



**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent - The Nativity**

**Minister: Rev. Ian Taylor, B.D., Th.M.**

**Musical Director: Alan A. Craig, B.Mus., P.G.C.E.**

**Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.**

Intimations

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Call to Worship

**Hymn 273**

**'O come, O come, Emmanuel,'**

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

**2 SAMUEL, Chapter 7, verses 1-11, 16**

The Advent Wreath

**Hymn 282**

**'Christmas is coming!' (Verses 1-4)**

**Sunday School - The Spider's Reward**

**Hymn 312**

**'Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,'**

**ST LUKE, Chapter 1, verses 26-38**

**Bible Wayfinders**

**Hymn Insert**

**'Because it's Christmas'**

The Offering & Sung Doxology (Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's

Prayer

**Hymn 301**

**'Hark! the herald angels sing,'**

Benediction

Choral Amen



**~ INTIMATIONS ~**

- The **Rev. Ian Taylor** will lead us in worship today.
- We are pleased to welcome any visitors who may have joined us for the Service this morning, and hope they will find a warm welcome in our midst.
- **TEA AND COFFEE** will be served in the **Cameron Hall** at the **end of the Service**. Please do join us.
- **TODAY SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE - A Family Service** will be held at **6.30 pm**. The **Service** will last for about 45 minutes. Our **Watch Night Service** will begin at **11.30 pm** with **Carol Singing** from **11.00 pm**. There will be **Retiring Collections** in aid of the **Lodging House Mission** after each **Service**.
- **TOMORROW CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - Our Parish Grouping Joint Christmas Family Service** will be held at **Kenmure Church** at **10.30 am** (lasting half an hour). This will be followed by a **short Christmas reflective Service of Holy Communion** (for those who wish to remain), as we remember the birth of our **Saviour**.
- Please note the **Church** will be closed on **25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December**, and on **1st and 2nd January**.
- **VESTRY HOURS - Please note THERE WILL NOT BE Vestry Hours** on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December** or on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.
- **WEDNESDAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP - Please note THERE WILL NOT BE Services** on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December** or on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.
- **'SONGS OF PRAISE' - The Service** on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** at **11.00 am** will take the form of a **'Songs of Praise'**, and will be led by our **Minister Rev. Ian Taylor**.
- **THE GUILD - The first Meeting** for the New Year will take place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** at **7.30 pm** in the **Springfield Hall** when there will be a **Talk** on the **'Discovery Group'** by **Anne Russell**.
- The **BIBLE STUDY GROUP'S** first meeting of the New Year will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at **7.30 pm** in the **Cambridge Chapel**. We would be delighted to welcome new members to this **Group**.
- **THE MEN'S CLUB - The first Meeting** of the New Year will take place on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** at **7.30 pm** in **Cadder Church, South Halls** when **Andrew Martin** will give a **Talk** on **'Flying for Life'**. All gentlemen of the **Congregation** are welcome to attend.
- **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - A COFFEE MORNING** will be held on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January** for **'FRESH START' - WOMEN'S AID'**.

- **BURNS LUNCH - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - The Lunch organised by the Fund Raising Group will take place after the morning Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January in the Cameron Hall - Tickets will be available on Sundays from 7<sup>th</sup> January in the Hall of Fellowship - Donation Price of £5.00 (children £2.50).
- **BB COMPANY SECTION - CHRISTMAS CARDS** - The Christmas Card Delivery Service raised the amount of £540 for the Company Section's Funds. Many thanks are extended to all who used and donated to this Service, and also to all those who successfully delivered the Christmas Cards.
- **RECYCLING** - Please note that the Long Wooden Storage Unit for donations (e.g. Ink Cartridges, CDs, DVDs, Spectacles, etc.) is located beneath the left hand 'pigeonholes' within the Cloakroom area off the Hall of Fellowship.

#### REMINDER - DUTY ROTA

31 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER (CAR PARK - Bob McMorran/Wendy Currie)	TEAM LEADER	ANNE DEACHON
7 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY (CAR PARK - Jim Smillie/Christine Faichnie)	TEAM LEADER	CHARLES DORWARD

## BECAUSE IT'S CHRISTMAS

### Chorus

*Sing your praises, leave your cares behind  
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.  
Everybody, lift your voices high  
Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.*

**Angels told us of the Christmas story,  
Leading us to the stable.  
Heaven's voices singing 'Praise and Glory!'  
Helping us to find the Saviour.**

### *Chorus*

**In the sky a special star was shining,  
Leading us to the stable.  
Heaven's blessing on a town so tiny,  
Helping us to find the Saviour.**

### *Chorus*

**Ancient prophets had already spoken,  
Leading us to the stable.  
Heaven's message to a world so broken,  
Helping us to find the Saviour.**

### *Chorus*

**Hear the message through the generations,  
Leading us to the stable.  
Heaven's hope for every tribe and nation,  
Helping us to find the Saviour.**

### **CHORUS TWICE**

**Because it's Christmas, Christmas time.**