

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent Nativity Service



Introit

Welcome & Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn 306 : O come, all ye faithful

Scene 1

Hymn 322 : Good Christians, all rejoice

Scene 2 : Part 1

Hymn 315 : Once in royal David's city

Scene 2 : Part 2

Hymn 300 : The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Scene 3

Junior Praise 271 : We three kings of Orient are

Scene 4

Hymn 321 : Come and join the celebration

Scene 5

Prayer of Intercession

Song : Do something Good this Christmas

Benediction & Threefold Amen
Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our nativity service today will be led by our young people.

2) Evening Service

We have an Evening Service tonight at 6:30pm led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

3) manna

manna will be open on Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December from 10am - 3pm and will then shut for a Christmas break to give staff and volunteers a well deserved rest. manna will reopen on Friday 3rd January at 10am.

4) Community New Year Ceilidh

This Ceilidh will be held on Friday 3rd January 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

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) 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/>

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office has now finished for the festive period and will return on Wednesday 8th January.

Forthcoming Advent Services

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 23rd December : Luke 1 : 5 - 25

Tuesday 24th December : Luke 1 : 26 - 38

Wednesday 25th December : Luke 2 : 1 - 20

Thursday 26th December : John 3 : 16 - 21

Friday 27th December : Isaiah 12 : 1 - 6

Saturday 28th December : John 7 : 37 - 41

Quote of the week

If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words,
these would be the words: "God with us."

We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ.

The greater truth of the holiday is His deity.

More astonishing than a baby in the manger
is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator
of the heavens and the earth!

John MacArthur