

## **LIVE YOUR FAITH**

Over the past number of Sundays there has been a section in the order encouraging us to live out our faith. During Advent there is a sheet in the Order of Service helping us to reflect on the themes of the services. Please make good use of this excellent resource produced by “ROOTS”.

## **THE CHURCHES AND THE GENERAL ELECTION**

The time of prayer for the General Election continues this coming Thursday (5th December) with prayers focused on “liberty” and will take place in The New Wellwynd Parish Church at 12 noon.

## **HUNGER LUNCH**

A Hunger Lunch will take place a week today (8th December) after morning worship. Cheese rolls, teas and coffee will be available in abundance as will be the friendship and fellowship of each other. Please do come along and make a donation towards Robbie’s Camino challenge in aid of Fairtrade Exchange.

## **“WINTER WAARMERS”**

A recipe book with soups and puddings to “warm the heart” is now available for sale at the price of £5. These can be purchased or ordered in the large hall after the service this morning. This is also in aid of the Camino challenge and is a perfect stocking filler for Christmas. Many thanks to all who contributed to it.

**Shoebbox Appeal** : If members need an empty shoebox, or one to be picked up, please contact Billy Brooks on 07974 252275.

## **Christmas to enjoy :**

8th December - Souls and Singers at St. Columba’s Church, 7:30 p.m..  
Tickets are £5 each.

15th December - Town Carol Service in the Town Hall at 6 p.m..

If you intend to go to this service, please put your name on the sheet which is on the table near the organ to assist with numbers.

22nd December - Joint Carol Service in St. Margaret’s Church, 7 p.m..

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Intimations should be communicated to David Walker by 6:00 p.m. on  
Thursday evening - 747075, or email [dwalker.davros@virgin.net](mailto:dwalker.davros@virgin.net)

## *The New Wellwynd Parish Church of Scotland, Airdrie*



## **MORNING WORSHIP**

including

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, 1st December, 2019

at 11:00 a.m.

## *Order of Service*

### **First Sunday in Advent**

### **An Advent Journey : Seeing the bigger picture**

### **Gathering Prayer:**

Lord God, as we gather to prepare our hearts, may the flickering flame of the candle we light focus our thoughts and our prayers. Prepare us, God, to receive your Son, this Advent and always.

Amen.

(If you are able, would you please stand for all items marked \*\*)

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## Entry of the Bible

### Words of Welcome and Intimations

- Minister : We begin our journey . . . hope for the future.
- Voice : “Jesus said. ‘Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.’”
- All :** **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**
- Voice : Jesus is the light of the world.
- All :** **A light no darkness can ever put out.**
- All sing:** (seated) *Advent candles tell their story ...*  
(during the singing, the first candle is lit)
- Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
‘Come, Lord. soon,’ we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness on that Day.
- Minister : Come, people of the light.  
**All :** **We come to get ready for our king!**
- Minister : Let us worship the one who brings us hope:  
**All :** **Jesus, the foundation of our faith.**
- Minister : LET US WORSHIP GOD1

\*\* **Hymn 273** *O come, O come, Emmanuel ...*

### Opening Prayer

SUNDAY STARTER - Introduction to the Readings

*Bible Reading* - Matthew 24 : 36 - 44 (N.T. Pg. 36 approx.)

### Prayer

Thursday, 05/12/2017- The **Joint Choir Rehearsal** is at 7:30 p.m. in the Session Room.

Friday, 06/12/2019 -The **Snack Bar** is open from 10:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m..  
The **Nearly New Shop** is closed, re-opening on Friday, 7th February, 2020.  
The **Church** will be open from 10:00 a.m. and the **Friday Service** will be at 11:30 a.m..  
The **Art Club** meets at 7.30 p.m. in the Upper Hall.

Saturday, 07/12/2019 - The **Walking Group** will meet at 8:15 a.m. at Airdrie Train Station.

The **Coffee Morning** will take place in the hall from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.  
**Safeguarding Training** will be held in Jackson Church from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. This is a reminder for those volunteers who have reserved spaces on this training.

Sunday, 08/12/2019 - **Morning Worship** is at 11:00 a.m. for the Second Sunday of Advent. *We will all be changed.*

The **Hunger Lunch** will take place after morning worship.

The **Duty Driver** will be Ian McIndoe.

The **Traidcraft** assistant will be Joyce Russell.

**3:00 p.m.** - The **Memorial Service** will be held in the Church.

*From Darkness to Light . . .*

(With tea/coffee available in the hall beforehand.)

**FLOWER CALENDAR** - On Sunday 15th December, the Flower Calendar for 2020 will be ready in the Church. The Calendar is located on the wall on the right hand side of the door as you leave the church to go into the hall. If you wish to choose a specific Sunday to put flowers in the church, please write your name against that date. There is room on the calendar for two separate donations of flowers each Sunday.

