

KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
15 December 2019
9.30 a.m. Service
Conducted by The Tuesday Evening Group
Guest Speaker - Mike Causey CEO Abernethy



Gathering Songs: "Away in a Manger" & "Joy has dawned upon the world"
Welcome & Opening prayer
Song: "Come and join the celebration"
All age blether & lighting of the Advent candle"
Song: While Shepherds watched their flocks"
Reading: Luke 2: 8-21
Reflection – Mike Causey Abernethy CEO
Song: "From the squalor of a borrowed stable" (Offering)
Prayers for others & ourselves
Song: "Joy has dawned upon the world"
The Grace

11 a.m. Service
Conducted by Geoff Monk – Reader
Scripture Reading – Irene Robertson

Welcome and call to Worship
Hymn: 153 Great is thy faithfulness
Prayers of approach and confession
Introducing Mike Causey CEO Abernethy Trust
Hymn: 166 Lord of all hopefulness
Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Luke 1: 46-55
Hymn: 320 Joy to the world
Sermon: Joy
Hymn: 306 O come all ye faithful (Offering)
Prayers for others and our country
Hymn: 286 Tell out my soul
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 this afternoon 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.



Food Bank - A massive thank you to all our supporters who inundated us on Tuesday with festive treats and presents! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill 37 Christmas boxes for needy families and individuals. These, along with a supply of basic foodstuffs, will be delivered in time for Christmas. We had a slight 'overflow' of toys and sweets which we have delivered to the Salvation Army in Dumfries who, just that morning, had received unexpected requests from four families. So everyone's generosity will be enjoyed by many people this Christmas. Thank you on their behalf. Our next collection will be on Tuesday Jan 14th, 9 - 9.30am at Greyfriars' House, Meantime, the team at Stewartry Food Bank wish you every blessing at this Christmas Season,

 **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 for more details. All proceeds will go to the work of Parkinson's UK.

The Retiring Collection on 1 December for the Olive Grove Chapel was £174.74

World Church Team raised £170.11p on Saturday at the 103rd coffee morning last Saturday this gives us a total of £25,541.73p. We had 50 customers.

Service at Merse House at 2 p.m. this afternoon. All welcome.



Carol Singing around the town on Saturday 21st December. Start at Tesco and finishing at Greyfriars house for coffee and mince pies. Please come along and sing some carols.



A huge thank you to everyone who knitted angels for our Christmas angel project. There were 100 in total! On Tuesday morning at 8am we 'landed' the angels around Kirkcudbright for people to find and take home with them. Almost straight away folk noticed we were up to something and started asking about them! If you hear any interesting 'angel anecdotes' from people, please let Mary, Vivien, Louise or Sue know, it would be great to hear about the response we get to the angels!



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.

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 next week on Wednesday 9.00 – 1.00 p.m. and then will be closed until Friday 03 January from 8.30 a.m. to 4. 30 p.m.Tel; 01557 330489 or Email church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk.