

KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
23 DECEMBER 2018
10 a.m. Family Service
Conducted by Rev. John Collard
Reader: Sylvia Elliot

Gathering songs: 321 “Come and join the celebration” (NB 3 verses & “Crackers and turkeys, and pudding and cream” - Praise Group

Call to worship

315 “Once in royal David’s city”

Prayer and Lord’s prayer

Advent candles

284 “Hope is a candle” v1, 2, 3, 4

Scratch nativity..

310 “See him lying on a bed of straw” & 312 “Away in a manger” - Praise Group

Readings:

Psalm 80 (p 592) Read together

Luke 1:46-55(p 1026)

302 “It was on a starry night” - Praise Group

Sermon - Mary’s song

322” Good Christians all rejoice”

Prayers for ourselves and others – Emily Harrison

323 “The first Nowel”

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Mon 24 Dec – “Carols by Candlelight Watchnight Service” – 11.30pm Community singing at 11.15

Tues 25 Dec- “Christmas Morning Service” – 11 a.m.

Sun 30 Dec – 10 a.m. Service – Joint Service

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.

Interim Minister Rev. John Collard may be contacted at the Manse. Tel: 01557 330489 or Mob: 07762567813 & email: JCollard@churchofscotland.org.uk



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity


Tues 22 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in Parish Church

Wed 23 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in St Andrew's & St Cuthbert's Church.

Thurs 24 Jan - 15 Minute prayer time at 11 a.m. in Greyfriars Church

24 hour Prayer Vigil – During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 12 noon on Sunday 27th January to 12 noon on Monday 28th January 2019. The expectation is that one, two or three people will take an hour of the vigil throughout the period. This is a great opportunity to spend a significant time in prayer for our town, our churches and our witness to Jesus. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church or online at:-

www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F48A4AA2CA1FB6-24hour1

 **Alpha Course** - Commencing on Tuesday 22 Jan at 6.p.m. in the Manse. The course will start with a simple meal – soup and sweet. We will use the new Alpha Film series and watch a 20 min presentation, followed by informal discussion and finish by 8p.m. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone who has donated tubes to be used at the next Messy Church, your help is appreciated enormously! More tubes will still be welcomed if you have them! Should you be lucky enough to receive a box of chocolates over Christmas, please could you save the lovely colourful wrappers?! And if you have satsumas or similar fruit that's packed in a net, please could you save the nets too! Any donations may be left at the church office or with Sue. Great recycling opportunity and a valid reason for munching another sweetie!!! Thank you.

Food Bank - Thank you all so much for your contributions to our Christmas boxes. Because of your generosity, we were able to make up 35 boxes, serving 11 single people, and 24 families totalling 51 adults and 46 children. These should make life a little easier for those who find the festive season a struggle financially. Our next regular collection will be at Greyfriars House, Kirkcudbright, on Tuesday 8th January, 9- 9.30am or leave at the back of our Church in the plastic box. Sugar and small packets of cereal (e.g. Weetabix) have been somewhat depleted by the Christmas boxes. However, everything else is in good supply, thanks to you and a generous Christmas donation from Kirkcudbright Academy pupils. We wish you and yours a very happy Christmas.

Church Flower Distributor for December is Elizabeth McKeand. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for Church flower deliveries. January 2019 flower distributor will be Sheila Semple.

Manse Office will be closed next week and will reopen on Thursday 3 January & Friday 4 January 9.30am -1.30pm. Tel: 01557 330489 or please use the following email address to contact the office church@kirkcudbrightparishchurch.org.uk