



Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus.

Sunday 22nd December 2019

Call We light the fourth candle as we wait in expectation for God's promises to be fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah, his Chosen One.

As we wait for Jesus to come, may we spread the good news through the love we show to others.

Morning Worship 9.30am
Theme: For unto us a son is born
Preacher: John Young
Reading: John 1:1-18 (page 1062)
315 Once in Royal David's City
309 Still the night
295 Who would think?
Sheet Thou didst leave thy throne

11am All-age Nativity Service
Theme: When did it all begin?
Sheet Come and light the candles
304 O little town of Bethlehem (omit v2)
312 Away in a manger
(offering) 313 See in yonder manger low (omit vv 3&4)
323 The first Nowell (omit vv 4&5)

- *Children are welcome throughout the services. Sound is also piped into the church vestry (toys available).*
- *We have a loop system for those who use a hearing aid.*
- *Please check that your mobile phone is switched off.*
- *Large print Bibles, hymnbooks & hymn sheets are available on welcome desks.*

Teas and coffees will be served in the Halls Foyer after both services.

2.30pm Liberton Hospital Carol Service (SEECAT)

7pm Anderson Hall Big Carol Sing followed by refreshments
Informal, fun, a great sing-song. Flyers available – please pass on to neighbours and friends.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 23rd December

9am-2pm Foyer Kirkgate Café

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

9am-12noon Foyer Kirkgate Café - free mince pies and a hot drink

4pm Kirk Christingle Service (Flyers available – please pass on to young families you know.)

(Retiring offering for Compassion UK)

11.15pm Kirk Watchnight Service

(Retiring offering for Bethany Christian Trust)

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

10.30am Kirk Joint with Gracemount Church

(Retiring offering for Fresh Start)

Saturday 28th December

Lunchtime concert with Philomusica of Edinburgh, Saturday 28th December at 1.00 p.m. in the Church. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. A concert of popular classics for the festive season. Tickets available after both services or by contacting Mary Davidson (tel. 664 6789), with a suggested donation of £8 to support the World Mission Team programme for 2019-20.

Sunday 29th December

10.30 am - All Age Worship

Theme: Promise fulfilled

Reading: Luke 2:21-40 (page 1028)

Preacher: Jared Hay

10am – Prayer time in the Elders' Room

No evening worship

Prayer Changes Things

If you would like someone to pray with you at the end of the service, please make your way to the Prayer Corner at the East Door or to the back of church. Also please use the Prayer Tree, or the boxes provided, for your prayer needs and requests.

Notices

Sunday 5th January – one morning service at 10.30am.

Jonny's Ordination at New Hills, Aberdeen Thursday 16th January. Sign-up sheet available on the West Welcome Desk for seats on a coach.

Congregational Focus Day Saturday 18th January, 9.30-12 noon in the Kirk. Guest Speaker: Mike Parker. All Welcome! Sign-up forms at the Café counter or the Church West Welcome Desk.



Sermon Notes

- 1) If you think back to your own childhood, what is the first image of Jesus that comes to mind?
- 2) What is the first image JNY focuses on? Do you agree that it is the most unifying? Why do you think this is so?
- 3) What is the second image JNY focuses on? Why is this image a bit more problematic?
- 4) What is the third image JNY focuses on? What are the two common reactions to this image?
- 5) What is the fourth image JNY focuses on? What does this image signify to you?
- 6) What does JNY mean when he says, "The challenge of Christmas is always the challenge of which Jesus we choose to believe in?"

Our theme for 2019 – (John 15:14). *"I have called you Friends"*

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To include anything in the Notice Sheet please contact Jacqui Tait (by Thursday) on jacqui.tait1@btinternet.com or text 07743478468.

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