

A Creed for Advent (standing)

We believe in God,
robed in splendour,
veiled in mystery,
ruler alike of darkness and light.

We encounter God in Jesus Christ,
born in Bethlehem and with us now,
whose touch brings a blaze of colour
to the world:
reviving the weary,
healing the wounded,
challenging the satisfied.

We walk with God, guided by the light of God's loving Spirit,
who enters the shadowed places of our hearts and leads us
into truth and life.

We wait for God, and for the fulfilment of God's promises:
for the time when the darkness will hold no fear and the light
will no longer blind,
but creation will be made whole once more
and God's peace will reign for ever.

Amen

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St Ninians Old Parish Church

Order of Service and Intimations



Sunday 2nd December 2018
First in Advent

Order of Service

Welcome and Intimations

Opening Responses (Seated)

Call to Worship

Hymn 279 'Make way, make way, for Christ the King'

Prayer

Children's Talk

Hymn 316 'Love came down at Christmas'

The Word of God

Luke 1:26-38 (P47)

Hymn 273 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'

Sermon

'The God who came to us'

Offering

Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to the Table

Hymn 510 'Jesus calls us here to meet him'

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Advent Creed (Standing)

Hymn 286 'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!'

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

Intimations

Visitors are invited to sign the Visitors book in the vestibule.

There is a loop system for people with hearing aids.

Please feel free to remain seated during the singing of the hymns.

The service this morning will be conducted by the Rev Elinor Gordon.

Mr McIntyre is conducting the service in St Columba's Church today.

*There will be a **Thanksgiving Service** this evening at 6:30pm.*

*The winter edition of **The Parishioner** and FWO and Gift Aid envelopes are available for distribution today.*

*The **Craft Group** will meet in the Parish Halls on Tuesday at 7pm.*

Our **Boys' Brigade Company** is holding a **Quiz** in the Parish Halls on Friday at 7:30pm. Tickets costing £4 are available following the service in the McMichael Chapel.

Start Up Stirling – Christmas Appeal

Start Up is hoping to raise £45,000 in donations to help local homeless people and those in hardship. Why not purchase a donation voucher this year as an alternative to Christmas presents? Donations can be made online at www.startupstirling.org.uk/donate or directly to the unit at 16b Whitehouse Road, Stirling.

Strathcarron Singers present.....**A Christmas Carol Concert** in St Columba's Church on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7:30pm. Tickets £8 (Including seasonal refreshments) can be obtained from Strathcarron Charity Shop in King Street, Joy McFarlane on 860751, Moira Parry on 463743 or at the doo

World Mission Stamp Project – There is a box for used stamps in the vestibule of the Church.