If you are happy for the flower committee to organise and arrange your flowers, just give your donation (about £25) to one of the Flower Conveners. Flowers will then be collected from the florist and arranged on your behalf.

You may, however, wish to buy and arrange your own choice of flowers. You are very welcome to do so, but please let the Flower Conveners know in advance.

The flower service is very much appreciated - thank you.

Flower Conveners: Avril Cockburn (769134), Margaret Jack (767898).

## Recessional

*Now let us from this table rise ...*

Now let us from this table rise  
renewed in body, mind, and soul;  
with Christ we die and rise again,  
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,  
to spread the Word in speech and deed  
we follow in the steps of Christ,  
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,  
it is the sacrament of care;  
the work that Christ began to do  
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

*(Fred Kaan, 1929-)*

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### Intimations :

We welcome everyone to this morning's service. We trust any visitors will enjoy the fellowship of New Wellwynd and we invite you to sign the Visitors' Book before you leave.

A **Crèche** is available during the service.

The **Kirk Session** meets in the Session Room at 10:45 a.m..

**Tea / Coffee** will be served in the hall at the close of the service.

**Tea Fellowship Assistants** are members of CAMEO.

The **Duty Driver** today is Elisabeth Donald.

The **Traidcraft Stall** is open today as usual.

The assistants are Alan / Eilidh Cox.

The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated again at 3:00 p.m..

**December/January Newsletters** are ready for distributors to uplift from the church office, along with Christmas Cards (one per household).

Tuesday, 03/12/2019 - "In Stitches" meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room and the **Senior Circle** meets at 2:00 p.m. in the hall when the speaker will be Ian Walker, a professional musician.

Wednesday, 04/12/2019 - The **Kirk Session** will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Session Room for ordinary business. Copies of the Agenda and the Minutes of the previous meeting are available on the table beside the organ. — 6 —

## \*\* Hymn JP 124

*I want to walk with Jesus Christ ...*

I want to walk with Jesus Christ,  
all the days I live of this life on earth;  
to give to him complete control  
of body and of soul.

*Follow him, follow him,  
yield your life to him -  
he has conquered death,  
he is King of Kings;  
accept the joy which he gives to those  
who yield their lives to him.*

I want to learn to speak to him,  
to pray to him, confess my sin,  
to open my life and let him in,  
for joy will then be mine.

O Holy Spirit of the Lord,  
enter now into this heart of mine;  
take full control of my selfish will  
and make me wholly thine!

*(C. Simmonds, arr. Phil Burt)*

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## Bible Readings

Isaiah 2 : 1 - 5 (O.T. Pg. 671 approx.)

Romans 13 : 11 - 14 (N.T. Pg. 201 approx.)

## \*\* Hymn 526

*This is a day of new beginnings ...*

## GOING A BIT DEEPER

### Sung Response

(seated - sung twice)

*Lift up your heads ...*

Lift up your heads to the coming King;  
bow before him and adore him, sing --  
to his majesty: let your praises be  
pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

*(Steven L. Fry)*

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## Prayer

## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

### Call to the Table

Minister : This is the table of Emmanuel . . . . to welcome us in.

**\*\* Hymn** *When out of poverty is born ...*

When out of poverty is born  
a dream that will not die,  
and landless, weary folk find strength  
to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait  
to greet the promised day,  
'The Lord is coming, don't lose heart.  
Be blest; prepare the way!'

When people wander far from God,  
forget to share their bread,  
they find their wealth an empty thing,  
their spirits are not fed,  
For only just and tender love  
the hungry soul will stay.  
And so God's prophets echo still  
'Be blest; prepare the way!'

When God took flesh and came to earth,  
the world turned upside down,  
and in the strength of woman's faith  
the Word of Life was born.  
And, as we share the bread and wine  
may he be born this day  
within our hearts, our minds, our hopes,  
to help prepare the way!

### COMMUNION

Minister : The story of Emmanuel . . . . celebrate the waiting.  
In This Season of Waiting which began to change the  
world; and we join our voices with all who still wait  
and work for that change to come to completion.

**All :** (Sung twice) *Holy, holy holy ...*

Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words,  
'You are holy, Lord.'  
*(Argentinian Text)*

Minister : And as we follow . . . justice and peace.

**All :** **OUR FATHER**, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen

Minister : The Bread we break is the Bread of Life .....  
... Come and eat, the banquet awaits.

### Communion

### The Peace

Minister : The earth still waits for its healing . . .

**ALL :** **May we who are part of that waiting take and use  
the dreaming times to re-imagine the world;  
may we inhabit and use the time we have  
to discover the patterns of God,  
to learn how to live and love;  
thus may our watching and waiting join  
with that of Emmanuel to realise  
God's Kingdom here on earth.**

Minister : In the name of Jesus.

**ALL :** **AMEN!**

**\*\* Hymn 476** *Mine eyes have seen the glory ...*

**\*\* BENEDICTION**

**\*\* Threefold Amen**