



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent 3
17 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)
Gwen Haggart (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Ian Cumming (Beadle)

The flowers today are donated by Louisa Sherriffs.



Gathering Praise Comfort, comfort now my people CH 274

Call to Worship:

Leader: Headlines, tweets, propaganda,
24 hour news, breaking news,
so many ways in which the world
(or a version of the world)
comes to us.

**All: But where is the invitation
to find a new way to live,
the way of hope,
generosity and justice?**

Leader: Let us listen this Advent
to the quiet, persistent voices
that chant and sing:

**All: “For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song.”**

Leader: Around a dream, an invitation,
we gather as one
and open the door in welcome.
Let us worship God.

Praise Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes CH 277

Welcome and Church Notices

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Praise The Candles At Advent

Words: Cecilia Young

Music: Peter Johnston

I. 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.*

4. Now, Peace is the candle, its elusive flame,
some search for relentlessly; striving in vain.
In quiet reflection, considering God's grace,
then those ever thankful shall surely find Peace.

*Light of darkness, Peace is to come,
for God will send his Son.
Peace everlasting when he shall come down,
the long awaited One.*

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.

Supermarket Sweep

Reading

Isaiah 55:1-12

Praise

You shall go out with joy

CH 804

Message

God's Shape for the World

The Offering

Offering Praise

God, you call us to the waters

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: Infant Holy (MP 342)

1. God, you call us to the waters
 where your gracious blessings flow,
 yet we ask: "What should we offer?"
 "What's the cost?" We want to know.
 What we long for — can we earn it?
 Can we buy it? Can we learn it?
 What's the cost? We want to know.
 What's the cost? We want to know.
2. We confess your invitation
 sounds too wondrous to be true.
 Milk and wine and your salvation,
 living water — gifts from you!

May your waters and your table
now remind us you are able
to give life, and life anew,
to give life, and life anew.

3. When we search for things to feed us
that will never satisfy,
Lord we pray that you will lead us
to the waters you provide.
Help us turn to seek your waters,
as repenting sons and daughters;
lead us to abundant life,
lead us to abundant life.
4. May your church here be a witness
to your generosity.
May we share your life and wholeness —
gifts of grace, for all and free.
May the poor find here your kingdom;
may the seekers find a welcome;
may the hungry come and eat,
may the hungry come and eat.

Act of Dedication

Please remain standing

Lord, your word is freely given to us
and gives us life.

Receive now our offerings of money.
We offer them freely and pray that
they may be used to make your kingdom come,
both here at home and around the world.

Lord, your word feeds us and enables us
to continue the work that Jesus began,
help us to freely offer all our gifts to your use. Amen

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise When out of poverty is born CH 291

Sending

Sung Amen

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.
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Christmas at Ferryhill

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December

- 11:00 a.m. Worship for all ages “#wordofflesh”
- 12 noon Christingle preparations in the Church Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Christingle Service for families
- 11:00 p.m. Carol Singing
- 11:30 p.m. Watchnight Service

Christmas Day

Monday 25 December

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service - a short family oriented service to which children are welcome to bring a present to show.

Sunday 31 December

11:00 a.m. Worship for all ages “#wordofwilderness”





1. **Sunday Club:** There is no Sunday Club next Sunday (**24 December**). We will begin our new tem on **Sunday 7 January**.
2. **Coffee Shop Break:** Our Coffee shop is now closed for the annual break. We will reopen on Monday 15 January 2018. This will allow the team of volunteers , who are on duty once a fortnight, a well-earned two week break. We look forward to welcoming you back after the festive season.
3. **Cowdray Club:** Our next service at the Cowdray Club will take place on **Wednesday 3 January at 11:00 a.m.** The service will be led by Lorna Glen.
4. **Café Connect:** We will resume on **Sunday 7 January at 6.00 p.m.** in the **foyer**. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.
5. **The Cosy House:** Will be back in action on **Sunday 14 January at 6.30 p.m.** when we will enjoy fun and fellowship in the **large hall and foyer**.
6. **Traidcraft Stall:** There is no stall next Sunday so today is your last chance to buy Christmas cards, paper, decorations and food items. There will be 20% off all Christmas products today only, so make sure you stop by the stall after the service.
7. **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.
8. **Instant Neighbour:** Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries to support those in need in our community.

Useful Information



Joyful Thanks!

Thanks to our inspirational Fundraising Team and your loyal support of our fundraising events during 2017, we have raised almost £6389 for our Manse Appeal fund. Well done everyone and thank you!



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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