



~ INTIMATIONS ~

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Advent - The Nativity

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

Assistant Minister: Dr Sonia Blakesley, B.D.(Min.)

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 290

'The race that long in darkness pined'

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

MICAH, Chapter 5, verses 2-5a

The Advent Wreath

Hymn 282

'Christmas is coming!' verses 1-4

Sunday School - The Nativity

Hymn 312

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

ST LUKE, Chapter 1, verses 39-45

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



- Sharing with the Rev. Ian Taylor in worship today is Dr Sonia Blakesley our Assistant Minister.
- 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.
- 'LIFE & WORK' - Please note that the January Edition of 'Life & Work' will be available for collection in the Hall of Fellowship TODAY Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.
- CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - 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 a Retiring Collection at these Services in aid of the Lodging House Mission.
- CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - The Bishopbriggs Parish Grouping will be holding a Joint Christmas Service at Kenmure Church. This 10.30 am Service will be a Family Service, and will last for about half an hour. After this those who wish to remain may do so for a Service of Holy Communion, aimed principally at adults, although all are welcome to the Lord's Table.
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> December or on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- WEDNESDAY SERVICES OF WORSHIP - Please note THERE WILL NOT BE Services on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December or on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- THE GUILD - The first Meeting of the New Year will take place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Springfield Hall when Sheila Gibson will give a Talk on her 'Visit to Jamaica'.
- The BIBLE STUDY GROUP'S first meeting of the New Year will take place on Wednesday 9<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 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in Cadder Church, South Halls when Andy Lowndes will give a Talk on 'Playlist for Life'. All gentlemen of the Congregation are welcome to attend.
- SUNDAY DUTIES - VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED: (a) GENERAL DUTIES (welcoming worshippers, distributing Orders of Service, collecting offerings, counting offerings), and (b) CAR PARK DUTIES. Each duty type involves 5/6 Sundays per annum. Please speak with or contact the Session Clerk, Jim Scott - ☎ 0141 563 2059; 07847 251752 or ✉ [jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jim.g.scott@hotmail.co.uk)
- 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.
- FABRIC APPEAL ENVELOPES - The Appeal will remain open until the end of the year for those of you who may wish to spread your contributions over a longer period.

- **CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMPETITION** - The Fund Raising Group is pleased to confirm that £235.00 was raised for Church Funds and the Winner of the Hamper is Pamela Brown. Many thanks are extended to all who entered the Competition.
- **'NAME THE DOLL' COMPETITION** - The Fund Raising Group is pleased to confirm that £101.25 was raised for Church Funds. The Winner of the Doll, named "Willie", is Kirsty Callendar. Many thanks are extended to all who entered the Competition.
- **BB COMPANY SECTION - CHRISTMAS CARDS** - The Christmas Card Delivery Service raised the amount of £516 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.
- **GIRLS' BRIGADE BAG PACKING** - The amount raised bag packing in MORRISON'S on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December by the Girls and Officers of the Girls' Brigade was £591.38.
- **AMOUNT RAISED** for Poppyscotland was £407.49.

#### REMINDER - DUTY ROTA

30 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER (CAR PARK - Derek Petrie/Roy Stewart)	TEAM LEADER	CRAIG COOPER
6 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY (CAR PARK - Drew Fleming/Duncan Mackintosh)	TEAM LEADER	ROY STEWART

## 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.