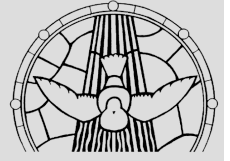




Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland Winter 2024 Journal



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Celebrating Milestones, Embracing Hope

As the crisp, golden days of autumn give way to the quiet stillness of winter, we enter a season of transition—one that mirrors our journey through the rhythms of life. Just as nature sheds its vibrant leaves, preparing for rest and renewal, so Advent invites us to pause, reflect, and embrace a deeper hope. The gradual change from autumn's warmth to winter's quiet reminds us of the cyclical beauty of life's seasons: both the joys and the challenges we encounter shape our journey and lead us toward new beginnings. In this spirit, we step into Advent—a time rich in reflection, anticipation, and hope—as we look back on the blessings and challenges that have woven us together as a church community this year. It has indeed been a year of profound celebration, growth, and unwavering fellowship.

Together, we marked Forgan Church's 900th anniversary, a remarkable milestone that testifies to the enduring faith of those who have come before us, worshiping and serving within our cherished church community. This year, we also introduced the celebration of Reformation Day, a time to renew our commitment to God's truth and to honour the legacy of renewal that faith brings. On a personal note, I was blessed to complete my first monograph 'Intra-African Pentecostalism and the Dynamics of Power' now published in the United States by Wipf & Stock—a journey that has filled me with gratitude and humility. Florence has begun her university studies in Biomedical Science, our children are thriving in school and college, and Anna-Danielle, growing by leaps and bounds, is already forming sentences in preparation for nursery school next year. Recently, I had the honour of teaching masters students at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary Kumba in Cameroon, exploring the richness of World Christianity. I also attended the elective Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, witnessing the election of a new Moderator and Synod Clerk for the next five years—a moment of both transition and hope for the church's future.

Yet, alongside these moments of joy, we have travelled through difficult valleys. Illness, loss, and bereavement have touched our community, with many of us facing personal trials and burdens. In these moments, we draw strength from each other and find solace in God's enduring presence. The Psalmist reminds us, "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). This reassurance calls us to lean on Him, confident in the knowledge that He is with us through every sorrow, ever-present, and lovingly attentive. Advent calls us to a hope that is anchored in God's promises—a light that guides us through our darkest nights. As Søren Kierkegaard reminds us, "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." Reflecting on God's faithfulness, we celebrate His presence through every chapter—past, present, and future. And as we look ahead, we hold fast to the hope Advent brings: the promise of a Saviour, our true light and eternal joy. As we journey through this Advent season, may we continue to lift one another in prayer, find strength in fellowship, and rejoice in the gift of Christ, our "hope for years to come." May this season rekindle our spirits, strengthen our unity, and fill our hearts with His peace, the peace that only He can provide.

Every Blessing,

Rev Dr Amos Chewachong

OUR CHURCH'S VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

Thank you for the lovely flowers I received unexpectedly. Christmas greetings to all

Helen Robertson



What a gorgeous surprise! I'm deeply touched by the loveliness of the flowers and the message. If these are from the whole church, send them my loving thanks. I hope we have many more together times.



Rev Kathy Barrable

Sincere thanks for the lovely flowers on the occasion of my birthday. Greatly appreciated.

Mike Latto



It was a lovely surprise to receive the flowers on Sunday. I am very happy to have been accepted as a member of the congregation and I very much appreciate how welcome I have been made to feel by everyone.



Noreen Fordyce

I was so surprised and touched to receive a lovely bouquet of flowers recently. Very kind. Thank you.

Lynn Honeyman

Evening Services

We will holding one Evening Service each month. Our next Evening Services will be on Sunday 22nd December 2024 and Sunday 26th January 2025.

These will be led by our minister in the Church at 6:30pm and all are welcome.



Flowers Ministry

Thank you to all in this past year who have gifted the church flowers or delivered them. And also thanks to those who have stood in for me in my absence - Eleanor Owen, Margaret Wright and Avril Waugh. Also thanks to Dorothy Collison who writes the birthday cards for inclusion with the flowers for those special occasions. I am delighted that the church looks so beautiful with your flowers. You have made my job so much easier.

Frances Durward

A BIG THANK YOU to the Flower Team, all who donate flowers each Sunday, and all who deliver them.

Also those who support our Wednesday Afternoon Club. May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you all.

