

**Kirkcudbright Parish Church**  
**Order of Service**  
**Sunday 17th December 2017**  
**9.30 a.m. Service**

Staff from Barcaple Christian Outdoor Centre  
Luke 2: 8-21

Gathering songs: "The stand" & "From the inside out"  
Welcome: Rhys Loftus  
Songs: "O come all ye faithful"  
Light the Advent candles- sing the Advent song- John Collard  
Children's talk: Andy Wade  
Mums & Tots songs: "Away in a manger" & "Twinkle twinkle little star"  
Bible reading: Pete Wilkes  
Song: "From the inside out"  
Song: "Oh holy night" (Offering taken by Sunday school children)  
Prayers: Stacy Cunningham  
Talk: Rhys Loftus  
Song: "The stand"

**11 a.m. Service**  
**Conducted By Rev. John Collard**  
**Reader: Fiona Michie**

Call to worship  
305 "In the bleak midwinter"  
Prayer and Lord's Prayer  
Advent candles  
282 "Christmas is coming" – chorus, v1, chorus, v2, chorus, v3, chorus  
Baptisms –  
Heather Josephine Wilson  
Rosie Alison Dianna Wilson  
251 "I the Lord of sea and sky"  
Readings:  
Psalm 126 (p 623) Read together  
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (p 1063)  
314 "Child in a manger"  
Still waiting  
543 "Longing for light" (Offering)  
Prayers for ourselves and others  
547 "What a friend we have in Jesus"  
Benediction  
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

**Christmas Services**

Sunday 24 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 9.30 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.

**Dear Friends**, A huge thank you to you and your members for the overwhelming amount of Christmas goodies you delivered to the Food Bank yesterday. Thanks to your generous and imaginative donations, we were able to fill 37 boxes which will bring some brightness to the families, homeless people and needy individuals who were referred to us. As well as Christmas treats, we gave each a supply of basic foodstuffs, so that no one should have to go hungry at this time. This has made some inroads into our stocks, and we will be in touch with specific needs before the next collection date on January 9th. Please pass on our thanks to all those people who have taken time to remember others in the midst of their own busy preparations. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in 2018,  
Carol McQuistan on behalf of Marian Dixon and the Stewartry Food Bank Team.

**All the parcels** and cuddly toys, kindly donated for local children, went along with the food hampers, to be distributed appropriately by Social Workers. So a big THANK YOU to everyone.

 **Can you spare an hour** or so to meet & greet at the Christmas Tree Festival this weekend and next weekend please. Rota is at the back of the Church on the table. Thank you.

**Angus** will be playing the organ for an hour after Church today, so, if you can, please stay and listen to some seasonal music.

**Kirkcudbright Churches Together** This afternoon 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 and in the hall.

**Christmas Day Lunch** will take place in the Parish Church Hall at 12.15 for 12.30. If you would like to come and haven't yet given your name, please phone Ann (331735) or Sally (330477) TODAY! 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 either of the numbers above.

**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 Tuesday & Wednesday - 9.30 am – 1.30 pm.**  
**The Office is closed from 21 December to 03 January 2018.**