

*Scottish Episcopal Church,
Saint Ninian's, Troon*

Sunday 3rd December
8.00 am
10.30 am

Readings at the Sung Eucharist

Hebrew Scriptures

Epistle

Gospel

Hymns at the Sung Eucharist

Introit

Gradual

Offertory

Recessional

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (pages 326 & 93)

Sung Eucharist

The Year of Mark (*Pew Bible pages in brackets*)

Isaiah 64: 1 - 9 (606)

1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9 (926)

Mark 13: 24 - 37 (826)

(All hymns are from 'Hymns Ancient & Modern')

50 The advent of our King

30 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,

782 Songs of praise the angels sang,

41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,

Monday - Saturday
8.30am

Wednesday 6th December
10.00am

Friday 8th December
5.30pm

Morning Prayer

The conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (from 8th)
Holy Communion (page 326 & 298)

Evening Prayer

Welcome

Welcome to St. Ninian's on the First Sunday of Advent, we extend a warm welcome to all who join us for worship this morning. Please join us for refreshments in the Hall following the Sung Eucharist.

Robert Keene, our Stewardship Convenor, will make a very short presentation at the conclusion of worship this morning.

Yes, you can have Communion

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a simple blessing please come to the altar with the Order of Service in your hand. If you are frail and would like the Sacrament brought to you, please inform the Welcomers before the Eucharist begins.

Morning Prayer in Advent

During Advent the Rector will be celebrating Morning Prayer **Monday to Saturday** in the church **at 8.30am**. The Service will be said and last about 25 minutes. He would be delighted to welcome as many people as possible - wrap up warm!

A Space for God? A Space for you?

There will be a time for reflection and prayer - space, quiet and music - every Thursday evening during Advent from 7.30 - 8.30pm in the church starting on **Thursday 7 December**.

Torchlight Service for Children (and adults!)

There will be a special service to welcome the coming of the Lord Jesus – The Light of the World on **Saturday 9 December at 4.30pm**. This will include the story of how God enters our world in his Son the Lord Jesus and fills it with light and love. There will be Readings, Songs and Prayers in Church, a Procession round the outside of the Church, Lighting of the outside Christmas Tree, concluding with a Welcome Party in the hall. **Please bring your own torch!**

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong will be sung at Holy Trinity Ayr at **6.00pm this evening**. All welcome.

Healing Service

The next Healing Service will take place on **Sunday 10 December at 4.00pm**. It is hoped that this will be of benefit to many people in the community who live with a whole range of conditions and who long for the help that God alone can bring.

Traidcraft

There is a Traidcraft Stall today in the Hall following the Sung Eucharist.

Christmas Supper

There will be a Christmas Supper at Scott's on **Tuesday 12 December**, 6.00 for 6.30pm. Classic Christmas Menu, two courses, (starter & main) for £17.95. If you would like to go please sign the list on the Welcome Desk.

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all those who supported the Christmas Fair this year, all your hard work was greatly appreciated. A total of £2,111 was raised.

St Ninian's Christmas cards

St Ninian's Christmas cards giving details of all the Services over the Christmas & New Year Season are now available to be picked up at the back of the church. Would Magazine Distributors please assist by picking up their respective bundles. If you receive an electronic copy of the magazine there will be a card for you on the table.

St Ninian's Community Arts Project - Troon Wall Hanging

The next meeting of the Wall Hanging is on **Saturday 9 December**.

The Saturday dates for 2018 are: January 13, 20, 27: February 3, 10, 17/18 Special Weekend Event, 24: March 10, 17, 24: April 14, 21, 28: May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2, 16 & 23.

More information is available on St Ninian's website - www.stninianstroon.org.uk/troonwallhanging There is also a dedicated email address for information - troonwallhanging@gmail.com

Fellowship

The St. Ninian's Fellowship continues on **Tuesday 5 December** and this will be The Beetle Drive. Please come along for a fun packed evening, mince pies and shortbread will be served with the tea & coffee. The meeting will be in the Church Hall, **commencing at 7.30pm**. All are most welcome to any of the meetings.

The Flower Team

Anyone who would like to help with the church flowers or be part of the Flower Team please come to a meeting at the Rectory on **Saturday 9 December at 10.00 am** for coffee and croissants to discuss the future plans.

