

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Order of Service 22nd February 2026 1st Sunday in Lent



Introit
Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 132 : Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [Trespases]

Hymn 337 : Forty days and forty nights

Children's Address

Hymn 641 : Seek ye first the kingdom of God

— Young People leave —

Anthem

Readings : Deuteronomy 6 v 10 - 17 [page 185]
Matthew 4 v 1 - 11 [page 967]

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

Sermon

Praise : Nearer, my God, to Thee
MP 482—Words printed on Order of Service

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

Hymn 513 : Courage, brother! do not stumble

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) Evening Service

Our next Evening Service will take place tonight at 6.30pm in the Church and will be a Communion Service led by Rev Dr Amos Chewachong. All are welcome.

3) manna 20th Birthday Party

This will take place on Sunday 8th March from 2-4pm in the church hall. A light buffet will be provided and all volunteers past and present are welcome! Please email Diane to confirm whether or not you will attend dianemillermanna@gmail.com

4) New Blood for manna Management Committee!

manna will be celebrating 20 years at the beginning of March! Some of the “old guard” are leaving and we need new people on the committee. If the inclusive, outreach ethos of manna, together with its contribution to a Christian Youth Worker presence in our community touches you in any way and you would like to contribute to its future management, please get in touch with me for a no obligation chat.

Alison Heywood, 07719367347, alisonbob@btinternet.com

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 February we will be supporting The Rio. 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. Donations in March will be supporting the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank.

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) World Day of Prayer

This will take place in our church on Friday 6th March at 2pm. This year it is prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and fellowship after the service. "I will give you rest; - Come" Mathew 11 v 28.

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) 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.

13) 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.

Daily Readings

Monday 23rd February : Job 1 : 1 - 5

Tuesday 24th February : Job 1 : 6 - 12

Wednesday 25th February : Job 1 : 13 - 22

Thursday 26th February : Job 2 : 1 - 13

Friday 27th February : 1 John 3 : 4 - 10

Saturday 28th February : Revelation 20 : 1 - 6

Quote of the week

In the wilderness, Jesus revealed that true strength was quiet obedience.
Tempted in hunger, identity, and power,
he chose trust over shortcuts and worship over ambition.
Before public ministry came a hidden victory,
proving that real authority is formed through faithful obedience to God.

Amos B Chewachong (PhD)

1. **Nearer, my God, to Thee,**
nearer to Thee:
e'en though it be a cross
that raiseth me,
still all my song would be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee,
nearer to Thee.
2. Though, like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
darkness be over me,
my rest a stone,
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee,
nearer to Thee.
3. There let the way appear,
steps up to heaven;
all that Thou sendest me,
in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee,
nearer to Thee.
4. Then, with my waking thoughts
bright with Thy praise,
out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee,
nearer to Thee.
5. Or, if on joyful wing
cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot,
upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to Thee,
nearer to Thee,
nearer to Thee.