

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 4th January 2026



Welcomes
Call to Worship

Hymn 326 : As with gladness men of old

Prayer of Approach & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Children's Address - What's in a name?

Hymn 310 : See him lying on a bed of straw

— Young People leave —

Readings : Psalm 100 [page 604]

Acts 2 v 42 - 47 [page 1094]

Read by David Husband

Hymn 331 : Unto us a boy is born!

Sermon - Back to the Future

Hymn 295 : Who would think that was needed [Tune : Abbot's Leigh]

Offering brought forward & Doxology [CH4 807]

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 680 : You are called to tell the story

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Outgoing Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

Our service today will be led by Mr Bill Imlay, a member of our Worship Team. Please join us in the hall after the service for tea, coffee and fellowship.

2) Kirk Session

The next meeting of the Kirk Session will take place on Wednesday 14th January at 7:30pm. This will be a hybrid meeting held jointly in the Agnes Duncan Room and on Zoom.

3) Funeral Details

A celebration of Moira Clark's life will be held in our Church on Saturday 17th January at 2pm following a private cremation. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the celebration service.

4) manna

manna reopens this Tuesday, 6th January, at 10am.

5) Wednesday Afternoon Club

The Wednesday Afternoon Club restarts this week, 7th January, 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 January we will be supporting St Salvador's Food Cupboard. 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.

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.

Intimations

10) Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

This appeal is now closing and any envelopes should be returned as soon as possible. Thanks to all those who have contributed.

Margaret Imlay.

11) Used Stamps

If you have any stamps on your mail still lying around from Christmas, please cut around the stamps leaving a small border and put them in the postbox at the back of the church, or pass them on to Muriel McCabe. The current appeal is to help a hospital in Gaza. A poster is on the noticeboard outside the hall with more details.

The stamp collection will cease by February 2026.

12) 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.

13) Pastoral Care Group

This group acts as a friendly link between the church and those who can no longer attend in person by visiting them on a regular basis. The group 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.

14) Post Office

The Post Office will restart this Friday, 9th January, from 9:30 -11:30am in the Agnes Duncan Room. It will then resume running on both Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am.

Daily Readings

Monday 5th January : Mark 1 : 1 - 12

Tuesday 6th January : Mark 1 : 14 - 20

Wednesday 7th January : Mark 1 : 21 - 28

Thursday 8th January : Philemon 1 : 1 - 8

Friday 9th January : Philemon 1 : 9 - 22

Saturday 10th January : Proverbs 24 : 26 - 34

Quote of the week

No generation has exactly the same mentality as the generation that went before.

Christians have continually to appropriate Christian truth afresh,
not change but rethink their beliefs and gain a new understanding
of the revelation of God in Christ.

That revelation is a reality always present.

Charles Davis

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