Christmas Decoration of the Church

This year the Church is to be decorated on **Saturday 16 December, from 10am - 12noon**, in preparation for the children from Muirhead Primary having their Christmas Service in the church on Thursday 21 December. Offers of help will be gratefully appreciated. Helpers are asked to bring any foliage and berries in order to decorate the window sills. Please speak to Maggie or Iolanthe if you are able to come.

Foodbank

The South Ayrshire Foodbank have devised a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' where each day you can add an item and thus throughout December make up a box of 24 products to be donated to the South Ayrshire Foodbank. Copies of the 'Advent Calendar' are available on the Welcome Desk and if the parcels are made up in advance the boxes can be taken to Morrison's on **Sunday 17 December** where the Foodbank are having a Donation Day.

Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group is on **Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm** in the Rectory. The book for discussion is **The Lemon Tree Café by Cathy Bramble**. New members will be made most welcome.

Gifts that Transform and Renew

There is information at the back of the church regarding Christmas gifts that transform lives, from Present Aid operated by Christian Aid (www.presentaid.org), for example a goat for a poor family in Ethiopia costs £22. Oxfam have similar schemes, just google 'Oxfam unwrapped charity gifts' or from Traidcraft look at www.traidcraft.co.uk/gifts-for-life.

Notelets

Notelets have been produced and are on sale at the back of the church. A pack of six is £4.00 and all profits will go to the Mission of St Ninian's.

Support for Kilmarnock

If you wish to support Rev. Mary Jepp and the work she and the congregation at Holy Trinity are doing, prayerfully and practically, please speak to Robert Keene or the Rector.

Toilet Twinning

As part of our own initiative here at St Ninian's, we are hoping to raise funds for the charity 'Toilet Twinning'. There are collection boxes and leaflets at the back of the Church or donations can be made via the St Ninian's Just Giving page which is <http://www.justgiving.com/stninianschurch> and select Toilet Twinning.

You can also donate by TEXT 70070 and send SNIN99 then £1/£2/£3/£4/£5 or £10.

Ayrshire Charity Quiz

The December Quiz is available, the subject is 'Winter Wonderland'. All the answers relate in some way to the winter season. Entry costs £1 with all proceeds being donated to SeAscape, a charity which works across South Ayrshire to help homeless people and those in housing need. Please support this worthy cause - you might be surprised to know how many need this help in Troon. Completed entries can be returned to the folder on the Welcome Desk.

Nativity Festival

Do you have a nativity set you would you like to display alongside others for people to enjoy for a day at St Oswald's Church Kings Park? They are having a Nativity Festival on **Saturday 16th December 10am - 3pm**. Please take along your treasured sets - children's handmade ones and crafted ones or just come and enjoy the Festival. Refreshments will be served and at 3pm the Nativity Sets will be blessed and you can take them back to your homes/churches/schools. Please let us know if you would like to display a set by contacting Rev Lesley-Ann Craddock on 0141 391 4054 and they will ensure a beautiful place for it to be displayed.

Oberammergau 2020

Pamela Dowson is considering a trip to Oberammergau in 2020 and would like to know if anyone else from St Ninian's would like to go. A booking would need to be made soon and a deposit paid to a secure place. If you are interested, or would like more details, please contact Pamela on 01292 313419 or email pmltdwn@gmail.com

Concerts

Marr Capella Christmas Concerts are on **Wednesday 13 December** at St. Meddan's Church and **Thursday 14 December** at Troon Old Parish Church, both starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 available from Words & Music, The Herbarry or W. Stevenson Chemists at Meadowgreen. You can also pay at the door on either night. This year's charities are Victim Support Ayrshire and Downs Syndrome Scotland.

Also...

Troon Chorus present 'A Joyful Sound', an evening of Christmas choral music. The concert will take place in Portland Church on **Saturday 16 December at 7.30pm**. Tickets are available from Words and Music, from Chorus members or at the door, £8 adults and £5 for children. They are supporting the charity Help for Heroes.

Don't miss out!

Remember, if you are unable to be at church one Sunday you can still keep up-to-date with what is happening at St Ninian's by reading the Bulletin online at www.stninianstroon/worship/weeklybulletin.

For lighting the candle on the Advent wreath

ADVENT 1

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.



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