



KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
08 December 2019
9.30 a.m. Service
Conducted by Mark Hutton - Elder



Gathering Songs: “See him lying on a bed of straw” & “Come on and celebrate”

Welcome

Opening praise: “Come on and celebrate” & “It was on a starry night”

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7 - Johanna Hanikel

Alpha update

Praise “See him lying on a bed of straw” & “Be still for the presence of the Lord” (Offering)

Prayers of intercession

Teaching -God can useeven me!

Closing: “Revival’ - As sure as gold is precious”



11 a.m. Service

Conducted by Geoff Monk - Reader

Scripture Reader – Louise Finch

Welcome and call to Worship

Hymn 279: Make Way, Make Way

Prayers of approach and confession

Prepare the way of the Lord

Hymn 334: On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

Hymn 249: We have heard a joyful sound

Reflection: Make Way; The ministry of John the Baptist

Hymn 259: Beauty for brokenness (Offering)

Prayers for others and our country

Hymn 301: Hark the herald angels sing

The Grace

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

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.



You are invited to afternoon tea at Abernethy Barcaple on Sunday 15th December at 3 p.m. Abernethy's new CEO Mike Causey is fresh to Abernethy, and he would love to meet you! The churches local to our Centre and the people who pray for us are extremely valuable to the ministry of Abernethy. Over afternoon tea Mike will share about who he is and why he's come to serve this ministry. You'll also have the chance to mix with other prayer supporters from the area. An informal & relaxed afternoon, Please RSVP by 13th December to barcaple@abernethy.org.uk. Please join us. Mike will also be preaching next Sunday at the 9.30 a.m. Service.



Food Bank December collection will be this coming Tuesday, 10th December, 9 - 9.30am, at Grey friars' House, Kirkcudbright. As this is when we make up Christmas boxes, we will be happy to receive any seasonal treats or small gifts as well as your usual food donations. As these boxes are distributed in Christmas week, please ensure that any perishable items are well within use-by dates. Thank you for all your continuing support throughout the year and we wish you all a very happy Christmas.

 **Coming in 2020! New Alpha course [beginning Tuesday January 14th](#). Starts with soup & sweet meal [at 6pm](#) followed by dad 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!**

Christmas Quiz Night. Please bring a team to the quiz in the church hall on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 5 people and entry by donation. Please see Sue or phone 330108 for more details. All proceeds will go to the work of Parkinson's UK.

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 16^h 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 10am, help with transport or help to serve on the day please get in touch.

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

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