

# KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH

09 December 2018

11a.m. Service

Conducted by Rev. John Collard

Reader: David Brown

Call to Worship

237 "Look forward in faith"

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

My story

Advent candles

284 "Hope is a candle," v1,2

Readings: Psalm 27 (p557) Read together

Luke 1:67-80 (p1027)

291 "When out of poverty is born"

Part of God's story

"We rejoice to be God's chosen" (Tune 339 – Nettleton)

Offering

Prayers for ourselves and others

557 "O love that will not let me go"

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

**We rejoice to be God's chosen.**

**We rejoice to be God's chosen not through virtue, work or skill  
but because God's love is generous, unconformed to human will.  
And because God's love is restless, like the surging of the sea,  
we are pulled by heaven's dynamic to become, not just to be.**

**We rejoice to be God's chosen, to be gathered to God's side,  
not to build a pious ghetto or be steeped in selfish pride;  
but to celebrate the goodness of the One who sets us free  
from the smallness of our vision to become, not just to be.**

**We rejoice to be God's chosen, to align with heaven's intent,  
to await where we are summoned and accept where we are sent.  
We rejoice to be God's chosen and, amidst all that we see'  
to anticipate with wonder that the best is yet to be.**



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES & CAROL SINGING



Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - KCT "Carols by Candlelight" 6 p.m. followed by refreshments in Church Hall.

Sun 22 Dec - "Carols round the Town" meet at Keystore at 4pm.

Sun -23 Dec – "Family Service" - 10 a.m. Joint Service

Mon 24 Dec – "Carols by Candlelight Watchnight Service" – 11.30pm – Community singing at 11.15pm

Tues 25 Dec- "Christmas Morning Service" – 11 a.m.

Sun - 30 Dec – 10 a.m. Service – Joint Service



## 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.

**Interim Minister** Rev. John Collard may be contacted at the Manse. Tel: 01557 330489 or Mob: 07762567813 & email: [JCollard@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:JCollard@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**World Church Team 93<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning** on 1st December raised £175.90p. We had 62 people attend and now have a total of £23,178.29p.

**Tubes** - Please could you save any 'tubes' over the next few weeks, so they could be used by Messy Church for future activities? Tubes could be; postal tubes, tubes from inside rolls of wrapping paper, kitchen roll tubes, large Smarties tubes, Pringle tubes (other health promoting snacks are available)! (Please no loo roll tubes). Please include lids if your tubes have them. Please leave donations with Sue Mc or at the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you.

**Stewartry Food Bank** - A reminder that we will be making up Christmas boxes for needy individuals and families on Tuesday 11th December from 9am at Greyfriars' House, Kirkcudbright. We will be glad to receive any suitable contributions for inclusion - e.g. festive treats and small gifts for adults and children. These boxes, suitably wrapped and with crackers and a card from Stewartry Food Bank, are then delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for your continuing support throughout the past year and we wish you and yours a very happy Christmas,

**Christmas Party** for all Sunday School Children aged 4 year and up from different Churches in Kirkcudbright on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2 - 4.30 p.m. in St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's Church Hall. Sign up sheets are at the back of the Church if you would like your children to come along.

**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 Church, The Belfry, Thursday Lunch Hour or SCVS in Castle Street. It is essential that it is filled in and returned to one of the places on the form by 13<sup>th</sup> December. Any queries please phone Doreen or Ann. If anyone has an hour or two to spare and could help with preparation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Christmas Eve, or could help with transport, or serve on Christmas Day we would be very pleased to hear from you.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –**

Tues 22 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in Parish Church

Wed 23 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in St Andrew's & St Cuthberts Church

Thurs 24 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in Greyfriars Church

Sunday 27 Jan - 24 hour Prayer Vigil – further details to follow

**New Alpha Course** - Commencing on Tuesday 22 January at 7.p.m. - further details to follow.

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

**Manse Office** will be open next week on Wednesday & Friday 9.30am -1.30pm. Tel: 01557 330489 or please use the following email address to contact the office - [church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk)