

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent Nativity Service



Introit
Welcome - Amos

Hymn 315 : Once in royal David's city

The Nativity Special! - Who's the Most Important

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

[Please remain seated during the following Carols]

Hymn 309 : Still the night, holy the night!

Hymn 304 : O little town of Bethlehem [omit verse 3]

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

Junior Praise 271 : We three kings of Orient are [omit verse 5]

Hymn 323 : The first Nowell the angel did say [omit verses 4 & 6]

Hymn 312 : Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

Prayers for Others

Thank You! - Amos

Hymn 320 : Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Benediction & Threefold Amen
Outgoing Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our Nativity Service today will be led by our young people. Please join us in the hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

2) manna

manna will be open on Tuesday 23rd December (10am - 4:30pm) and Wednesday 24th December from 10am - 3pm and will then shut for a Christmas break to give staff and volunteers a well deserved rest. manna will reopen on Tuesday 6th January at 10am.

3) Funday Sundays

Can you help? We are looking for 2 people to run an activity (your choice!) with the children on Sunday 28th December and Sunday 4th January. You don't need to do both weeks (unless you want to!). Please let Fiona Hutchinson know by emailing fionah2208@gmail.com if you can help. This is an opportunity to share an activity with the children and for them to meet different adults in the church family. Example of activities include board games, origami, craft activities, baking, a sport or a scavenger hunt.

4) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club is taking 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.

5) 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.

6) 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.

7) 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/>

8) 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.

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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) 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.

12) Post Office

The Pop-Up Post Office has now finished for the festive period and will return on Friday 9th January.

Forthcoming Advent Services

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 Sunday morning services will be 'Zoomed'.

Daily Readings

Monday 22nd December : Luke 1 : 1 - 25

Tuesday 23rd December : Luke 1 : 26 - 38

Wednesday 24th December : Luke 1 : 39 - 55

Thursday 25th December : Luke 2 : 1 - 20

Friday 26th December : Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

Saturday 27th December : Matthew 2 : 13 - 23

Quote of the week

Christmas is the day that holds all time together,
for in the birth of Christ,
eternity touched earth and hope was born anew.

May God grant your household health, harmony, and joy this Christmas.

