

THE NEW WELLWYND PARISH CHURCH, AIRDRIE

Sunday, 17th December, 2023



*3rd Sunday in Advent
Including
Readings, Reflections and Music from the Choir*

We welcome everyone to this morning's service.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Our Christmas special offerings this year are for the benefit of Airdrie Community School Uniform Bank. The uniform bank operates with the environment and community at its heart, taking in and then supplying to anyone in need, not only school uniforms but also everyday clothing, bedding and homeware. This year the uniform bank has supplied to over 6,000 referrals and was awarded The King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Offerings will be uplifted at our Christingle and Watchnight Services on 24th December, but envelopes will also be available at morning worship earlier that day if you wish to make a donation.

If you are able, please stand for items marked with **

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Intimations should be communicated to David Walker by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening - 747075, or email dwalker.davros@outlook.com

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering music

**** Entry of the Bible**

Words of Welcome

Choir Introit:

Welcome Jesus ...

Call to Worship

**** Hymn CH4 289:**

Lift up your head, eternal gates ...

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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.

Choir: Sans Day Carol

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 26 – 38

Reflection

**** Hymn CH4 316: Love came down at Christmas...**

Choir: How far is it to Bethlehem?

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 4 - 16

Reflection

Choir: O leave your sheep

**** Hymn CH4 302: It was on a starry night...**

Bible Reading: Matthew 2: 9 - 11

Reflection

Choir: A star shone bright

Prayer of Intercession

Time to reflect

Offering & Doxology

**** Doxology CH4 305 v5: What can I give him? ...**

Prayer of Dedication

**** Hymn CH4 286 : Tell out my soul ...**

BENEDICTION & Threefold Amen

Recessional: Lift up your heads ...

SUPPORT OUR WORK!

New Wellwynd is wholly dependent on offerings and donations to support our mission of sharing the Good News.

If you missed the offering plate in the vestibule on your way in, there is a plate which can be used for donations on the table opposite the organ console as you leave the sanctuary to go out or through to the hall.

Alternatively, to make a donation to us via a secure link through our website, open your smart phone camera, scan the QR code opposite and follow the link. Giving in this way means that you can also indicate whether or not you wish us to obtain Gift Aid on your donation.



Thank you!

Housekeeping:



Mobile phones should be placed in “silent mode” OR switched off.



No photography / video is allowed during the service.



Hymn books are available from welcome team if this is your preference. Please ask for one.

What's on...

TODAY –

- **Morning Worship** begins at 11:00 a.m. and will be led by Bill Henderson. **Included as part of the service will be readings, reflections and music from the Choir**
- The **Tea Fellowship** will be available in the hall at the close of the morning service. Please come round and share extended fellowship with each other.

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER –

- Our mid-week service **Delve in at 12** takes place at 12 Noon led by our Locum – Bill Henderson. All Welcome. Tea / Coffee are available in the large hall thereafter.
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST MID WEEK SERVICE UNTIL 10th JANUARY 2024.
- At 7:30p.m. in the **Session Room** we have our last session of the three week **Advent Bible Study Group**. This will be led by Bill Henderson This follows on from the study group we did earlier in the year. All welcome to join in.

FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER -

- There are no Friday activities this week.
The **Snack Bar** is now closed as follows - **Fridays – 22nd & 29th December 2023 and 5th January 2024. Re-opening – Friday 12th January 2024**
- The **NEARLY NEW** is now **CLOSED** until **Friday 2nd FEBRUARY 2024.**

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

- **Morning Worship** begins at 11:00 a.m. for **Nativity Sunday** and will be led by Bill Henderson with participation from the Sunday Club and Bible Class.
- The **Tea Fellowship** will be available in the hall at the close of the morning service. Please come round and share extended fellowship with each other.
- The **Christingle Factory** opens immediately after the morning service preparing Christingles for the Family Service at 6:30p.m..
- At **6:30p.m. – our All Age Christingle Service** takes place in the church and will be led by Bill Henderson. All welcome.
- The **Watchnight Service begins at 11:30p.m.** in the church and will be led by Bill Henderson. Refreshments will be available in the Large Hall prior to the start of the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

At **11:00a.m.**, there will be a short service for **Christmas Morning**. This will be led by **Mrs. Margaret Jack**. Everyone will be made most welcome and you are asked to bring the favourite present you received.

FOODBANK DONATIONS -

Our collections for the foodbank continue – items urgently required for this week are the following - **toiletries, pasta and / or curry sauces, rice and pasta.**

TOWARDS CHRISTMAS 2023 - NEW MONKLAND COMMUNITY SONGSTERS

present a festival of **Christmas Music** in New Monkland Parish Church, Glenmavis on **Tuesday, 19th December 2023 at 7:30p.m.** Entry is free with a donation of food for Airdrie Food Bank.

If you are free on Tuesday evening – go along and support this group.

CONCERT UPDATE – FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

The concert by the Church Choir and the Gleniffer Singers held in the Church on Friday, 8 December raised the sum of £1,255.00 to the benefit of St Andrew's Hospice (Lanarkshire), Scottish charity number SC01059. Thanks to David Stewart and the Choir enabling this sum to be raised.

FLOWER CALENDAR - 2024

The Flower Calendar is now available for 2024 – on the wall opposite the organ. If you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary, please put your name against a Sunday date. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the Flower Conveners – Mrs. Margaret Jack or Mrs. Avril Cockburn.

YELLOW CARDS –

The **yellow cards** have been re-introduced on the pew. *If you know of anyone in hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please fill in one of these cards and place in the church box in the vestibule and these will be passed on to our locum Bill.*

LOCUM CONTACT Details –

All requests for pastoral assistance should now be made to Bill; he can be contacted on 01698 829938 or by email bill_henderson@icloud.com.

