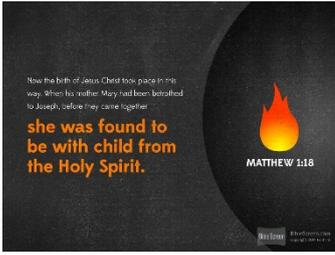


**KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 18 December 2016 - Fourth in Advent**



9.30 a.m. Praise Band-led Service
Matthew 1:18-23 & Matthew 18:21-35 – Mark Hutton

Welcome:

Opening Praise: “Joy to the world” & “Come and join the celebration”

Children’s Talk:

Children’s Song: “Away in a Manger”

Song: “From the squalor” (Verse 1&2 solo by Stacy)

Reading: Matthew 1:18-23 & Matthew 18:21-35 – Helen Innes

Offering: See amid the winters snow”

Prayers

Teaching: Mark Hutton

Carol: “Hark the Herald”

11.00 a.m. Organ-led Service
Conducted by Rev. Marian Dixon – Reader: Ron McHugh

We bring with us our hopes and fears, our joys and sadness. **Holy Father, you sent Jesus to be born as a vulnerable baby in a dangerous world. As we gather to hear again the Christmas story, meet us, welcome us, and find room for us.**

HYMN 279 “Make way, make way” PRAYER

CAROL 312 “Away in a manger”

READING based on Luke 2:8-20:

CAROL 296 “While humble shepherds”

READING Based on Matthew 2:1,2,7-12;

CAROL (Tune 599 Glenfinlas)

1. Wise men seeking Jesus, travelled from afar,
guided on their journey by a beautiful star.

4. In our fertile cornfields while the sheaves are bound,
in our busy markets Jesus may be found

2. But if we desire him, he is close at hand
for our native country is our Holy Land.

5. Fishermen talk with him, round our Scottish seas,
as the first disciples did in Galilee

3. Prayerful souls may find him by our quiet lakes,
meet him on our hillsides when the morning breaks.

6. Every peaceful village in our land might be,
made by Jesus’ presence like sweet Bethany.

7. He is more than near us, if we love him well;
for he seeketh ever in our hearts to dwell.

CAROL 305 “In the bleak mid-winter “ Offering & Prayers

CAROL 310 “See him lying on a bed of straw” BLESSING

Intimations Sunday 18 December 2016

Sunday School coincides with our 9.30 a.m. Service today. For those with younger children, the Vestry is available as a crèche facility. Sunday Prayers for our services and community concerns are held in the Vestry each Sunday, starting half an hour before the early service time, this morning 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 Prayer Box in the Vestibule, using prayer slips provided on the pews, or (2) shared in confidence at any time with Charlie & Elizabeth Bennett, our Pastoral Care Convenors.

Our Locum Minister is Rev. Marian Dixon

Youth Worker – Rhys Loftus now has a dedicated e-mail for all youth and Church related items. kpcyouthworker@gmail.com



Tonight 6 p.m. come and join Kirkcudbright Churches Together for Carols and readings with a difference. Mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread will be available in the Church Hall after the Service.



Christmas Tree Festival: The Festival will be open from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Could you offer to spend an hour or so in the Church to welcome folk as they take their last opportunity to see the trees? If so, please let Barbara, Margaret or Marian know as soon as possible.



CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Can you spare an hour or two on Christmas Eve? We are expecting more than 50 people for lunch on Christmas Day and would be glad of some help to prepare vegetables and set up tables. We will be in the Church Hall from 10-12 if you would like to come along. (Bring a veg knife!)



Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. All are welcome at the Watchnight Service, when non alcoholic wine will be served at Communion.

Did you know that the Church of Scotland has its own online Advent calendar? Just click on the window and watch a short video based on a word that symbolises the meaning of Christmas. Have a look!
churchofscotland.advent-calendar.net

All Age Family Entertainment, Thursday 29 December – 6.30pm - 9pm in the Church Hall. We need your support to make this a success, entertainers of any type, singing, musical instruments, poetry or any party piece. Please contact Sue St Joseph. Refreshments are welcome in the form a plate of finger food. Free tickets, to give us an idea of numbers are available in the Church and from the Church Office

Christmas Lantern Walk - A family walk in the forest with carols, good news and free refreshments. Today Sunday 18 December. Meet at Dalbeattie Town Wood Carpark at 4 p.m. – Bring along a torch or lantern.

20 Dec - Primary School Carols Service in Church at 10 a.m.

21 Dec – Academy Carol Service at 12 Noon



Flower Distributor for December 2016 is Lesley Milligan to whom suggestions regarding Church flower deliveries this month can be made.

The **Monday Group** meet Mondays, at 10 a.m. to look at “Johns Letters”. For more details, contact Kathleen Ramage. The **Tuesday Fellowship** meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. continuing studies on Judges for more details contact Gail Boland. The **Tuesday Morning Group** meets at 10-00am at Daar Lodge. We are using a DVD and a Study Guide entitled Exploring the God Question, Science, God and the Search for Truth. Please contact Min Brown for details. The **Tuesday Evening Group** meet on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. For more details contact Pat Parker. The **Wednesday Evening Fellowship** Group continues studying “The First Christmas”. Please contact Ray Purdy for venue & times. You will be made welcome at all group meetings.



“Heart for Art” Session will begin again on Tuesday 10 January, 2017, in the Church Hall, - 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Please use the following email address for all Kirkcudbright Parish Church business

church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk. **Manse Office** will be open next week on Wednesday & Friday from 9.30 a.m.- 1.30 p.m.



Andy and Marian wish you a truly blessed Christmas