Margaret Wright

Monthly Prayer Request

This month we are asking you to hold the Church property group in your prayers. There are huge maintenance responsibilities for a small group and many uncertainties looking into the future. Please give thanks for the often unseen and dedicated service given and for vision, wisdom and support as we look ahead.

Thank you.

Newport Church Prayer Group



A reminder 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. Why not drop in before the Church Service for a quiet moment? Some may wish to pray out loud but there is no pressure to do so. Not sure where it is - just ask!

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Things are getting really busy with our gift sales. A huge thank you to everyone who bought from The Leprosy Mission catalogues. That has been a real boost to our sales. We have been busy ordering a large selection of items from The Leprosy Mission, Shared Earth and Namaste. We hope the gifts in the shop will help you choose the right present for your loved ones this Christmas. This is supporting manna and other good causes. Christmas cards and candles are on sale too!

Mike is settling in well and becoming familiar with our regular customers and what drinks they enjoy. Mike is now fully trained on our coffee machine. At this time of year the shop does get busier and it's great to have Mike to help take the pressure off the manna rota.

The manna bakers turned out for a social afternoon in manna last month. It was great to see everyone enjoy a cuppa and get to know one another, swapping recipes and baking successes and disasters!! We will be holding another one early next year.

We are delighted to have Amanda and Lynn making soup for us again. It is that time of year for a wholesome bowl of home made soup. Alison, Sheila and Margaret all continue to make soup for us too.

This is a double edition of the Church Journal so I can mention New Year too. We would love to add to our team in the new year so please give it some thought. We need help with Tuesday & Saturday laundry collection (full details provided). Also bakers, soup makers and volunteers for the shop are welcomed - it's great fun so why not give it a try.

Prayer Box. If you would like a prayer for you or someone you know, we have a box in manna near the main window of the cafe for you to place your request in.

We wish you & all your loved ones a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from all at manna.

Thank you all for your continued support.

God bless.

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

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manna will be open on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December 2024 from 10am - 3pm.

It will then close to give all staff and volunteers a well earned rest.

It will reopen on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th January 2025 from 10am - 3pm.

Normal opening times thereafter.

The Boys' Brigade Update

It's been a few months since we last gave an update to you all, but we haven't been idle.

As we were finishing for the summer holidays, the results came through for this year's BB International Team Games for Juniors. We finished in a very creditable 72nd position out of a total of 268 entries from around the globe, with the top four teams coming from England, Australia, Thailand and Ghana!

Following a break over the summer, since restarting we have continued to enjoy the attendance of our small but regular and enthusiastic group of boys, with the significant change being that most of our boys are now old enough to move into the Company Section (P7 +); they have been experiencing a more mature range of activities appropriate for their age group, while still having some time with all the boys together.

Evenings have seen us work around a wide range of themes from healthy living and fizzy drinks to Polio eradication, via Samson, Parliament Week, and friendships. We have also celebrated our movement's 141st birthday and took time to Remember those who fought in wars across the ages; indeed, most of our boys attended the Services in Newport on Remembrance Sunday.

At the time of writing our focus is, for obvious reasons, centred on Advent and the forthcoming events in the Christian calendar.

One significant change in recent months has been that, following the disbandment of Fife Battalion of the BB, we have transferred to Dundee & Angus Battalion, which will give us closer connections with BB Companies across the Tay and the various activities which are organised by them.

We pray that you will enjoy this special time of the year and we all wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy & prosperous New Year.

Philip Owen
Company Captain of 1st Newport/Wormit BB Company



Community Chest

We are continuing to collect foodstuff for our Community Chest Appeal. The Kirk Session have decided to support three different appeals during the year - The Rio's foodstuff collection (for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the local foodbank), the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank and St Salvador's Food Cupboard in Dundee.



During December we will be supporting the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank and in January we will be supporting St Salvador's.

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

A large container is available each Sunday to receive foodstuff, toiletries, etc. and any donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received.

Suggested donations include (but are not limited to) pasta, tins of fruit, tins of soup, beans, UHT milk, tea/coffee, biscuits, toiletries, household products (washing up liquid, laundry detergent, etc.), sanitary goods, diluting juice.

Many thanks.



Editorial

Every month I find myself amazed at just how much happens within our Church that gets reported in the monthly Journals. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support with the Journal, providing articles, and basically just doing what you do for the Church.

