

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 25th January 2026



Introit
Welcomes and Call to Prayer

Hymn 477 : Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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

Hymn 448 : Lord, the light of your love is shining

Children's Address

Junior Praise 258 : This little light of mine

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Isaiah 9 v 1 - 4 [page 693]

Matthew 4 v 12 - 23 [page 968]

Read by Eleanor Owen

Hymn 543 : Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Sermon - Light of the World

Hymn 540 : I heard the voice of Jesus say

Offering brought forward & Doxology [CH4 807]

Prayers of Dedication and Intercession

Hymn 286 : Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Benediction & Threefold Amen

Outgoing Voluntary

Intimations

1) Welcome

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

2) No Youth Groups this week

Please note there will be no youth group this morning, and no manna this evening. The groups will meet again next Sunday, 1st February.

3) Evening Service

Our next Evening Service will take place tonight at 6.30pm in the Church and will be led by Mr Philip Owen, a member of our Worship Team. There will be no Communion during the evening service.

4) Service of Union

On the 1st of January two of our neighbouring congregations, Balmerino & Wormit, and Creich, Flisk & Kilmany, united to form a single church. The church is holding a Service of Union at 7pm on Thursday 12th March in Wormit Church, and has extended a warm invitation to us all. Please join in the celebration if you are able.

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 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. In February we will be supporting The Rio.

8) The Kingdom for the King

The Kingdom for the King is an interdenominational time of prayer for Fife. It is part of Pray for Scotland who pray for one region of Scotland per month. The month from 19th January until 17th February is focussing on Fife. For more information, including events and a great prayer guide, please visit the website:

www.thekingdomfortheKing.co.uk/

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9) Used Stamps

Today is the last opportunity for handing in stamps as the national appeal is closing. Many thanks to all who have supported this over the years.

10) Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

I would like to thank everyone who returned an envelope in response to this very emotive appeal. Thanks also to anyone who had popped money into the Penny Bucket in the last month or two. A total of £320 has been sent to Christian Aid.

Margaret Imlay

11) 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/>

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) 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.

15) Post Office

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

A Burns Themed Blessing

May the Light of Christ,
the True Light o' the Warld,
guide your steps through the gloaming
and lead ye on the paths of righteousness.

As ye go forth, may ye be 'kindly with your kind.'
Reach out a hand to those who stumble,
share your light with those in the dark,
and may the Word of God be a 'canty' (cheerful) song in your heart
throughout the week.

May the peace of the Lord be with ye,
your 'neebors,' and all your 'kith and kin.'
And may the blessing of God —
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit —
rest upon ye and bide with ye
now and for ever mair.

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