



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Christmas I

Sunday 27 December 2015

11:00 a.m.

Tableaux & Carols



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:

Gwen Haggart, Yvonne Haig, Graeme Roberts and Rev Peter Johnston
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Ian Stage (Beadle)
Lorna Glen (Reader)

The flowers in the sanctuary have been donated this week by Lorna Glen, with warm memories of family, friends and times past.



Gathering Carol Once in royal David's city CH 315

Call to Worship

Leader: The light has come,

All: praise be to God the creator!

Leader: The light has come,

All: praise be to Jesus, shining in the dark!

Leader: The light has come,

All: praise be to the Spirit, illuminating our souls!

Leader: Let us journey together, as your faithful people,

All: and find our place on the Way.

Carol Hark, the herald angels sing CH 301

Welcome and Church Notices

Ferryhill Singers Ding dong! Merrily on high

The Christmas Tableaux Journey: Part I

1. The People Who Walk in Darkness

Carol The race that long in darkness pined CH 290

2. Mary's Vision in Nazareth

Carol The angel Gabriel from heaven came CH 285

3. A Census is Taken of the Roman World

Carol The voice of God goes out (Tune: Woodlands) CH 283

4. Joseph and Mary Travel to Bethlehem

Carol O little town of Bethlehem CH 304

Prayer

Ferryhill Singers The Nativity Carol

By John Rutter

The Christmas Tableaux Journey: Part 2

5. Jesus Born in Humble Surroundings

Carol It was on a starry night CH 302

6. The Good News Reaches the Hills

Carol The first Nowell CH 323

7. Visitors Travel from the East

Carol As with gladness, men of old CH 326

The Offering

Act of Dedication

We walk the journey together this morning,
 from darkness to light,
 from expectation to fulfilment,
 from hope to celebration,
 and we find our place as part of that journey.
 May we commit ourselves once more
 to be followers of this Christ child,
 and do so through our giving,
 just as those travellers from the East,
 and through our time and service,
 that we may all be bearers of your light,
 dear Lord God.
 Amen.

8. Difficult Days Lie Ahead

Song Mary, did you know?

Prayers and 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.

Praise

See, amid the winter's snow

CH 588

The Blessing

Sung Amen

Happy Hogmanay!

Blessings to you and the ones you love for a new
year full of joy and peace.



- 1. Care Home Service:** Join us at Maryfield East Care Home tonight for our 6 p.m. service.
- 2. Coordinating Committee:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th January at 7:15 p.m.
- 3. 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!
- 4. New Elders:** We invite church members to propose the names of those they think should be considered for this office within the church. Names should be submitted to the Session Clerk, Lorna Glen, in confidence, during December and early January. It would be helpful to have a short rationale for your suggestion included and please note that an elder needs to be a church member.
- 5. Minister's Email Change:** Please note that from January all email correspondence with Peter relating to church business must be through the official Church of Scotland email address. This is to comply with data protection guidance within the Church of Scotland. Please update your email address books to add pjohnston@churchofscotland.org.uk.
- 6. Traidcraft Stall:** Stop by to see what's available in the stall today!



This Week's Eco Tip

Seasonal food in winter

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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