godly Play

**Youth Elder** : F Ritchie

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*Christ is the Light of Christmas*

John 1:1-18

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## Calendar of Worship

### Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 11am First Sunday of Advent

Service led by Miss C Owen

**Beadle** : D Miller                      **Reader** : J Cuthbertson

**Welcome** : M Imlay

**Flowers** : M Cuthbertson              **Delivery** : A Gray

**Coffee** : P Laurence, Elizabeth Thomson, S Myles  
+ W Imlay

**Creche** : D Miller

**Sunday Club** : Nativity Preparation

**Youth Elder** : S Johnston

### Sunday 10th December 2023 at 11am Second Sunday of Advent

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : F Ritchie                      **Reader** : S Johnston

**Welcome** : M Shiels

**Flowers** : A Gray                      **Delivery** : A Heywood

**Coffee** : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh + P Owen

**Creche** : J Johnston

**Sunday Club** : Nativity Preparation

**Youth Elder** : C Owen

### Sunday 17th December 2023 at 11am Third Sunday of Advent Nativity Service

Service led by the Young People

**Beadle** : E Owen

**Welcome** : A Barona

**Flowers** : K Cruickshanks              **Delivery** : M Imlay

**Coffee** : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright, M Heron,  
J Johnston, Y Simpson + C McCowan & G Johnston

### Sunday 24th December 2023 at 11am Fourth Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

**Beadle** : P Owen

**Welcome** : L Robertson

**Flower Delivery** : J Johnston

**Coffee** : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, K Farquhar  
+ J Cuthbertson

**Sunday Club** : Funday Sunday

**Youth Elder** : L Gray

### Sunday 24th December 2023 at 11:30pm Watchnight Service



### Monday 25th December 2023 at 11am Christmas Day

Family Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong



### Sunday 31st December 2023 at 11am Reflective Service

Service led by Mr W Imlay

**Beadle** : C Owen

**Welcome** : K Cruickshanks

**Flowers** : M Wright                      **Delivery** : S Johnston

**Coffee** : J Campbell, L Hundal, F Hutchinson +  
K Campbell

**Sunday Club** : Funday Sunday

**Youth Elder** : C McCowan

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