

KIRKCUDBRIGHT PARISH CHURCH
24th NOVEMBER 2019

9.15am Messy Church. In the Church hall. Advent theme: 'Patience and Promise'

Morning Worship at 11am. Christ the King Sunday

Conducted by Rev. Graham Finch

Scripture Reading: Louise Finch

We Approach God

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God!

Women: I will be exalted among the nations

Men: I will be exalted in the earth

Leader: The Lord Almighty is with us;

All: The God of Jacob is our refuge. (Psalm 46: 10-11)

Hymn 459 – Crown him with many crowns

Prayers of Approach and Confession

First Thoughts – Good Kings, Bad Kings

We listen to God's Word

First lesson – Jeremiah 23 : 1 - 6

Hymn 462 – The King of love my shepherd is

Second lesson – Luke 23 : 33 - 43

Hymn 391 – This is your coronation

Sermon – King and Shepherd

We respond to God's word

Hymn 449 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

Offering, followed by dedication of offering and prayers for others

Hymn 749 – Soon and very soon

We go to serve God

Benediction

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 9.00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Fellowship will **not** meet this evening (Sunday 24th November). 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.

A Special retiring collection will take place on 1st December. This is in response to a General Assembly request to the Mission Council to “assist the Tent of Nations in creating the Olive Grove Chapel, a sacred space for worship among the threatened olive groves”. This will be on the outskirts of Bethlehem, on land owned by a Palestinian Christian. Further olive trees and an irrigation system will be included. Olive trees are seen as a symbol of peace.

Christmas Gifts - On Sunday 1st December, before both Services, your Christmas gifts for local children in need may be left in front of the Communion Table. Please have your gift wrapped in Christmas paper with a label indicating as regards to age and gender. Thank you.

Angels: Thank you to all those busily knitting angels in the past few weeks. As we plan to distribute them in early December, can you please bring any remaining angels to the church office, or to Sue at the opticians as soon as possible. Many thanks!

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.

Open house at Katherine Naylor’s, 5 Castledykes Road, from 2pm till 9pm, today, Sunday 24th November. Come for a cuppa and home baking, a browse and a chat. Fairtrade gifts, crafts and homeware. Tearfund Christmas cards for sale. Buy ethically and help talented artisans make a living - make your Christmas Fairtrade!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - Our 10th Festival starts on Friday 29th November, so far there are 50 trees being prepared ready for the opening. Could you help meet and greet people during the four weekends of the Festival? There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the church. If you can give just an hour please add your name and contact details. I'm sure you will find it a rewarding experience.

The World Church Team have a stall at the Winter Wonderland on Saturday 30th November. If you have any Christmas related items, jewellery or small items you no longer need could you donate them to the stall please. Please bring to the office or contact Ann Morgan. Thank you.

Walking Group. The walking group will next be out and about in **January 2020**. The date of the walk and route will be planned nearer the time according to weather forecast and ground conditions. Please join us for walk in 2020. Our November walk took place on a beautiful sunny day and participants aged 7 months to 80 years enjoyed fun, fellowship and picnics!

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

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

The Church Office will be open on **Wednesday and Friday** next week from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30pm
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