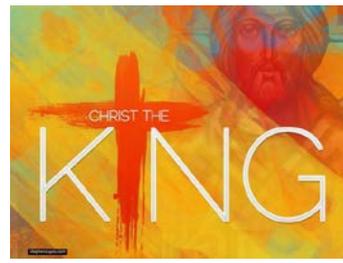


KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2016
ORDER OF SERVICE



9.30 a.m. Praise Band-led Service

'Rainbow Promise' Genesis 9: 8 - 17

Tuesday Evening Group

Gathering Songs: "Behold the Lord & You alone can rescue"

Welcome & Prayers: Pat Parker

Songs: "My heart is filled with thankfulness" & "Behold our God"

Children's Time: Sue McMinn

Children's Song: "You alone can rescue"

Reading: Genesis 9:8-17, Addie Clarkson

Remembering God's promise:

Reflective music: "Great is thy faithfulness" Cello & Piano

Teaching: Liz Thomson

Song: "From the breaking of the dawn (Offering)

Dedication of Offering and Prayers of Intercession: Irene Robertson

Song: Give thanks to the Lord"

The Grace: Pat Parker

11 a.m. Organ-led Service

Conducted by Rev. Marian Dixon: Scripture: Irene Robertson

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 459 "Crown him with many crowns"

PRAYER

Adoration, thanksgiving & confession

Lord, we confess that we are often so selective. On this Sunday before Advent begins, we are turning our minds to Christmas; and yet we are confronted by the cross.

We would like to think of baby Jesus, but here we face Jesus the man in all his suffering.

Forgive us for wanting to take the nice bits, for compartmentalising your Word to suit ourselves.

Forgive us for how willingly we contemplate the manger, and how grudgingly, with eyes averted, the cross.

Forgive us for denying our need of Christ on the cross. Amen. & Lord's Prayer

HYMN 549 "How deep the Father's love for us"

READING Jeremiah 23:1-6;

REFLECTION 'Calling all shepherds'

HYMN 162 "The God of Abraham praise"

READING Luke 23:33-43;

REFLECTION "Jesus, remember me"

HYMN 458 "At the name of Jesus" (Offering will be taken during the singing of this hymn)

PRAYER

HYMN 355 "You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd" (tune Regent Square)

BLESSING followed by sung Amen

Intimations – 20 November 2016

Sunday School coincides with our 9.30a.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, usually starting 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 (01557 331785), 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

The Manse Office will be open next week on Wednesday & Friday from 9.30 a.m.- 1.30 p.m. - Tel: 01557 330489.



A new rota for Coffee/Tea & Biscuits for Sunday mornings is about to be made up if anyone would like to go on the rota please contact the Manse Office and we would be very pleased to have you join us. Thank you.



Christmas Tree Festival 2016 It will soon be that time again! Providing you have told the organisers that you are decorating a tree for the festival, you will be able to put your tree in church on one of the following days: Wed. 23rd Nov. between 4 & 6pm; Thurs. 24th Nov. between 12 & 2pm and 6 & 7pm; Fri. 25th Nov. between 10am & noon. The festival opens on Friday evening at 5pm, with 'Music 4 U' entertaining us. Thereafter open each Saturday 10-4; & Sunday 12-4; Dec. 8th 5-7. If you could volunteer to welcome people to the festival please contact Barbara Sykes, Margaret Cavers or Marian Dixon. Thankyou, in advance, for volunteering.



Kirkcudbright Churches Together. 3rd Advent Study. On St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday 30th November at 7pm in Kirkcudbright Parish Church Hall David Preston & Rev Stephen Hazlett will be looking at: 'St. Andrew and Advent: Reflecting on their relevance for mission today.' Refreshments will follow and all are welcome.

The World Church Team have a stall at the Winter Wonderland on December 3 in the Church Hall. If you have any small bric a brac or jewellery or Christmas items you can donate for the stall please be in touch with the Manse Office or any member of the World Church Team.

Fairtrade Gifts and Tearfund - Katherine, Andrew and Fiona invite you to join them for tea/coffee at an Open House at Katherine's at 5 Castledykes Road **today** from 2-9pm. Christmas Cards for Sale - Stock from previous years on sale. Home baking, browsing and chat. Come along and look for Christmas gifts in our home - there will be a wide selection of lovely hand crafted items from all around the world. Bring a friend!

Kirsty Duncan & The Donals present "The Great American Songbook" - Kirkcudbright Parish Church Hall - Saturday 26 November – 7-30pm – Tickets £8 Available on the door & online, contact us on Facebook.

An **Advent Retreat** will be held at Barcaple from 24th to 27th November, beginning with evening meal on Thursday and ending after lunch on Sunday. The retreat will be largely silent and offers the opportunity to meet daily with a prayer guide. There will be an art room, labyrinth, morning and evening reflections and communal prayer space. This offers a gentle and supportive introduction to the whole life-giving experience of a silent retreat. Cost is £145 all inclusive. For further information contact Rachel Inglis or speak to Mary McHugh.



Flower Distributor for November 2016 is Sheila Semple 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 Wed. 23rd at 7.30 pm at the home of Neil & Margaret Cavers and will be deciding on the next theme for study. Contact Ray Purdy for details. You will be made welcome at all group meetings.



"Heart for Art" Session will be held on Tuesday, 29 November 2016, in the Church Hall, 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

The Wednesday Club will meet again this week on 23 November – "David Preston & friend entertain"

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A light for Aleppo. Offering a light in the darkness, to show those who face daily conflict and starvation that the world is spreading out beacons of vigilance and hope. At 5pm on Sunday 20th November, as the dark nights begin to draw in, communities will gather along the Firth of Forth in Scotland and in other sites around the world to light lights of hope for those besieged in Aleppo. Join in wherever you are, or place lit candles or lamps in the windows of your own homes. If you can, please donate to Oxfam, Medicin Sans Frontieres, Caritas Internationalis or the Society of the Red Cross and Red Crescent who are working in the region.

All people still living in warzones around the world have less and less food to live on each day, fewer and fewer medical supplies to respond to the constant arms attacks, and aid cannot easily get through. We want them to know that wherever they are they are not forgotten, and the world is watching. When we are helpless to do much, we can answer the darkness by sending messages of light around the world.