I would also like to thank everyone who does something for the Church that maybe doesn't get mentioned - donating gifts/food/money for various appeals, financially supporting us, praying, or simply just attending Church services and worshipping with us—we wouldn't be the church we are without you! Thank you all. **Claire**

Christmas Gifts

As has become our practice in recent years, we are again collecting new and unopened gifts which will be gifted to children less fortunate this Christmas in the North East Fife area.

Gifts donated up to 8th December will be donated to the Toy Drive. The final date for gift donations is Sunday 15th December and any gifts received on this day 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 one of the donation boxes at the doors. 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 marked on the outside with 'Christmas Gift' 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.

Christmas Light Night

Christmas Light Night in Newport was on Thursday 21st November. Our Church welcomed 3 groups of singers - Little Beehive Nursery, Wormit School Choir and Newport Primary School - and the Church was full for all the performances! Our hall was host to Santa's Grotto and a bouncy castle whilst in the Agnes Duncan Room there was a Craft Fayre. It was lovely to see so many people out and about, not just in our buildings but around the village. Newport really is such a special community!



Photo courtesy of Newport Festival Facebook page



Remembrance 2024

On Remembrance Sunday we welcomed youth organisations, wreath bearers and members of the community to our church service which was a joint service with St Mary's Episcopal Church. Following this service there was a short service of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

On Remembrance Day itself the church bell was rung at 11am.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning**

We will remember them.



Pictures courtesy of Claire Owen

Christian Aid Gaza Appeal

Following this appeal I am delighted to report that a cheque for £565 has been sent to Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who contributed either with an envelope or who had donated to the Penny Bucket over the last few months. I am aware that some members contributed directly online and would like to thank them also for responding to the appeal.

As we are all aware, the need in the area is enormous and growing daily.


Many, many thanks to all.

Margaret Imlay



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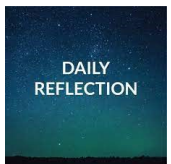
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Daily Reflections

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/).



Please remember to get in touch with any Journal questions, comments, suggestions or items for future editions.

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Christmas Greetings

Diane and Gordon Miller would like to wish all our friends and family a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Also a very peaceful 2025.



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

Neil, Morag, Andrew and Peter Rowley



Wishing all my church family every blessing for this Christmas Season : for the message of love, joy and peace to touch you all afresh in some way. God Bless

Alison Heywood



Every Blessing for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all.

Eleanor, Philip and Claire Owen

We would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Catherine and Neil Merrylees



Wishing all our volunteers and customers every blessing this Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support.

From all at manna



Let us remember the true reason for the Christmas season and rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Wishing you all peace and happiness this Christmas and all the best for 2025!

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

From the Campbells

Chris and Katie Cameron



Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and all the best for 2025.

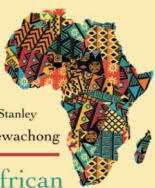
Claire, Journal Editor

New Book

Foreword by Brian Stanley
Amos B. Chewachong

**Intra-African
Pentecostalism
and the
Dynamics of Power**

The Nigerian Winners' Chapel in Cameroon



As you will have read in the Minister's Letter, Amos has announced, with great joy, the release of his book 'Intra-African Pentecostalism and the Dynamics of Power: The Winners' Chapel Nigeria in Cameroon' published by Wipf & Stock. This work goes beyond traditional theological reflection, exploring the intricate intersections of politics, power, migration, and transnational influences. It examines how power operates across borders, often facilitated by cultural and media networks, and explores the construction and enactment of spiritual authority within one of Africa's most influential Pentecostal movements. Key themes in the book include prophetic practices and their pathological dimensions, theocratic political elitism, imperial theology, the "Nigerianization" of Cameroonian Christianity, the materialisation of spiritual grace, and the paradox of the prosperity gospel.

A book launch is being planned for the New Year but if you can't wait till then the book is available now on Amazon! Congratulations Amos!

Sleepers Awake

'Advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which translates as 'arrival'. This season in the church calendar keeps us waiting in anticipation to celebrate the birth of Christ on 25th December and also as a special day to spend with our loved ones by exchanging gifts and sharing a meal.

Advent is one of my favourite seasons in the church year; 'O come, O come, Emmanuel' sets the scene with its rich plainsong melody, the lighting of the candle signifies the beginning of the festivities, and 'Wachet auf' has its moment to shine, only once a year, resonating through the church walls after we sing the hearty Threefold Amen.

'Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme', also known as 'Sleepers Awake!' by J. S. Bach was adapted to the organ from a Cantata as one of the six Schübler Chorales. In many ways, it musically sets the theme to Advent: there is a sense of growth, excitement and anticipation that is shaped through the vibrant suspirin rhythms and large melodic intervals between the notes. The chorale theme, appearing after a long introduction, is bold and quite often registered to a reed sound to imitate an instrument calling followers to gather. Here is a translation of the first verse from the original German text:



'Awake, calls the voice to us
of the watchmen high up in the tower;
awake, you city of Jerusalem.
Midnight the hour is named;
they call to us with bright voices;
where are you, wise virgins?
Indeed, the Bridegroom comes;
rise up and take your lamps,
Alleluia!
Make yourselves ready
for the wedding,
you must go to meet him!'



There are many variations composed through the years on this particular chorale theme (notably by Max Reger), however, Bach's version will always be the bright, vivacious interpretation to see us on our way after celebrating the First Sunday in Advent.

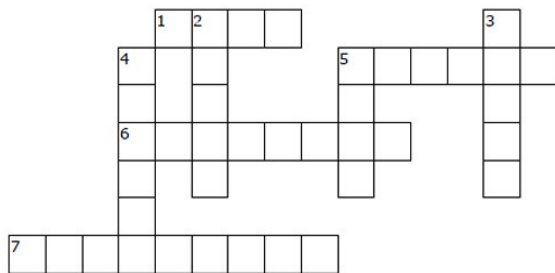
Hannah Chan

Puzzle

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



ACROSS

1. An infant or very young child
5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
6. A person who takes care of sheep
7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
3. The savior of the world
4. The earthly father of Jesus
5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER

Community New Year Ceilidh!

A ceilidh to remember!

Come to our community New Year ceilidh to enjoy a night of live music, organised dances, food and drinks and a chance to meet new people!

All money raised is going to the Church fund and Youth Group!

Where? - Newport Church Of Scotland Hall

When? - Friday 3rd January from 6:30 to 9:30

Price: £4 Per Person, or £12 for a family of four.

Tickets available from Chris Cameron, Robert Hutchinson and at Manna

A great way to start the new year!

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

Guild Projects 2024–2027

As mentioned last month the National Guild strategy for the next three years is: 'Let us build a house'. There are four new 'Guild Projects', which start at the beginning of 2025 and run from 2025-2027.

From next year we will be sharing more about what each of the projects involves and our plans to support them.

For anyone wanting to know more about the National Guild have a look at the pages on the Church of Scotland website: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/the-guild>

Ongoing Activities ...

~ Wednesday Afternoon Club

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

Attendance is generally small with five or six guests each week – though sometimes more! However most of these are regulars who come to enjoy the refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) with usually 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.

There is now only one volunteer on each week and that seems to have been working fine given the numbers. Anne and Brian Griffiths help almost every week and Margaret Wright looks in on many occasions. A big thank you to Anne and Brian for their commitments and Margaret for co-ordinating everything.

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



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 18th, 25th December and 1st January.



~ Fundraising for Ukraine

We have recently got a new batch of sunflower greeting cards and these remain on sale through manna. All the money we raise is transferred to the Newport and Zolotarevo Twinning Association (NAZTA) to support our friends in western Ukraine. Thanks so much to everyone who has contributed in any way.

~ Vigil for Peace (in Ukraine and other conflict areas)

Every Thursday evening at 7pm on the Church Green and on Zoom.

We continue each week to bear witness to the ongoing suffering of people affected by conflict wherever that may be and pray for peace. 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.

If you don't feel able to come in person, we are continuing to Zoom the Vigils. If you would like to join please ask me (Neil Merrylees) or Claire Owen for the link.

Return of Summer Concerts: Wednesdays@One 25

Following three series of very enjoyable concerts in 2022, 2023 and 2024, plans are already shaping up for next year. Watch this space for the dates early in the New Year!

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

Sunday Club Update

Teaching in November

We have continued our series "God on Mission" with sessions looking at a blessing for all nations (Psalm 67), a message for all nations (Acts 13) and a King for all nations (Revelation 7). The last Sunday in October was Godly Play which looked at the story of The Good Shepherd. We also marked Remembrance on 10th November by making poppies from cutting round our hands and then sticking them together into wreaths. It was great to welcome so many Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and members of the Boys' Brigade to Sunday Club.

We will begin preparing for the Nativity Service from the first Sunday in December. Jane Campbell has written a new script for us, with the title "Do Something Good at Christmas".

