Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 24th December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons and Carols



Introit Welcome & Call to Worship - Jeremiah 23 : 5 - 6

Carol 315 : Once in royal David's city

Prayer

Lesson 1: Matthew 1: 18 - 23

Carol 303: It came upon the midnight clear [verses 1, 2 & 5]

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Children's Talk

Carol 300: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

— Young People Leave for Funday Sunday —

Lesson 2: Genesis 22:1-3, 15-18

Carol 273 : O come, O come, Emmanuel [verses 1, 2 & 5]

Lesson 3 : Isaiah 9 : 2, 6 - 7

Carol 314: Child in the manger

Lesson 4 : Luke 1 : 26 - 35, 38

Choir

Lesson 5 : Luke 2 : 1 - 7

Talk

Carol 301: Hark! the herald angels sing

Prayer

Lesson 6: Luke 2:8 - 16

Carol 296: While humble shepherds watched their flocks

Lesson 7 : Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

Carol 326: As with gladness men of old [verses 1 - 3]

John 1:1-14

Carol 306: O come, all ye faithful

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Voluntary



Intimations

1) Worship Leader

Our service this morning is led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

2) Forthcoming Services

Sunday 24th December 11:30pm Watchnight Service

Monday 25th December 11am Family Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Sunday 31st December 11am Reflective Service led by Mr W Imlay

Please note: to give our technical helpers a break, the Watchnight Service and Christmas Morning Service will be in Church only, and will not be broadcast onto Zoom. Only the regular Sunday morning services will be 'Zoomed'.

3) manna

manna is shut for a Christmas break to give staff and volunteers a well deserved rest. manna will reopen on Wednesday 3rd January at 10am.

4) Cleaner

The Church is looking for a cleaner for the Hall and Kirk House Complex. The work is for eight hours a week, which must fit around hall and room bookings. The post is temporary, but is likely to last at least three months. A specification for the job and details of pay are available. If you are interested please contact Graham Johnston at g.johnston606@btinternet.com or leave a message on 07724039844.

5) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office will not return until Friday 5th January. From this date they are going to continue both Wednesdays AND Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am in the Kirk House Complex.

6) Daily Reflections

Our minister is recording a daily reflection which is being uploaded to the church website. You can listen to the reflections here http://www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/

7) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is taking a Christmas break and will return on Wednesday 10th January. If you would like to help in the New Year, please get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

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8) Community Chest

This continues to be well supported and many thanks to all who have contributed. The appeal will continue for the time being so please support this when you can. Information is available in the Journal.

9) Prayer Room

Our Church Prayer Room (opposite the entrance to the kitchen) is a lovely quiet space available for reflection and prayer. It is available whenever the Church is open and you are encouraged to make use of it. Why not drop in before the church service for a quiet moment? The door may be closed to keep out the noise of kitchen traffic but just come in. Some may wish to pray out loud but there is no pressure to do so.

10) Ukraine Vigil

The Vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 15 minutes on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay.