

**KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday 4 December 2016**  
**Second in Advent**



**9.30 a.m. Praise Band-led Service**

"A song" Luke 1:57-80 – Tuesday Evening Fellowship

**Gathering Songs: "Praise him on the Trumpet" & "God is Good"**

**Welcome:**

**Opening Praise "Lord, I come before your throne of grace" (What a faithful God have I) & "God is Good"**

**Children's Address: Stacy Cunningham**

**Children's Song: "Jesus Loves Me" rap (Offering uplifted)**

**Offering Prayer:**

**Bible Reading: Luke 1:18-20 & Luke 1:57:80 – Henry Mosey**

**Teaching: Stella Mosey**

**Zachariah's song – Dianne Stafford on Harp**

**Prayers – Stella Mosey**

**Closing Song: "Standing on the promise of Christ my King"**

**11.00 a.m. Organ-led Service**

conducted by Rev. Marian Dixon – Readings: Pat McTaggart

CALL

Lord, we gather before you as the crowds gathered before John.

We, like the crowds who followed John, need to repent.

**We long to hear of the one who is to come,  
and we wait for him with joyful expectation.**

HYMN 291 "When out of poverty is born"

PRAYER

HYMN 374 "From heaven you came"

READING Isaiah 11:1-10;

REFLECTION Can we embrace God's peace?

HYMN 334 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

READING Matt. 3:1-12;

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

REFLECTION Are we radicals?

HYMN 583 "Spirit divine, attend our prayers"

OFFERING and PRAYER

HYMN 474 "Hail to the Lord's anointed"

BLESSING

The kingdom of heaven is at hand, but God needs our hands to help build it;  
renewed, transformed, and with zeal restored, go build the kingdom, here and now.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! **Prepare ye the way of the Lord!**

## Intimations Sunday 4 December 2016



**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at the Trades End of the Church after the 11 a.m. Service today

**Sunday School** coincides with our 9.30 a.m. Service today. For those with younger children, the Vestry is available as a crèche facility. Sunday Prayers for our services and community concerns are held in the Vestry each Sunday, starting half an hour before the early service time, this morning at 9.00 a.m. Please join us for these opportunities to pray.

**Prayer requests** for people or situations of need may be (1) deposited this morning in the Prayer Box in the Vestibule, using prayer slips provided on the pews, or (2) shared in confidence at any time with Charlie & Elizabeth Bennett, our Pastoral Care Convenors.

**Our Locum Minister** is Rev. Marian Dixon.

**Youth Worker** – Rhys Loftus now has a dedicated e-mail for all youth and Church related items. [kpcyouthworker@gmail.com](mailto:kpcyouthworker@gmail.com)



**Christmas Day Lunch** will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016 - 12.15 for 12 30 p.m. and not on 24 December as printed in the Parish Newsletter – So sorry for the confusion !!

Please also note that Lunch Leaflets need to be filled in by 14 December to book for the Christmas Lunch.



**Christmas Gifts** for local children in need may be left in front of the Communion Table today Please have your gift wrapped in Christmas paper with a label indicating suitability as regards age.



Did you know that the Church of Scotland has its own online Advent calendar? Just click on the window and watch a short video based on a word that symbolises the meaning of Christmas. Have a look!  
[churchofscotland.advent-calendar.net](http://churchofscotland.advent-calendar.net)



A new rota for Coffee/Tea & Biscuits for Sunday mornings is about to be made up if anyone would like to go on the rota please contact the Manse Office and we would be very pleased to have you join us. Thank you.

**Carol Service at Barcaple.** All are welcome at Barcaple on Sunday 11 December at 5 p.m. for a Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies/refreshments. If you need any information, please contact the office on 01557 820261. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Christmas Tree Fest continues with Entertainment as follows:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Late Night Shopping – Dianne will play her harp

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.-12 noon – Lyric Singers, singing carols and seasonal songs: come along, join in the mood for Christmas.

12 Dec - P5 Community Carol Singing in Church at 7 p.m.

18 Dec - Kirkcudbright Churches Together Carol Service in Church at 6 p.m.

20 Dec - Primary School Carols Service in Church at 10 a.m.

21 Dec – Academy Carol Service at 12 Noon



**Flower Distributor** for December 2016 is Lesley Milligan to whom suggestions regarding Church flower deliveries this month can be made.

The **Monday Group** meet Mondays, at 10 a.m. to look at "Johns Letters". For more details, contact Kathleen Ramage. The **Tuesday Fellowship** meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. continuing studies on Judges for more details contact Gail Boland. The **Tuesday Morning Group** meets at 10-00am at Daar Lodge. We are using a DVD and a Study Guide entitled Exploring the God Question, Science, God and the Search for Truth. Please contact Min Brown for details. The **Tuesday Evening Group** meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. For more details contact Pat Parker.. The **Wednesday Evening Fellowship** Group continues studying "The First Christmas". Please contact Ray Purdy for venue & times. You will be made welcome at all group meetings.



"Heart for Art" Session will be held on Tuesday, 13 December 2016, in the Church Hall, from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

### **The Wednesday**

Please use the following email address for all Kirkcudbright Parish Church business [church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk)

The Manse Office will be open next week on Wednesday & Friday from 9.30 a.m.- 1.30 p.m. -