

# **KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH**

**01 December 2019**

**Conducted by Geoff Monk – Reader**

Gathering Songs: “All Heaven Declares” & “Light of the World”

Opening praise: “With every morning” (Liturgy of the hours)

Prayers

Advent

Song: “Beautiful Lord, wonderful saviour” (The Potter’s hand) (Offering)

Reading: Luke 1: 48-56

Talk: Mary worships the Lord.

Songs: “Light of the world”, “Jesus Name above all names” & “To be in your presence” (my desire)

Communion

Closing song: “All heaven declares”

**11 a.m. Service**

**Conducted by Rev. Bill Hogg**

**Scripture Reader - Fiona Michie**

Greeting

Introduction

Prayer

Hymn 273 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Renewal (Confession, Forgiveness and Supplication)

Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 42 & 43 [Hymn 33] – antiphon read by all

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn 609 Come, living God, when least expected

Sermon

Hymn 747 Jerusalem the golden

Prayers at St Andrews-tide

The Offering

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 277 [Paraphrase 39] Hark the glad sound!

The Blessing

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (Hymn 822)



Following the 11 a.m. Service you are invited to a celebration of Communion, which will be held at the ‘Trades’ end of the Church.

## **NOTICES**

**Sunday Prayers** for our services and community concerns are held in the Vestry each Sunday 30 minutes before the Service. Next week at 9.00 a.m.

**A Special retiring collection** will take place this morning 1<sup>st</sup> December. This is in response to a General Assembly request to the Mission Council to “assist the Tent of Nations in creating the Olive Grove Chapel, a sacred space for worship among the threatened olive groves”. This will be on the outskirts of Bethlehem, on land owned by a Palestinian Christian. Further olive trees and an irrigation system will be included. Olive trees are seen as a symbol of peace.

**Advent Service** this evening at Greyfriars Church at 6 p.m. this evening. A sung evensong with time for reflection, readings and music by Fleet Renaissance

**Coming in 2020! New Alpha course** [beginning Tuesday January 14th](#). Starts with soup & sweet meal [at 6pm](#) followed by dvd and informal discussion [until 8pm](#). Venue is [18 Fergus Road DG6 4HN](#), transport may be arranged. Please think about who you would like to bring along and make use of the printed invitations available now!

**Messy Church.** A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Messy Church last Sunday, and to everyone who came along to enjoy the morning! It was lovely to see some familiar faces and new guests at Messy Church. The next one will be held in Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.15am (the donkeys will be back)!

**Christmas Quiz Night.** Please bring a team to the quiz in the church hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 5 people and entry by donation. Please see Sue or phone for more details. All proceeds will go to the work of Parkinson's UK.

**Angels:** Thank you to all those busily knitting angels in the past few weeks. As we plan to distribute them in early December, can you please bring any remaining angels to the church office, or to Sue at the opticians as soon as possible. Many thanks!

**Quiz:** I would like to thank you for the support of the church for my quiz where I took in £122 on the day and after hall costs raised £82 for Doddie Weirs my name's MND foundation , Many Thanks , Andrew Orr

**Sunday Coffee Time** – We are in great need of new ladies and gentlemen to help out with our Sunday Morning Coffee Time in between our Services. Ann is preparing to make up a new rota and more helpers are needed. If you can help on Sunday morning every 6 weeks or so please contact Ann at the office. Thank you.

**Christmas Day Lunch** will take place in the Parish Church Hall and anyone is welcome. If you would like to come please pick up a form from the back of the Church, the Belfry, Thursday Lunch Hour or SCVS. Booking is essential please and forms should be returned by 16h December. Any queries please phone Ann or Doreen. If anyone has an hour or two to spare and can help with preparation on Christmas Eve in the Hall at 10 .a.m, help with transport or help to serve on the day please get in touch.

**Walking Group.** The walking group will next be out and about in **January 2020**. The date of the walk and route will be planned nearer the time according to weather forecast and ground conditions. Please join us for walk in 2020. Our November walk took place on a beautiful sunny day and participants aged 7 months to 80 years enjoyed fun, fellowship and picnics!

**Church Flower Distributor** for December is Elizabeth McKeand. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for Church flower deliveries

**Interim Moderator** Rev. David Bartholomew may be contacted on 01644 430380 & email [Dbartholomew@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Dbartholomew@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**The Church office** will be open on Wednesday & Friday next week from 9.30 – 1.30 p.m. Tel; 01557 330489 or Email [church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk)