



Ferryhill Parish Church

The Church of Scotland

Advent 3

Sunday 13 December 2015

11:00 a.m.



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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:

Peter Johnston (Minister)
Graeme Roberts (Reader)
Kevin Haggart (Organist)
Ian Cumming (Beadle)

The flowers today have been donated by Louisa Sherriffs and family, remembering Frank with love.



Gathering Song

Singing, we gladly worship

CH 257

Call to Worship

Leader: In this new season of old and beloved traditions,

**All: may the foundations be laid
for the new temple of the Spirit in the body.**

Leader: Giving life to its heart and mind,

All: the limbs of humankind journeying forward.

Leader: We turn to God,

**All: the eternal in the present,
the gift of the future,
made ready for Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Praise

Let us build a house

CH 198

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 Third 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.*
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.*

Praise

Build up one another

Music & Words: Fischy Music

1. Every word you say
Every game you play
Every silly face
Every single place

*You can build up,
1, 2, 3, 4, 5...
or you can tear down.*

*Build up one another
Build up your sisters and brothers
Build up one another
Build up!*

2. Every joke you tell
Every name you spell
Everywhere you go
Everyone you know

You can build up...

*Can you build up?
We can build up!
Can you build up?
Yes we can!*

3. Every song you sing
Every bell you ring
Everything you spend
Every special friend

You can build up...

*Build up one another
Build up your sisters and brothers
Build up one another
Build up!*

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Praise

Hark the glad sound!

CH 277

The Sending

Leader: We are living stones:

All: may we rise on God's groundwork.

Leader: We are building blocks:

All: may we strengthen God's fellowship.

Leader: We are community:

All: may we reveal God's love

little by little,

day by day,

until all know they have come home.

The Blessing

Please remain standing

Sung Amen

Join us this Christmas!

Thursday 24 December: Rejoice

10:00 Christingle Preparations (families welcome)

18:30 Christingle Service

11:00 Carols in the Church

11:30 Watchnight Service

Friday 25 December: Retell

10:00 Christmas Day Family Service

Sunday 27 December: Recall

11:00 Worship for all ages



1. **Cosy House:** Join us tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Hall for a Christmas-themed special.
2. **The Freewill Offering Envelopes** for 2016 are now available. Can Area Care Teams please collect from the Foyer and arrange for their distribution before the end of the year?
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. **Ferryhill Singers** are reminded of the carol singing at Ferryhill Court on Wednesday 16 December at 7 p.m.
6. **Coffee Shop:** Please note that the Coffee Shop will close for its annual break from Monday 14 December and will reopen 11 January. This allows for the kitchen and foyer to be prepared for the year ahead.
7. **The Big Christmas Card:** Why not support our Christmas charities and pass on good wishes to your friends in the congregation by completing the "Big Christmas Card" in the foyer and making a donation? Many folk find this a suitable alternative to sending individual cards and helping those less fortunate in our community and overseas.
8. **Woodend Hospital Carol Singing:** On Monday 14 December from 5:30-7:00 p.m. both singers and instrumentalists are welcome to join in carolling around the wards. The meeting point will be Ward 5N Day Room at Woodend.
9. **"Pushing Out the Boat":** The latest edition of the best regional literary publication in Scotland, edited locally here in Ferryhill, with stories, poems and art from around the world, is available for sale on our Book Stall. It would make a great Christmas gift for a literary friend! Price £7 each or special seasonal offer of 2 copies for £10.
10. **Traidcraft Stall:** Today at the stall we have Christmas tree decorations, home made Fairtrade mincemeat, Christmas gifts and cards as well as all our usual products. Last chance to order items from the catalogue before Christmas. We will also be drawing the raffle for the Christmas hamper at the cafe after the service.



This Week's Eco Tip

Foiled!

Remember to recycle the foil cases of your mince pies this holiday season.

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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