

Kirkcudbright Parish Church  
Order of Service  
Sunday 10th December 2017  
9.30 a.m. Service  
Conducted by Mark Hutton – Elder  
God comes to Bethlehem”– Luke 2: 1-7

Gathering – “The Splendour of the King” & “For all that you have done for us” New song to the tune, for auld lang syne

Welcome: Dave Crudgington

Songs “We have this treasure” & “For all you have done for us”

Light advent candle and song

They won't be expecting that!

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7 - Paul Rigby-Jones

Song: “A starry night” & “Christmas isn't Christmas” (offering)

Prayers of intercession: Dave Crudgington

Teaching - whose idea was this?

Song: “Splendour of the King” (with how great thou art chorus)

11 a.m. Service  
Conducted By Rev. John Collard  
Reader: Ron McHugh

Call to worship

281 “People look east”

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Art of the pause

Advent candles

282 “Christmas is coming” – chorus, v1, chorus, v2, chorus

Readings:

Psalm 85 (p 595) Read together

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p724)

51 “God of hosts you chose a vine”

Word after silence

549 “How deep the Father's love” (Offering)

Prayers for ourselves and others

200 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

Christmas Services

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10 am Morning Service  
11.15pm Community Carols  
11.30pm Candlelit Watchnight Service

Monday 25 December  
11 am Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 31 December  
10 am Morning Service  
11.30pm New Year Watchnight Service

**Sunday Prayers** for our services and community concerns are held in the Vestry each Sunday, starting half an hour before the Service 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 Blue Prayer Box at the back of the Church using prayer slips provided on the pews, or (2) shared in confidence at any time with Charlie & Elizabeth Bennett, our Pastoral Care Convenors.

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

**Finance Committee** meeting is Monday 18th December at 5.15pm, not 17th as listed in the Diary Dates in the Newsletter.

**Kirkcudbright Churches Together** - On **Sunday 17 December** there will be a short service in Merse House at 3pm. leaving from there, we are going to lead carol singing round the centre of the town, finishing up in the Parish Church Hall at approx. 4.30pm where we will sing more carols. Any donations collected along the way will be sent to Blythswood Trust. You are welcome to stay for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. We hope as many people as possible will come and join us at Merse House or any point en route. If you would like to donate a few mince pies, please contact Ann or Sally.

**Christmas Day Lunch** will take place in the Parish Church Hall and anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to come, please pick up a form from the Church, the Belfry, the 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. If you have any queries please phone Ann or Sally. If anyone has an hour or two to spare and could help with preparation from 12 noon on Christmas Eve, or could help with transport, or serving on Christmas Day, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please ring Ann or Sally.

**Christmas Fairtrade At Home at Katherine's** today Sunday 10th December. 5 Castledykes Road. Drop in any time between 2 and 9pm for a chat and browse and home baking. Fairly traded gifts from Traidcraft, Shared Earth and Manos Amigas. Tearfund Christmas Cards. All welcome.

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

**Manse office** is open on Wednesdays & Fridays - 9.30am -1.30 pm - Tel: 01557 330489 or e-mail [church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk) **Youth Worker** Rhys may be contacted in the Manse Office on Tuesdays & Fridays - 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. or by e-mail: [kpcyouthworker@gmail.com](mailto:kpcyouthworker@gmail.com)



**Coffee and fellowship:** Please join us for coffee and fellowship between services.