

Kirkcudbright Parish Church
Order of Service
Sunday 24 th December 2017
10.00 a.m. Service

Gathering songs:

“Your grace will never be forgot” & “See him lying on a bed of straw” - Praise group.

Call to worship

273 “O come O come Emmanuel”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Advent candles

282 “Christmas is coming “– chorus, v1, chorus, v2, chorus, v3, chorus, v4, chorus

Doing what is right

Sunday School songs:

“It was on a starry night” & “Little Donkey” - Praise group.

Readings:

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (p 597) Read together

Matt 1:18-25 (p 965)

“Light of the world you stepped down into darkness” – Praise group.

A righteous man

322 “Good Christians all rejoice” (Offering)

Prayers for ourselves and others

323 “The first Nowell”

Benediction

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen

Christmas Services

Sunday 24 December
11.15 pm Community Carols
11.30 pm Candlelit Watchnight Service

Monday 25 December
11 am Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 31 December
10 am Morning Service
11.30 pm New Year Watchnight Service

NOTICES

Sunday Prayers for our services and community concerns are held in the Vestry each Sunday, starting half an hour before the Service at 9.30 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 Blue Prayer Box at the back of the Church using prayer slips provided on the pews, or (2) shared in confidence at any time with Charlie & Elizabeth Bennett, our Pastoral Care Convenors.

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

Dear Friends, A huge thank you to you and your members for the overwhelming amount of Christmas goodies you delivered to the Food Bank. Thanks to your generous and imaginative donations, we were able to fill 37 boxes which will bring some brightness to the families, homeless people and needy individuals who were referred to us. As well as Christmas treats, we gave each a supply of basic foodstuffs, so that no one should have to go hungry at this time. This has made some inroads into our stocks, and we will be in touch with specific needs before the next collection date on January 9th. Please pass on our thanks to all those people who have taken time to remember others in the midst of their own busy preparations. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in 2018. Carol McQuistan on behalf of Marian Dixon and the Stewartry Food Bank Team.

All the parcels and cuddly toys, kindly donated for local children, went along with the food hampers, to be distributed appropriately by Social Workers. So a big THANK YOU to everyone.

Church Flower Distributor for December is Elizabeth McKeand. Please contact her if you have any suggestions for Church flower deliveries.

Church Flower Distributor for January is Mary McHugh/

The Manse Office is closed until 3 January 2018. If you have any urgent intimations for Sunday Service before 3 January please speak to Rev. John Collard.

Coffee and fellowship - Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Church Hall.