



# Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent 2  
Sunday 6 December 2015  
11:00 a.m.



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)  
Ann Ralph (Reader)  
Kevin Haggart (Organist)  
Robert Nicol (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Yvonne Haig.



Gathering Song

Come now, O Prince of Peace

CH 275

Call to Worship

Leader: In the old we find the new

**All: and in our own times**

**All things are being made new.**

Leader: In this new day

**All: let us rest in the Ancient of Days**

**and the flowing spirit of unfolding truth.**

Leader: Let his Word and his Love renew our ways

**All: for God is worthy of our companionship**

**for life and the world.**

Leader: This is time for worship.

**All: We begin again.**

Praise

Comfort, comfort now my people

CH 274

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 Second 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.*
3. The Love that this candle tells of shall endure;  
is always forgiving, and caring and sure.  
Our Lord is to come and he comes us to lead:  
to teach us to love in our word and our deed.  
*Light of darkness, Love is to come,  
for God will send his Son.  
Love everlasting when he shall come down,  
the long awaited One.*

All Age Message

Help is coming!

Praise

Prepare Ye The Way

Music & Words: Peter Johnston

*Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,  
make straight the path for our God!  
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,  
make straight the path for our God!*

1. Through the valleys of the dark shadows,  
through the pain of loss and fear,  
on the path that we all follow  
may we know that love is near.

*Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,  
make straight the path for our God!  
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,  
make straight the path for our God!*

2. Can we see in those around us,  
can we see with our own eyes,  
that God's glory shines upon us  
we reveal it in our lives?

*Prepare ye the way...*

Children leave for Sunday Club

How Can I Say It?

Readings                      Isaiah, chapter 40, verses 1-11

Message                      The Prophet's Promise

The Offering

Praise                      When the hungry who have nothing                      CH 258

Prayer of Dedication    *Please remain standing*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise                      People, look East    CH 281

The Blessing    *Please remain standing*

Sung Amen



1. **Cafe Connect:** Join us tonight at 7:00 in the Foyer!
2. **The Friendship Team** will meet in the Upper Room following worship today.
3. **Discipleship Team:** The next Discipleship Team meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 7pm in the Foyer.
4. **The Stewardship Team** will meet in the Upper Room on Wednesday 9 December at 7:15 pm.
5. **The Freewill Offering Envelopes** for 2016 are now available. Can Area Care Teams please collect from the Foyer and arrange for their distribution before the end of the year.
6. **Bikeathon:** Fancy a challenge this winter? Churches across the presbytery are participating in the Malawi Partnership Committee's fundraising challenge to cycle the distance from Aberdeen to Blantyre City in Malawi, a little over 12,000 miles. The presbytery as a whole is being challenged to cycle that same distance. The purpose of this challenge is to raise some funds to support the poor rural churches and communities in the villages around Blantyre City. At Ferryhill we will be getting involved with the aim of contributing at least 1,000 miles to the grand total through sponsorship, individual contributions and the 24 hour challenge. Learn more about our efforts today!
7. **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.
8. **The Big Christmas Card:** Why not support our Christmas charities and pass on good wishes to your friends in the congregation by completing the "Big Christmas Card" in the foyer and making a donation? Many folk find this a suitable alternative to sending individual cards and helping those less fortunate in our community and overseas.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **"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.
12. **Traidcraft Stall:** Have you started to look out your Christmas Tree decorations? Why not add some new ones this year? We have some lovely hand made decorations at the stall today, made by craft workers in developing countries. The income from these crafts helps to sustain them and their families.



## This Week's Eco Tip

### Seasonal food in December

Cook with the freshest local produce this month, including Jerusalem artichokes, kale, beetroot, celeriac and parsnips. As well as the veg, look out for apples, pears and chestnuts.



## 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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