

St Ninians Old Parish Church

Order of Service and Intimations



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

There will be a **Thanksgiving Service** this evening at 6:30pm. The service will be conducted by Mr McIntyre.

The Tuesday Group **Scots Night** will be held in the Parish Halls on Tuesday at 7:30pm. Tickets (£5) are available in the McMichael Chapel today.

There will be a **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** in the Parish Halls on Saturday from 12 Noon – 1:30pm.

Start Up Stirling – **Reverse Advent Calendar.**

Please read the article about this in the Winter edition of The Parishioner.

If you would like to read the **Lessons on a Sunday** please put your name and contact details on the rota in the vestibule.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 1st December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

Order of Service

OPENING RESPONSES(seated)

Leader: In this season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the things of darkness - selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression - shall be no more.

**ALL: Lord, by your presence,
Light up the past
that we might learn from it with thankfulness.**

**Light up the present
that we might live in it with love.**

**Light up the future
that we might prepare for it in hope.**

**As we watch and wait and pray,
may we be always ready to encounter the Lord
who is already and always with us. Amen**

Hymn 279 Make Way, Make Way, For Christ The King.

Prayer

Children's Talk

Hymn 282 Christmas is Coming vv1-4

Reading: Luke 1.26-38

Hymn 273 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon 'Prepare the Way'

Offering and Dedication

Invitation to the Table

Hymn 19 Ye Gates Lift Up Your Heads On High

Communion

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

Hymn 286 Tell Out My Soul

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen