

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON

Sunday 1 December 2024

Advent Sunday

President & Preacher: Rev Keith Thomasson

Our hope is that you will encounter God and friendship. You may sit anywhere in the nave part of the church. If you have young children with you, their exploration and heartfelt articulation of sound are most welcome.

Please join others in the hall for refreshment afterwards. Toilets are available in the hall, please ask for directions.

If you want to know more about faith, become involved with the life of St Ninian's, or want a pastoral visit please speak to Keith our Rector.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion in one or both forms. Please ask for a blessing if you want one when you come forward. Gluten free wafers are available and those requiring them should let the Welcomers know.

Please note that today's service will be live streamed via YouTube.

This will be as non-intrusive as is practicable but will include video of the nave except the back row on the right.

Hymns at the Eucharist

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| Opening hymn | 37 | Hark what a sound, |
| Advent Candles | 26(v1) | Advent candles tell their story |
| Gospel hymn | 28 | Come and see the shining hope |
| Offertory | 27 | Colours of day dawn into the mind, |
| Communion | | Organ music during communion |
| Final hymn | 41 | Lo, he comes with clouds descending, |

Collect

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free; for you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Readings Year C

Hebrew Scripture **Jeremiah 33: 14 — 16 (645)**

Psalm **Psalm 25: 1 - 9**

Refrain To you, O Lord, **I lift my soul**

Gospel **Luke 21: 25 - 36**

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RECORDING AND STREAMING ST. NINIAN'S SERVICES

The live stream can be viewed by clicking on link: [youtube.com/@stninianstroon](https://www.youtube.com/@stninianstroon) or 'st ninian's troon' on You Tube

WHAT ABOUT MONEY?

Everything that happens at St Ninian's is dependent on the offerings and donations of everyone in the congregation. Regular offerings make the use of the buildings, grounds, ministry and music possible. They enable the congregation to exist, and to provide a welcome space to belong to, to explore faith, and to grow as a Christian.

If you wish you can also make an offering to St Ninian's by bank transfer to:

Bank account name: St Ninian's Church Vestry

Sort code: 82-68-21 **Account number:** 20510140

THIS WEEK AT ST NINIAN'S - W/C 1 DECEMBER

Sunday

6.00pm

Advent Carol Service
including Salvation Army Band. Service
preceded by refreshments at 5.00pm in the Hall.

Monday

10.00am

7.00pm

see below)

Morning Prayer with global music
'The Chosen' at the Rectory (for full details please

Tuesday

7.30pm

The Fellowship Beetle Drive

Wednesday

10.00am

11.00am

Holy Communion
'The Chosen' at the Rectory

Thursday

10.00am

7.30pm

Story & Song
Choir Rehearsal & Compline

Saturday

10.00am

Creative Craft Group

Sunday 8 December

10.30am

Advent 2

Sung Eucharist with hymns

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The Kilmarnock Salvation Army Brass Band and Songsters will be taking part in the Advent Carol service this evening. **Refreshments will be served in the Hall** from 5.00pm - 5.45pm and the candlelit service will commence at 6.00pm.

ST NINIAN'S AGM - TODAY

The AGM will be held this morning in the hall following on from after service, refreshments (c. 12 noon). Please pray for this special event and come having read all paperwork.

This year papers for the AGM have been sent to you by email.

Nomination forms are available on the Welcome Desk. Please submit nominations to Keith Thomasson, as we have no Vestry secretary, before the start of the meeting. Please let Linda Rayner know if you want paper copies of the meeting Agenda and reports.

Nominations are sought for:

- Lay Rep (due to Election of a new Bishop and Canon 4 requirements ideally Reuben Thomasson continues in this role)
- Alternate Lay Rep, ● Vestry Secretary
- Treasurer/Liaising with bookkeeper ● Up to four Vestry members

And additional roles, which can be held on Vestry or not:

- Property Convenor
- Oversight of Sandilands
- TCT Vestry Rep
- Hall Convenor (partial role shared with others)
- Health and Safety

THE CHOSEN ADVENT STUDY will be offered in person hosted by St Ninian's, Troon and Holy Trinity, Ayr and on Zoom hosted by St Ninian's Prestwick.

Troon in-person sessions will take place at 70 Bentinck Drive, Troon on **Monday evenings at 7.00pm** and on **Wednesday mornings at 11.00am**. Please contact Keith Thomasson on troonrector@myphone.coop if you wish to attend either of these sessions.

To prepare, you can watch the first episode via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E-8-NcL7tc> or on *The Chosen* website <https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683594334>

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship meets on **Tuesday 3 December at 7.30pm** in the church hall. This will be our Annual Beetle Drive, please come along and support this event. Also, contrary to the Newsletter, the speaker on **Tuesday 7 January** will be Liz Kirby talking about Dundonald Castle and Evan McLaughlin will be talking about Tanzania on **Tuesday 4 March**.

HOLY TRINITY KILMARNOCK CHRISTMAS TREE & CRIB FESTIVAL
Kilmarnock are holding a Christmas Tree & Crib Festival in the church from 1.00pm — 4pm on **Saturday 7 December**. They are supporting a variety of local charities and admission is £2.50. All are warmly invited.

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THE BUTTERFLY SONG

(If I Were a Butterfly)

Words and Music by Brian M. Howard

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

CHORUS

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me, me*

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you

If I were an octopus
I'd thank you Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair

If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you Lord for my great smile
But I just thank you Father for
making me, me

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