

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent



Introit
Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn : O Little town of Bethlehem
Words printed on Order of Service

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Hymn 302 : It was on a starry night when the hills were bright

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Anthem

Readings : Malachi 3 v 1 - 5 [page 961]
Revelation 3 v 7 - 13 [page 1235]
Read by Ron Caird

Hymn 543 : Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Sermon

Hymn 273 : O come, O come, Emmanuel

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

Hymn 561 : Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

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.

Our young people are rehearsing through in the hall during the service this morning for their Nativity next Sunday.

2) Next Sunday

The morning service next Sunday is our Nativity Service led by our young people. Please join us at 11am as we hear the Christmas Story from young voices.

3) Church Journal

The Winter edition is out now. 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

4) Christmas Gifts

Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the Toy Drive Christmas Appeal. About 150 gifts were taken through on Monday. Any gifts brought today, 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.

5) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club will run this Wednesday 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. This Club will then take a break over Christmas and New Year to give the helpers a well-earned break. There will be no Wednesday Club on 24th and 31st December.

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.

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/>

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9) Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, Christian Aid is focusing on the conflict in the DRC – Democratic Republic of Congo. The humanitarian emergency in DRC is one of the largest global hunger crises of our time with more than 27million in need of food. Almost one half of deaths of children under 5 is due to malnutrition. Christian Aid is working with trusted partners to provide money to those most in need. Red envelopes will be in the pews in December and can be placed in the Offering plate. For more information please see the Winter Journal. Thank you. Margaret Imlay

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) Christmas Greetings

Wishing all at Newport Church a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

From Garry and Sandra Fraser

Wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From Mandy and Chris Wilman

Daily Readings

Monday 15th December : Matthew 11 : 16 - 24

Tuesday 16th December : John 10 : 40 - 42

Wednesday 17th December : Acts 13 : 13 - 25

Thursday 18th December : Romans 15 : 8 - 13

Friday 19th December : Philippians 2 : 19 - 30

Saturday 20th December : Isaiah 60 : 19 - 20

Quote of the week

Christ does not need our strength to open a door.

He asks for our grip.

Hold fast, walk steadily, and watch the One with the key make a way
that cannot be closed.

Rev Dr Amos B. Chewachong

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Forthcoming Advent Services

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| Sunday 21st December | 11am | Nativity Service led by our Young People |
| Wednesday 24th December | 11:30pm | Watchnight Service |
| Thursday 25th December | 11am | Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong |
| Sunday 28th December | 11am | End of Year Service led by Rev Chewachong |
| Sunday 4th January 2026 | 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'.