

KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
Sunday 22nd December 2019

9.15am Messy Church. In Church. 'Christmas'

Morning Worship at 11am.

Conducted by Geoff Monk: Reader

Welcome and call to Worship

Hymn 356: Meekness and Majesty

Prayers of approach and confession

'So this is Christmas'

Carol 19: Once in royal David's city

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1: 18-25

Carol 22: Good Christians all, rejoice

Sermon: 'Immanuel' God is with us

Carol 7: While Shepherds watched (Offering)

Prayers of intercession

Carol 4: As with gladness men of old

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 9.30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Fellowship will meet this evening. The fellowship normally meets from 7pm In the Upper Room in the Parish Hall for a time of sharing, prayer, worship, and bible study. All are welcome. An announcement will be made in due course as to the scheduling of Sunday Evening Fellowship over the next two Sundays.

A special retiring collection will be received on Christmas day, in support of the work of the Bethany Trust, an organisation which strives to end homelessness in Scotland.

Sunday Coffee Time – We are in great need of new ladies and gentlemen to help out with our Sunday Morning Coffee Time in between our Services. Ann is preparing to make up a new rota and more helpers are needed. If you can help on Sunday morning every 6 weeks or so please contact Ann at the office. Thank you.

On Christmas Eve at 6pm Brodie Duncan Huddleston (Stewart Wilson's great grandson) will be Baptised in the church. At a Baptism parents and family make promises, so too do members of the church congregation. If you could spare about 20mins in the busy Christmas schedule to come along, just before 6pm, and make those promises on behalf of the Christian Church it would make the time extra special for the family.

Christmas Day Service. Are you coming to church on Christmas Day? If so could you bring your smallest, or most precious Christmas gift, not necessarily one given this year, I would like to use them as inspiration for our worship together.

Christmas Tree Festival. We are continuing to open the church over the weekend of 28th/29th December. Could you help fill the rota by meeting and greeting folk for an hour or two? There is a revised list - just covering the final two weekends - on the table at the back. Please enter your name if you can help.

Forthcoming Services. Today Sunday 22nd December at 6pm, KCT Carol Service. Christmas Eve at 11.30pm Watch Night Service. Christmas Day at 11am Family Service. Sunday 29th December at 10am Joint Service. All taking place here at Kirkcudbright Parish Church.



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 10am, help with transport or help to serve on the day please get in touch.



A huge thank you to everyone who knitted angels for our Christmas angel project. There were 100 in total! Last Monday 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!

 **Coming in 2020! New Alpha course [beginning Tuesday January 14th](#). Starts with soup & sweet meal [at 6pm](#) followed by dvd 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!**

Church Flower Distributor for December is Elizabeth McKeand. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for Church flower deliveries. During January the flower distributor will be Lesly Milligan.

Interim Moderator Rev. David Bartholomew may be contacted on 01644 430380 & email Dbartholomew@churchofscotland.org.uk

The Church Office will next be open on **Friday 3rd January** from 8.30 a.m. to 16.30pm

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The Church Office team wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed year during 2020!