



*"helping those without Christ . . . . become complete in Christ"*



'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.'

**John 3 v16-18**

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

*We welcome you to our services today. If you are a **visitor** we give you a special welcome and encourage you to make yourself known to the stewards and sign the visitors' book in the vestibule as you leave. Please also ask for a **Visitors' Pack**, which contains more information about church organisations and activities.*

**10.15 a.m. PRAYER MEETING** – in the Prayer Room

All are invited to join us to pray for today's services

**11.00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

Speaker: **Rev. Daniel Ralph**

The children and young people leave us after the first part of the service for Sunday School and C.R.E.W. There is a crèche for very young children. Children of visitors are very welcome to join in!

**5.45 p.m. PRAYER MEETING**

**6.30 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE** including Holy Communion

Speaker: **Rev. Daniel Ralph**

*Refreshments are served at the back of the church after the morning service and all are welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee, a cake and a chat!*

Please ensure that your mobile phone is either set to silent or switched off during services.

**MONDAY: Leadership and Pastoral Team:** Rev. Daniel Ralph, the Elders and their families; our Deacons, leaders of church organisations and ministries; ask God to raise up more harvest-workers, and future leadership for church ministries. Pray today for: **Munchkins** children and families and **55+ club** members and leaders.

*Pray for the health of:* Jim, Joyce, Karen.

**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 the Dove Centre; our governments, and the witness of churches throughout the UK. Pray for: the **Evangelism Team** and **WoT?** kids and leaders.

*Pray for the health of:* Irene, Sheila, Ruby.

**WEDNESDAY: Church family:** Ask for love and unity amongst us. Pray for those who are unwell, recently bereaved, lonely, finding it difficult to cope, with financial or relationship problems etc.. Pray for single people, young couples and families, the elderly, those needing long-term care, and all involved in caring.

*Pray for the health of:* Pat, Ann, Graeme L.

**THURSDAY: Mission:** Pam & Simon (MAF), Robert & Phillippa (Botswana), Andrew and Grace (Lincs), Sandro and Gislene (Middle East), Jane & Edgar (Spain), Pastor SJ (India), Martin (P67), Gavin (SASRA); the Mission Committee. Remember the homeless, the Care Van, Bethany Trust, Edinburgh City Mission. Pray for situations around the world, especially persecuted Christians.

**FRIDAY: Young People:** Munchkins, Sunday School, Crèche, WoT? and CREW, children dedicated in the church, local schools. Pray for the children's families. Pray for a new youth leader and for Barry's new ministry.

*Pray for the health of:* John, Nancy, Elsie.

**SATURDAY: Church Ministries:** stewards, music, multi-media, building maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment, finance, admin, catering.

*Pray for the health of:* May, Lynn, Graham W. (Margaret McH's son)

**SUNDAY: Worship:** services - those who lead, preaching of the Word, praise, visitors; humble, obedient hearts as we hear God's word; those who have fallen away. Thank God for His provision for us and ask for His continued blessing. Pray today for: **C.R.E.W.** and **Sunday School** kids and leaders.

*Pray for the health of:* Edith, Ian, Bobbie.

Next week :

MONDAY

2.00 p.m. **5T5+ club** Christmas Party

TUESDAY

**Wo?** 6.15 p.m. **Leaders' meeting to pray**  
6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. **For children from P4-P7**

WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. **MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING**

FRIDAY

10.00 a.m. **LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - Kindness**

NEXT SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. **MORNING WORSHIP - Sunday School Nativity**  
Speaker: **Rev. Daniel Ralph**

6.30 p.m. **EVENING CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**  
Speaker: **Rev. Daniel Ralph**



*An induction loop system operates  
in the lower level of the sanctuary.*

ON DUTY	STEWARDS	<i>This week:</i>	Team C (Leader – Martin MacLaine)
		<i>Next week:</i>	Team D (Leader – Sandy Bauld)
	CRÈCHE	<i>This week:</i>	Gwen MacKenzie, Ophelia Koney
		<i>Next week:</i>	Ramatu, Lillian Thomson

ON DUTY

Items for the next Bulletin should be given to Gerald Kenny by next Thursday.  
Email [geraldkenny@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:geraldkenny@blueyonder.co.uk)

Notices

- Christmas Cards:** There are still plenty of cards left with the details of our services over the Christmas period. Please take what you can use to invite friends and neighbours.
- Stewarding Teams 2020:** We have been very fortunate over the past 18 months of church stewarding with settled teams, and the introduction of some younger members to our teams has been an added bonus. Martin and I are very grateful for all the support we have received. However, numbers have dropped off a bit now and I shall be looking for some additions to the teams for next year. Duty entails a Sunday morning and evening every fifth week and help on a Wednesday evening if possible. No uniform required, just a welcoming smile at the door or when handing out the bulletin. If you would like to offer some help, please speak to Martin or myself in the next few weeks. Thank you, Sandy.
- Bethany Christian Trust:** Help end homelessness in Scotland one tree at a time with a Caring Christmas Tree! Priced from £35, shoppers can buy a Grade One Nordman fir tree which is a low needle drop variety. Every Caring Christmas Tree purchased raises vital funds towards Bethany's Care Shelter and other winter work. Deadline for ordering is 12 noon TOMORROW! For more information please phone 0345 111 8733 or visit <https://www.caringchristmastrees.com/>
- Drop in Café:** There is a need for ladies and gents clothes for the drop in cafe, especially winter weight jackets, jumpers and tops (teenage and upwards). Please speak to Doreen if you can help.
- Edinburgh City Mission:** Give thanks for a great start to the new Alpha for women! Please pray for those who came and for those who haven't made it yet but have said that they are planning to come next week. Pray that they feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit and respond to His prompting. Please pray for those who are grieving loss of loved ones and are keen to find out more about what we believe. Pray for those who take Bibles away from the Basics Banks. Pray for God's hand on them. Please pray for women who arrive in Edinburgh who are escaping domestic violence. They can arrive feeling very fearful for themselves and their children, and normally don't have benefits in place. ECM provides food, love, acceptance and spiritual support, including invitations to church. Please pray that they seek Jesus. Please pray for people who need justice for themselves and their children in the courts, that God's justice will reign supreme for them
- 5T5+ club** Christmas party is on Monday 9th Dec. 2pm. Clovenstone school will be over for their carol service on Monday 16th Dec. 1.15pm for 1.30pm start. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards. The club will close until Monday, 13th January.
- Intercessory Prayer:** For immediate or confidential prayer please contact Eileen on 07952 860328 or Karen on 07503 175569.
- Pastoral Care:** If you have any pastoral issues please contact Daniel Ralph on 0131 453 2107 or 07791 351710, or one of the Elders - Alan Montgomery (0131 443 2795), Paul Brown (0131 445 1007), John McIntyre (0131 451 5467) or Gerald Kenny (01506 202617)