Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 30th November 2025 First Sunday of Advent



Introit Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn 273 : O come, O come, Emmanuel

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespasses]

Hymn 153: Great is thy faithfulness

Children's Address

Hymn 315: Once in royal David's city

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings: Isaiah 52 v 1 - 10 [page 739] Revelation 3 v 1 - 6 [page 1235] Read by Jane Campbell

Hymn 519: Love divine, all loves excelling

Sermon

Hymn 137: All things bright and beautiful

Offering brought forward & Doxology [CH4 807] Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 352: O for a thousand tongues, to sing

Benediction & Threefold Amen Outgoing Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our service today will be led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong. Please join us in the hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

2) Evening Service

Our next evening service will take place tonight, at 6:30pm in the Church and will be a Communion Service led by our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong.

3) New Communicants

If anyone is interested in attending a short series of classes leading to joining the church by Profession of Faith, please contact our minister as soon as possible. Classes are planned to start at the end of November.

4) Christmas Gifts

We are once again collecting **new** gifts for the Toy Drive Christmas Appeal in North East Fife until next Sunday, 7th December. Gifts should be unwrapped and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors of the Church. For more information please see the November Journal or speak to Claire Owen. Monetary donations also accepted.

5) Request Cards

- Would you like to receive a visit or a telephone call from the Minister, your District Elder or a member of the Pastoral Care Team?
- Would you like to inform the minister of someone in need of a visit or a call?
- Are you interested in becoming a member of our church?
- Are you keen to arrange a baptism or wedding in our church?
-if so, please fill in one of the 'Request Cards' which can be found on the side of the yellow post box, which is located on the small table as you leave the church by the link corridor.

6) Daily Reflections

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

7) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club runs on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3pm in the Agnes Duncan Room. As always there will be refreshments, tasty bits, good company and lots of chat! This is a lovely afternoon of socialising and meeting people - all are welcome.

8) Vigil for Peace

The vigil continues on Thursdays at 7pm for about 10 minutes on the Church Green, Blyth Street, Newport-on-Tay. We are continuing to Zoom the Vigils. If you would like to join on Zoom please ask Neil Merrylees or Claire Owen for the link.

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9) Community Chest

During November we will be supporting the Rio. Please support this when you can by buying an extra item or two at your weekly shop. There is a box available every Sunday for donations. Suggested donations and more information can be found in the Journal. Donations in December will go to the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank.

10) Prayer Requests

If anyone has a prayer request for the church prayer team, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Heywood on 0771 9367 347 or email: alisonbob@btinternet.com and she will pass the request on straight away to the Prayer team WhatsApp group. Our Church Prayer Room is a lovely quiet space available for reflection and prayer. It is available when the Church is open and you are encouraged to make use of it.

11) Pastoral Care Group

This group visits on a regular basis those who can no longer attend church in person and also offers pastoral support to anyone experiencing some temporary difficulties. In all these contacts any information will be treated with confidentiality. If you would like to talk to one of us, or think you know of someone who might like to do so, please contact Margaret Imlay on 07840 231 659.

12) Post Office

The Post Office is running on <u>Wednesdays and Fridays</u> from 9:30 -11:30am in the Agnes Duncan Room.

Daily Readings

Monday 1st December: Isaiah 35:3-10

Tuesday 2nd December : Jeremiah 28 : 5 - 8

Wednesday 3rd December: Mark 13:5-13

Thursday 4th December : Romans 13 : 11 - 14

Friday 5th December: Hebrews 6:9-12

Saturday 6th December : James 5 : 7 - 8

Quote of the week

Though the soul may wanted and grow weary, our identity remains secure in the heart of God.

True strength comes not by forgetting our shame, but by being known and loved beyond it.

In this season of waiting and return, coming back to God is not a step backwards, but a step into restoration—a movement toward the One who never stops making all things new.

Rev Dr Amos B. Chewachong