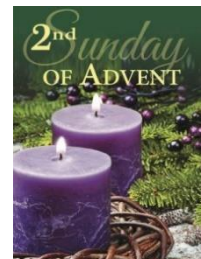




WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

'The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.'
(John 1 v 9-13)



This Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Morning worship service

Speaker: Rev. Daniel Ralph

*The children leave us after the first part of the service for Sunday School and CREW.
Children of visitors are very welcome to join in!*

6.00 p.m. Evening fellowship meeting

Wednesday: 7.00 p.m. Online Missionary meeting with a speaker from Bethany Christian Trust

Next Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Morning worship service including Holy Communion

Speaker: Rev. Daniel Ralph

6.00 p.m. Evening fellowship meeting

NOTICES

Christmas Cards: We plan to distribute cards to the neighbourhood this coming Saturday, 10th December. Meet at the church at 10.00 a.m. If you wish to give some out at another time, just let Gerald know where you have covered (or will cover) to avoid duplication.

Tuesday "cosy space": 10.30 -14.30 weekly - Whether you drop in for 10 mins or an hour, everyone welcome.

Clovenstone care home Christmas Carol service: Wednesday 7th December, meeting at the home for 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you are interested please let Karen know.

Dove Centre Christmas carol service will take place on Thursday, December 15th, 1.30 pm. All welcome. Please note that there will be no coffee morning that day.

Cairdean House care home Christmas fayre, Saturday 10th December. All welcome. Details on notice board.

Sheila Halpin writes: Unfortunately my Dad passed away recently. The funeral will be on 10th December and we would be grateful for your prayers for our family.

Celia and Ian want to thank all in the fellowship for all your prayers, love, cards, flowers and the many phone calls and texts, on the recent loss of her dear sister Ruby. Thank you too to those who attended the Thanksgiving service whether in person or on live stream. 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Sophie wants to say a big thank you to everyone for their kindness - for cards, flowers, visits and meals which I received when I was housebound. The phone calls and the love of God's people was both encouraging and uplifting, so thank you all once again in Jesus Name.

Foodbank+ at Christmas: As well as the usual groceries and toiletries donations which the foodbank needs, at this time of year they accept donations of sweets etc. for Christmas parcels for their clients. They need to be at the church by next Sunday, 11 December to meet the ECM schedules. All donations appreciated.

Bulletin: Items for the bulletin should be emailed to Gerald by next Thursday (geraldkenny@blueyonder.co.uk).

Intercessory Prayer: For immediate or confidential prayer please contact Eileen on 07952 860328.

Pastoral Care: If you have any pastoral issues, please contact Daniel Ralph on 0131 453 2107 or 07791 351710 (email: ministrydanielralph@gmail.com), or one of the Elders – Gerald Kenny (01506 202617), Paul Brown (0131 445 1007), or John McIntyre (0131 451 5467). Ladies are welcome to contact our pastoral care worker, Karen Ross (07916 392078, email: care.westerhailes@gmail.com).

PRAYER GUIDE

'But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.'

(Psalm 4 v 3)

Please use the following daily pointers to help direct your prayers, trusting in God to answer:

SUNDAY: Worship: Pray for Pastor Daniel as he leads our weekly services and as he moves on in the months ahead. Ask God to quickly lead us to his replacement. Thank God for His provision for us and ask for His continued blessing. Pray for the worship, ministry and outreach of the church. *Pray for the health of:* Bob and Liz, Ishbel, Karen.

MONDAY: Leadership and Pastoral Team: Rev. Daniel Ralph, the Elders and their families; our Deacons, our pastoral care worker, Karen, and leaders of church ministries; ask God to raise up more harvest-workers, and future leadership for church ministries. *Pray for the health of:* Sheila, Ruby, Pat.

TUESDAY: Community and Evangelism: your contacts, friends and family you wish to be saved. Pray for God's work in and around the church, that the Holy Spirit would move in lives in this area, touching homes and families. Pray for God to use us to reach out. Pray for the Dove Centre; our governments, and the witness of churches throughout the UK. *Pray for the health of:* Ella, Audrey, John.

WEDNESDAY: Church family: Ask for love and unity amongst us, and pray for spiritual growth. Pray for those who are unwell, recently bereaved (please remember Celia and Ian), lonely, finding it difficult to cope, with financial or relationship problems etc. Pray for single people, couples and families, the elderly, those needing long-term care, and all involved in caring. *Pray for the health of:* Nancy, Maureen, May.

THURSDAY: Mission: Pam & Simon (MAF), Robert & Phillippa (ex-Botswana), Andrew and Grace (Lincs), Sandro and Gislene (Middle East), Jane & Edgar (Spain), Yasser and Claudia (Egypt), Martin (P67), Gavin (SASRA), Armond (Peru), Paul (Edinburgh); the Mission Committee. Pray for situations around the world, including the continuing Coronavirus pandemic, the situation in the Ukraine, and especially persecuted Christians.

FRIDAY: Young People: Pray for children in Sunday School and CREW, for the teachers and helpers, those who came to WoT?, children dedicated in the church and local schools. Pray that they would remember what they have learned and continue to grow in faith. Pray for a new youth leader at the right time, and for Barry's ministry. *Pray for the health of:* Jean, Alan and Lynn, Daniel and Susan.

SATURDAY: Church and Local Ministries: stewards, music, multi-media, building maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment, finance, and admin. Pray for the homeless and the Care Van, Bethany Trust and Edinburgh City Mission. *Pray for the health of:* Ian, Bobbie, Sophie, Graham (Margaret McH's son).

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