We are very grateful to all members of the church family who regularly help with Funday Sundays. This is an opportunity to share an activity with the children, with some ideas being board games, origami or other craft activities, baking, a sport or a scavenger hunt. It's really positive for the children to have the opportunity to meet different adults in the church family. If you would be willing to help support this year's Funday Sundays, please let Fiona Hutchinson know (email: fionah2208@gmail.com).

Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship through World Vision

As you know, we have committed to sponsoring a child through World Vision. Subair is an 8 year old boy who lives in the Pheone community in Mozambique with his parents. His mother and father both work as agricultural labourers. In his spare time, Subair does chores at home like cleaning, and he loves playing with dolls. He is in grade 2 at primary school and his favourite subject is mathematics.

The Sunday Club children were delighted to watch a short video of Subair and his father. A Christmas card has been sent to Subair and his family with warm wishes for a joyful and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

World Vision started working with the community of Pheone in 2020. Until recently, children there faced a future full of many challenges: malnutrition, lack of safe water, and abuse of their rights through child marriage, child labour and domestic abuse. Our sponsorship will help form Community Care groups to protect children and help them access their rights to safety, education and healthcare. World Vision plan to stay in the area until 2032, only leaving when they are confident that the positive changes made will continue after they have left. So we will be sponsoring Subair in the years ahead, and we look forward to getting to know him better.

Fundraising

We continue to fundraise through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends. We will also be holding regular bake sales this academic year—thank you to everyone who contributed to the baking and also everyone who gave such generous donations to all the bake sales in 2024.

General Information

For further information about World Vision and its work, do have a look at their website: www.worldvision.org.uk



Emma Wisher and Jennifer Wylie

On behalf of the Sunday Club Team

*The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world. He was in the world,
and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him.*

John 1 : 9 - 10

Steven Stewart

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Dist 34K

New Member by Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs Noreen Fordyce
Newport-on-Tay
From : Auchtergaven and Moneydie Parish Church, Bankfoot
Dist 23

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God."
Romans 15:7*

Youth Update

We have a lot of exciting things to talk about that has either happened or will be happening in the next two months including launching our Alpha Youth Series! So, let's get straight into our Youth Update!



Messy Church

Our November Messy Church will have taken place by the time you read this article. We had a Christmas themed Messy Church, where we pinned the tail on the donkey, made our own frankincense and made a treasure chest, to keep our most prized possessions in. Thank you to everyone who has donated items over the last few months - this has illustrated the incredible generosity that our congregation has shown.

Our Next Messy Church is on Saturday 25th January from 11am - 1pm and our theme will be Mercy, a beautiful but difficult concept to explain, which we will manage through some wonderful activities we have planned!

Spark

We have finished our Revelation Series of the churches named in Revelation. These letters to the separate churches not only encouraged us, but also helped us understand more about the church landscape in the early years of the church, and how each church was so different to each other. We are praying that we can personally take lessons from the churches and really develop our faith further.

Ignite

It has been an incredibly busy November month. At the start of November we took 5 young people to a Magnitude Worship Night in Perth, where we worshipped God with other young people across Perth, Kinross, Fife, Dundee and beyond. It was a wholesome night and we hope to go to another one soon.

We also had a prayer night, where we set up different prayer stations around manna. We allowed our young people to explore different ways to pray and connect with God. (See pictures on next page.)



On our last Sunday in November, we had a Pot-Luck Thanksgiving meal, where each of our young people and leaders brought part of our feast and we shared food together, giving thanks to God for everything in our lives! It was a fun, delicious evening.



Alpha Youth Series!

Our red-carpet premiere will be happening on Sunday 26th January at 6.30pm. Dinner will be provided at every Alpha Youth evening. I was fortunate enough to see two episodes of the new series before everyone else, and I can say with absolute certainty that this is the best youth series I have ever seen. This program lasts 8 weeks and, in that time, we will have a day away planned. Please spread the word and every young person from P7 - S6 is welcome!

We will be looking for people who are either able to provide a meal or donate money for us to take our young people away for our day event and provide meals too. Please do speak to me and let me know if you are interested in helping.

Nativity Service

We are so excited to let you know that our Nativity Service is on Sunday 22nd December at 11am in our Church. Please come along, and support our Children and Young People who are, as you are reading this, practising the nativity, created by our very own Jane Campbell!



Holiday Club SAVE THE DATE!

