

Intimations :

Morning Worship is at the usual time of 11:00 a.m..

The **Duty Driver** is Ian McIndoe.

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

The **Traidcraft Stall** is open as usual. The assistant is Joyce Russell.

This is the last day in which **Shoeboxes** can be returned.

The "Winter Waarmers" Recipe Book is on sale.

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.)

7:30 p.m. - '**Sing Christmas**' in St. Columba's Church. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments will be served at

the close.

Tuesday, 10/12/2019 - **CAMEO** meets in the Session Room at 7:30 p.m. for an 'Advent Evening'.

Thursday, 12/12/2019 - The **Joint Choir** meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Session Room, followed by a rehearsal for our own Church choir.

Friday, 13/12/2019 - The **Snack Bar** is open for those who have pre-booked Christmas Lunch.

There are no other Friday activities today.

The **Art Club** meets in the Upper Hall at 7:30 p.m..

Saturday, 14/12/2019 - At 10:30 a.m. our Church Choir, supplemented by some friends, will be singing **Christmas Carols** at Tesco, Airdrie. You are welcome to come along and participate.

Sunday, 15/12/2019 - **Morning Worship** for the third Sunday in Advent is at the usual time of 11:00 a.m.. *What do you see?* Hymns, Anthems, Readings and Reflections for the Christmas season.

THE CHURCHES AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

There is still one prayer event in preparation for the General Election as follows -

Thursday, 12th December
Jackson Parish Church Glen Road, Airdrie.

THE NEW WELLWYND PARISH CHURCH, AIRDRIE

Sunday, 8th December 2019

Second Sunday in Advent

An Advent Journey : We shall all be changed

Gathering Prayer -

Lord God, as we welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, looking for his coming, may the flickering flame of the second candle be a symbol of our expectancy.

Prepare the way for your coming, O God, as you have in times of old. Prepare the way and open our hearts that we might welcome you with everything we have and everything we are. Amen.

(The first candle is lit in preparation for worship.)

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Entry of the Bible

Words of Welcome

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Minister: We continue our journey through Advent as we reflect on the change that Christ brings to our lives and of the world as we consider where our roots are and what it means to live lives that bear good fruit.

Voice : "Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'"

All : **Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

Voice : Jesus is the light of the world.

All : **A light no darkness can ever put out.**

Choir sing: (seated) *Advent candles tell their story ...*

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.

All sing: (seated) *Prophet voices loudly crying ...*
(during the singing the second candle is let)

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.**

**Through their message - challenged, shaken -
hearts awaken: God is near!**

Minister : Blessed be our God, who does wonderful things.
All : **Let us worship him together.**

Minister : Let us draw near with thankful hearts.
All : **Let us acknowledge the glory of his name.**

Minister : LET US WORSHIP GOD!

**** Hymn 472** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus ...*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

SUNDAY STARTER - introduction to the Readings

Bible Reading - Matthew 3 : 1 - 12 (Pg. 5 approx.)

Prayer

**** Hymn JP 365** Hosanna, hosanna ...

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest:
Lord, we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God -
hosanna, in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings;
glory, glory, glory to the King of kings:
Lord, we lift up your name, with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God -
glory to the King of kings.

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Bible Readings -

Isaiah 11 : 1 - 10 (Pg. 679 approx.)

Romans 15 : 4 - 13 (Pg. 202 approx.)

**** Hymn 334** *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry ...*

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**** Hymn 536** *May the mind of Christ my Saviour ...*

The Prayers of God's People for the Life of God's World

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

**** Hymn MP 748** *What a wonderful change in my life ...*

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!

*Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart!*

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray
since Jesus came into my heart!

And my sins, which are many, are all washed away
since Jesus came into my heart!

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!

And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart!

There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
since Jesus came into my heart!

And the gates of the city beyond I can see,
since Jesus came into my heart!

I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
since Jesus came into my heart!

and I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart!

(Rufus Henry McDaniel, 1850-1940)

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BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

Recessional -

Many the gifts, many the people ...

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

(Bernadette Farrell, 1957-)

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FLOWER CALENDAR - The Flower Calendar for 2020 will be ready in the Church today. 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).

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