



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent I
Sunday 29 November 2015
11:00 a.m.



rediscovery

You are very welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church.

Please sit wherever you like. If you are visiting then please sign the visitors' book in the foyer. Children are always welcome and the foyer is available during the service should you wish to use it.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Rita King (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Bill Mitchell (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Mary Fraser, remembering dear Jack's birthday.



Gathering Song	Sing of the Lord's goodness	CH 157
Call to Worship		
Leader:	From the silence of eternity the sound of the Word echoes, speaking life into being.	
All:	Come let us hear, let us rediscover, let us re-read our lives in the light of the Word's goodness and truth, and as we do so may we worship God.	
Praise	Here in this place	CH 623
Welcome and Church Notices		
Opening Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us the wrong we have done, as we forgive those who have wronged us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.	

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Praise

The Candles at Advent

Words: Cecelia Young

Music: Peter Johnston

1. The candles at Advent as Christmas draws near;
their strong and unfaltering flames we hold dear.
And each has a message God's promise reminds,
in sending our Saviour, whose life to us binds.
2. The first of the candles brings Hope with its light,
through times of despair or whatever our plight.
When reaching to touch its most delicate ray,
the faithful and trusting through him find the way.
*Light of darkness, Hope is to come,
for God will send his Son.
Hope everlasting when he shall come down,
the long awaited One.*

All Age Message

Never Far Away

Praise

God beside

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When I wake up in the morning, in my bed
God behind, God beside, God ahead
When I'm eating up my breakfast - bacon and egg
God behind, God beside, God ahead
When I'm going on a summer holiday
God behind, God beside, God ahead
When I'm opening my presents, Christmas day
God behind, God beside, God ahead

In the sunshine (Aaah!)
And the rain (Aw!)
In the laughter (Ha Ha Ha!)
And in the pain (Ouch!)

With us in the morning, with us in the day
 With us in the evening, always, always,
 always, always.....

When it feels like you've been left out...on your own
 God behind, God beside, God ahead
 When there are no cards or letters...no one phones
 God behind, God beside, God ahead
 When you fall out with your friends...feeling sad
 God behind, God beside, God ahead
 When somebody in your family...drives you mad
 God behind, God beside, God ahead

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 And the rain (Aw!)
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 (x 2)

Children leave for Sunday Club

Readings 2 Kings, chapter 22, verses 1-10
 2 Kings, chapter 23, verses 1-3

Unearthing

Praise Thanks to God whose word was spoken CH 605

Message Rediscovered and unleashed

The Offering

Praise Before the world began CH 317

Prayer of Dedication

Please remain standing

God of revelation,
 uncover in us the expectation to serve,
 reveal in us a spirit of compassion,
 let loose in us the desire to give back
 of our time, our treasure, and our talent.
 May we work in this Advent season
 looking forward to the rediscovery
 of hope and joy in our time,
 and in our place.
 Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise

O come, O come, Emmanuel

CH 273

The Sending

Leader: May the past
 All: be the foundation of our faith.
 Leader: May the present
 All: be the channel of our faith.
 Leader: May the future
 All: be the focus of our faith.
 Leader: And may we, in journeying together:
 All: uncover new truths,
 rediscover fresh insights
 and share new visions
 in the story of God's people.

The Blessing

Please remain standing

Sung Amen



Speak Out
Climate Change

I pledge to...

How will you speak out against climate change?

Make your pledge this Sunday after the service.

What will you do...?

Join the National Youth Assembly and Eco-Congregation Scotland: Speak out for climate justice.

Climate change is the biggest threat that our planet has faced in recent times. Our planet is changing at a rate never experienced before and for the first time in the earth's history, a species is causing it. That species is us.

Solving the earth's energy crisis is a complex issue and there are no straightforward answers. It is simply not black and white. However, engaging in campaigns such as this is a step in the right direction. It makes us aware and educated, which can lead towards activism and ultimately change.

So please, help us to help our planet. Make a pledge today, snap a pic and we'll upload it, unite their voices and demand justice for our earth.



1. **Cosy House:** Calling all youth! Come along to the Cosy House tonight at 6:30. We'll have a movie night!
2. **Speak Out:** Make your personal pledge today in the Hall and take action against climate change.
3. **Advent Journey:** In the first week of Advent on Monday 30 November the church will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for anyone to explore an Advent Journey through the Christmas story. There will be eight different stops on the journey at which you can think about a part of the story while also getting your hands busy in helping to create large tableaux that after this evening will be used to decorate the church sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas season. This is open to all ages and you can come at any time between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Consider allowing around 40 minutes for your journey.
4. **The Friendship Team** will meet in the Upper Room following worship on Sunday 6th December.
5. **Volunteers Needed:** If you are able to help out with the Bubblegum 'n Fluff Event for Primary 6 pupils at Ferryhill Church on Monday 7 December and/or at South Holburn Church on Friday 11 December from 9:00-noon, please contact Rev Peter Johnston.
6. **Coffee Shop:** Please note that the Coffee Shop will close for its annual break from Monday 14 December and will reopen 11 January. This allows for the kitchen and foyer to be prepared for the year ahead.
7. **Christmas Hamper:** Although a Christmas Fair is not planned for this year, the customary Christmas Hamper will be prepared and donated by Kathleen Hird and will be in the Coffee Shop daily for all to guess its value. Also donated for raffle are two beautiful quilts handcrafted by Trixie Catto. The winners will be drawn on 12 December.
8. **Woodend Hospital Carol Singing:** On Monday 14 December from 5:30-7:00 p.m. both singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join in caroling around the wards. The meeting point will be Ward 5N Day Room at Woodend.
9. **"Pushing Out the Boat":** The latest edition of the best regional literary publication in Scotland, edited locally here in Ferryhill, with stories, poems and art from around the world, is available for sale on our Book Stall. It would make a great Christmas gift for a literary friend! Price £7 each or special seasonal offer of 2 copies for £10.
10. **Traidcraft Stall:** If you are looking for some gifts for Christmas, stop at the Traidcraft Stall after the service, where you will see a small sample of the many craft items available in the catalogue and online. We also have cards, wrapping paper and some very cute reindeer and Santa chocolate lollies. There is still time to buy raffle tickets for our gorgeous Christmas hamper.



This Week's Eco Tip

Natural remedy for sore throats

For a cheaper and natural alternative to shop-bought cough medicine, soothe sore throats with an infusion of organic honey and lemon in hot water. The honey will relieve irritation and has valuable antimicrobial properties.



Contacts

Please contact the Minister, Rev Peter Johnston, for information about Church Membership, Baptism, or being married in Church, or complete one of the cards available in the Hymn Book and hand it in as you leave.

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