We wanted you to be the first to hear about our Holiday Club. So, save the dates for 14th - 18th April 2025! Our theme this year is A Tale of Two Kings, where we will be exploring King David and King Jesus, in a medieval fantasy setting. The theme, teaching and setting sound incredible fun and we are looking forward to partnering with SU Scotland this year, who will help us with material, advertising and more! If you are interested in helping during the week please speak to me.

Chris Cameron
Children and Youth Worker



Calendar of Worship

Sunday 29th December 2024 at 11am

Reflective Service led by Mr W Imlay

Beadle : A Barona

Welcome : L Robertson

Flowers : M Wright **Delivery** : A Barona

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

Crèche : C Johnston

Sunday Club : Funday Sunday

Young Persons' Elder : F Robertson

Happy New Year and
Every Blessing for the year ahead.

Sunday 5th January 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : J Campbell **Reader** : F Ritchie

Welcome : C Johnston

Flowers : D Collison **Delivery** : C Barr

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

Crèche : J Johnston

Sunday Club : A Gray, S McCowan

Young Persons' Elder : L Robertson

Sunday 12th January 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : K Campbell **Reader** : J Cuthbertson

Welcome : D Miller

Flowers : A Griffiths **Delivery** : F Durward

Coffee : M Heron, J Johnston, Y Simpson + G Johnston

Crèche : F Harris

Sunday Club : A Gray, E Wisher

Young Persons' Elder : P Owen

Sunday 19th January 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : A Gray **Reader** : N Pong

Welcome : K Cameron

Flowers : A Barona **Delivery** : A Gray

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

Crèche : J Taylor

Sunday Club : S Kent, F Hutchinson

Young Persons' Elder : F Harris

Sunday 26th January 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : L Gray **Reader** : A Heywood

Welcome : F Harris

Flowers : M Martin **Delivery** : A Heywood

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

Crèche : D Miller

Sunday Club : J Wylie, S McCowan

Young Persons' Elder : E Thomson

Sunday 26th January 2025 at 6:30pm

Communion Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : F Harris **Reader** : S Johnston

Welcome : J Johnston

Flowers : N Pong **Delivery** : M Imlay

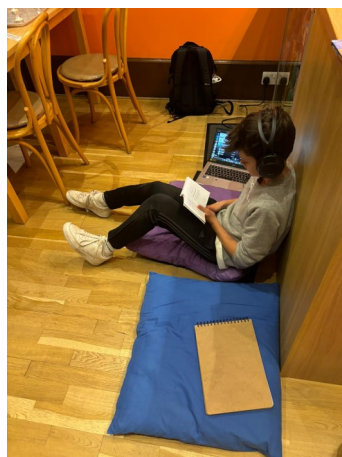
Coffee : A Barona, K Cruickshanks, Elaine Thomson + D Macleod

Crèche : C Johnston

Sunday Club : Godly Play

Young Persons' Elder : D Macleod

Youth Pictures



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Calendar of Worship

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 11am First Sunday in Advent

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : P Owen **Reader** : A Wilman

Welcome : M Shiels

Flowers : A Wilman **Delivery** : M Rowley

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

Crèche : J Johnston

Sunday Club : Nativity Practice - All Teachers

Young Persons' Elder : M Wright

Sunday 8th December 2024 at 11am Second Sunday in Advent Lessons and Carols

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : M Shiels

Welcome : M Imlay

Flowers : M Cuthbertson **Delivery** : E Thomson

Coffee : A Barona, K Cruickshanks, Elaine Thomson + F Ritchie

Crèche : J Taylor

Sunday Club : Nativity Practice - All Teachers

Young Persons' Elder : G Johnston

Sunday 15th December 2024 at 11am Third Sunday in Advent

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : E Thomson **Reader** : R Caird

Welcome : K Cruickshanks

Flowers : K Cruickshanks **Delivery** : A Waugh

Coffee : F Durward, A Heywood, M Rowley + D Macleod

Crèche : D Miller

Sunday Club : Nativity Practice - All Teachers

Young Persons' Elder : F Ritchie

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or have it in the hands of Claire Owen

by **Sunday 19th January 2025.**

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Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 11am Fourth Sunday in Advent Nativity Service

Service led by our Young People

Beadle : M Wright

Welcome : A Barona

Flowers : A Gray **Delivery** : E Wood

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

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 6:30pm

Evening Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Tuesday 24th December 2024 at 11:30pm Watchnight Service



Wednesday 25th December 2024 at 11am Christmas Day

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong



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