

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent



Introit, Welcome & Call to Worship

Praise : God rest you merry, gentlemen
Words printed on Order of Service

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespasses]

Hymn 479 : View the present through the promise

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
Children's Address

Junior Praise 258 : This little light of mine

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Isaiah 11 v 1 - 10 [page 696]
Revelation 20 v 11 - 15 [page 1249]
Read by Fraser Ritchie

Hymn 477 : Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Sermon

Hymn 462 : The King of Love my Shepherd is

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

Hymn 301 : Hark! the herald angels 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) Church Journal

The Winter edition of the Church Journal is now ready for distributors to collect. If you do not normally receive a copy and would like to, please speak to the Welcome Team. Alternatively you can view it online at www.notchurch.co.uk

3) Christmas Gifts

We are once again collecting **new** gifts for the Toy Drive Christmas Appeal in North East Fife until today, 7th December. Gifts should be unwrapped and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors of the Church. Any gifts brought next Sunday, 14th December, will be given to Tay FM's Mission Christmas Appeal. For more information please see the Winter Journal or speak to Claire Owen. Monetary donations also accepted.

4) Christmas Concert

This Saturday, 13th December, at 4pm there is a Christmas Concert organised by our organist Hannah. It is an afternoon of piano music and duets performed by her fantastic pupils, guest musicians playing a couple of jazzy numbers, traditional fiddle music, and singing songs, with congregational carols played from the organ too. There is a suggested donation of £5.00 per adult at the door. The proceeds will go towards the maintenance of our church building.

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) Community Chest

During December we will be supporting the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank. 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. There is a particular appeal for tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned/packet soup and breakfast cereal. Other suggested donations and more information can be found in the Journal.

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8) 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/>

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) Post Office

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

12) Coffee Morning

Wormit and Balmerino Guild will hold a Coffee Morning in the East Hall, Wormit, tomorrow, 8th December, from 10am - 11:30am. All are welcome.

Daily Readings

Monday 8th December : Jeremiah 8 : 4 - 7

Tuesday 9th December : Ezra 14 : 12 - 23

Wednesday 10th December : Zephaniah 1 : 7 - 18

Thursday 11th December : Romans 2 : 1 - 11

Friday 12th December : 2 Corinthians 5 : 1 - 10

Saturday 13th December : Revelation 11 : 15 - 19

Quote of the week

Evil thrives in the shadows of double standards,
but even its longest night ends before the throne of truth.
In the end, all masks fall, and only the good endures.

Rev Dr Amos B. Chewachong

1. **God rest you merry, gentlemen,**
Let nothing you dismay.
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
2. From God our Heav'ly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
3. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoicèd much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessèd babe to find:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
4. But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*
5. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brother-hood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*