



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent I
3 December 2017
11 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.

Please note that we are experimenting with live streaming of worship. If you do not wish to be seen on the broadcast stream, the seating below the gallery and in the gallery is beyond the view of the cameras.

Today's worship is led by:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Ann Ralph (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Robert Nicol (Beadle)

The flowers today are donated by Mary Fraser, remembering Jack.



Gathering Praise

Do not be afraid

CH 191

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the beginning time
for incarnation,
for God to quicken in skin
and step among us.

**All: So with every traveller on the way,
each follower of promise,
each wonderer and questioner,
each of us who dares to trust the promise of
God,
we come to worship.**

Leader: Let us gather in the Advent
of a God who enters the fiery furnace
of the unstable places of our world.

Praise

Make way, make way

CH 279

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: Cecilia 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

A fiery warning

Praise

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Words: Jerri Fusch, Tune: Joshua fit the battle

1. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
Abednego, Abednego,
they only bowed down to the Lord above,
they worshipped him alone.
2. The king had them thrown into the flames,
into the flames, into the flames;
the king had them thrown into the flames,
'cause they worshipped God alone.
3. God sent his angel to rescue them,
rescue them, rescue them;

3. God sent his angel to rescue them,
and they were not harmed at all.
4. The king said, "Praise be to their God,
to their God, to their God!"
The king said, "Praise be to their God!
He saved them from the flames!"

Children leave for Sunday Club

Reading Daniel 3: 1, 8-30

Message The companionship of God

The Offering

Offering Praise God moves in a mysterious way CH 158

Act of Dedication *Please remain standing*

Waiting God,
we commit ourselves to waiting with you,
waiting to hear your voice,
waiting to know your will,
waiting to discover
how you want us to serve you
with all that you have given us
for the life of the world.
Amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near CH 280

Sending

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.



Christmas

Wreath Making Night

Thursday 7th December from 7.30pm at Ferryhill Church

No experience needed as full tuition will be given. The wreaths will be created using plain Noble Fir wreath bases which you will be able to decorate using cones, dried fruit, cinnamon sticks and ribbons, however please feel free to bring along any other items which you'd like to add to tie in with your own Christmas décor.

Spaces are £20pp & are very limited on a first come, first served basis so book quickly! Please email kidsatferryhill@gmail.com or text 07502 045834.

Christmas at Ferryhill

Opportunities to celebrate the birth of Jesus,
the Light of God coming to the world,
the Word of God made flesh to live with us,
bringing hope, peace, joy and love.

Christmas Eve 24 December 2017

11:00

Morning Worship Service
for all ages

12:00

Christingle preparations in the church hall
to help create the Christingles we will use later in the evening

18:30

Christingle Service
for families

23:00

Carol Singing

23:30

Watchnight Service

Christmas Day 25 December 2017

10:00

Morning Worship Service

A short family oriented service to which
children are welcome to bring a present to show

A Kirk for All
at Ferryhill





1. **Café Connect:** Join us **this evening** in the Foyer for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome.
2. **Friendship Team:** We will meet in the Sanctuary following morning worship **today**.
3. **Monday Fellowship:** Join us tomorrow (**4 December**) at **2:15 p.m. in the Foyer** for our Christmas Tea with music. Come along and join the fun!
4. **Presbytery Meeting:** Will take place at **Queen's Cross Church** on Tuesday **5 December** at **7p.m.**
5. **Cowdray Club:** There will be a service at the Cowdray Club at **11 a.m.** on **Wednesday 6 December**. This service will be led by Graeme Roberts. Please join us.
6. **The Cosy House:** A reminder that next week's Cosy House on **10 December** will take place at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Manse**.
7. **The Guild:** Get your gladrags on for our Christmas party on **Wednesday 13 December** at **7: 30 p.m.** in the **Foyer**. All welcome.
8. **The freewill offering envelopes** for 2018 are now available. Can Area Care Teams please collect from the Foyer and arrange for their distribution before the end of the year. Thank you.
9. **The Big Christmas Card:** Why not support our Christmas Charities, The Living Well Project and the Vine Trust, and pass on good wishes to your friends in the congregation by signing the "Big Christmas Card" in the foyer and making a donation. Many folk find this a suitable alternative to sending individual cards and at the same time helping others in our community and overseas.
10. **Traidcraft Stall:** If you are thinking about making your cake, pudding or mincemeat for Christmas, we have a lovely selection of dried fruit - raisins, sultanas and mixed dried fruit. If you prefer to buy your Christmas goodies, we have small Christmas cakes and home made mincemeat on the stall. Puddings can be ordered from the website. Traidcraft also sell Christmas hampers full of special Christmas treats. Speak to the team at the stall to order.
11. **Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.

Useful Information



Eco Tip

Get creative with your wrapping!

Countrywide, we produce nearly 100 square kilometres of wrapping paper waste and 125,000 of waste packaging over Christmas each year. Try using paper bags, magazines or old maps, or thinking outside the realm of paper wrapping and use old tablecloths and fabric swatches to create gift bags you can use year after year. You may not have the same Santa-and-snowflake-print gifts as everyone else, but with a little bit of creativity, your gift-wrap can be just as festive — and not nearly as wasteful.



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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