

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 15th December 2024 Third Sunday in Advent



Introit

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 303 : It came upon the midnight clear [omit verse 4]

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Hymn 313 : See! in yonder manger low

Lighting of the Third Candle

Children's Address

Birthday Blessings

Hymn 312 : Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Isaiah 40 v 1 - 10 [page 723]

Luke 3 v 1 - 9 [page 1029]

Read by Ron Caird

Hymn 309 : Still the night, holy the night!

Sermon

Hymn 296 : While humble shepherds watched their flocks

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession

The Apostles' Creed

Hymn 324 : Angels from the realms of glory

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our service today will be led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

2) Next Sunday

The morning service next Sunday is our Nativity Service led by our young people. Please join us at 11am as we hear the Christmas Story from young voices. We also have an Evening Service next Sunday at 6:30pm led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

3) Christmas Gifts

This is the last day for any donations and any received today (15th) will be donated to Tay FM's Mission Christmas Appeal. Gifts should be unwrapped and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors of the Church. If you are unable to buy a gift but would still like to contribute, then money can be given to Claire Owen. For more information please speak to Claire.

4) Church Journal

The Winter edition of the Church Journal is out now. 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

5) Community New Year Ceilidh

There is a Community New Year Ceilidh happening on Friday 3rd January 2025 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. Come along to enjoy a night of live music, organised dances, food and drinks and a chance to meet new people.

6) 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.

7) Wednesday Afternoon Club

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

8) 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.

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9) 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.

10) Funday Sundays

If you would be willing to help support any Funday Sundays, particularly those during the Christmas and Easter holidays, please let Fiona Hutchinson know by emailing fionah2208@gmail.com This is an opportunity to share an activity with the children and for them to meet different adults in the church family. Example of activities include board games, origami, craft activities, baking, a sport or a scavenger hunt.

11) 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/>

12) 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.

13) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office is running on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.

Forthcoming Advent Services

Sunday 22nd December	11am	Nativity Service led by our young people
Sunday 22nd December	6:30pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 24th December	11:30pm	Watchnight Service
Wednesday 25th December	11am	Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong
Sunday 29th December	11am	Reflective Service led by Mr W Imlay

Please note : to give our technical helpers a break, the Watchnight Service and Christmas Morning Service will be in Church only, and will not be broadcast onto Zoom. Only the regular Sunday morning services will be 'Zoomed'.

Daily Readings

Monday 16th December : Isaiah 11 : 11 - 16

Tuesday 17th December : Isaiah 12 : 1 - 6

Wednesday 18th December : Isaiah 14 : 3 - 15

Thursday 19th December : Isaiah 25 : 1 - 5

Friday 20th December : Isaiah 25 : 6 - 12

Saturday 21st December : Isaiah 26 : 1 - 11

Quote of the week

True restoration begins when we reconcile with one another
and prepare our hearts for transformation,
for unity is not born of heritage but of repentance,
and hope is the fruit of trusting the divine hand that clears our path.

Rev. Dr. Amos B. Chewachong