Advent Sunday 28th November 2010

Markinch Parish Church
Sunday Bulletin

Minister: Revd Alex Forsyth TD BA MTh

Our Mission
To Worship God, Share His love and Serve His World

Grace To You And Peace

During the organ prelude please quietly prepare yourself for sharing in the service by offering a prayer and reading the lessons set for today.

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We enter to worship

Prelude - music for prayer and meditation

Welcome & Intimations

HYMN 273 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Advent Candle 1

HYMN 291 When Out Of Poverty Is Born

The children continue their service in the hall

Isaiah 40.25-31 p 725

I Thessalonians 5.1-11 p1188

Matthew 24.36-44 p 994

Hymn 316 Love Came Down At Christmas

Prayers for Help & Healing

HYMN 472 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Sermon

The Offering

HYMN 320 Joy To The World

The Blessing & Choral Amen

Postlude - music for prayer and reflection

We depart to serve

Present Aid

Give Together at Markinch Parish Church

Group gifts represent large projects that will make a big difference to the everyday lives of whole communities.

Let's club together to buy a gift that makes a big difference…

A WELL in RURAL KENYA

for less than £500

The total donated so far is in excess of £94

Digging and constructing a 100ft well will make a huge difference to an entire village in rural Kenya. With no clean water nearby, it falls to the women and girls to walk miles to the nearest river - repeating the journey several times a day.

But with a well in the village, the supply of clean fresh water close by means that women can work and contribute to their family's income.

It also means that girls can go to school regularly and receive a good education that will help them get a job in the future.

We raise money for Christian Aid throughout the year by selling books in the Church Hall. In the run up to Christmas we as a congregation could donate enough money to purchase a well in Kenya through Present Aid and give a gift that makes a big difference.

Donations can be made in the church hall or for more information contact our Christian Aid Convenor, Tracy Thomson on 01592 775752

Gift Cards are available in the hall if you wish your donation to be in the form of a Christmas present to a friend or relative.

The Glory of Christmas at Markinch Parish Church
December 2010

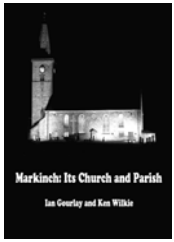
Sunday 5th 7.00pm Help for Heroes Christmas Concert
Tuesday 21st 9.30am Markinch Primary School Service
Christmas Eve 6.00pm Family Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Watchnight Service
Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Morning Service
Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Service

Markinch : Its Church and Parish

A new book
by Ian Gourlay and Ken Wilkie

A companion to the volume
'*The Church in Markinch*' which was published in 2001

Contributors to this edition include: Dr Jean and Robert Balfour, Shane Fenton, Bruce Manson and Stuart Morris



Copies can be obtained from the church after the service today and also from Mary McArthur, gents' hairdresser, 2 Croft Road, Markinch or from Ken Wilkie on 01592 760042 or *book@markinchchurch.org.uk*

The paperback is priced at £12.50 (£10 for church members)
and the hardback is priced at £18.00 (£15 for church members)

ALL PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF THE BOOK WILL BE USED TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDINGS OF MARKINCH PARISH CHURCH

Markinch Parish Church
'Trees of Memories'

Over the Christmas season, our 'Trees of Memories' in the church windows offer a way to remember loved ones no longer with us. Memory tags are available from the 28th November (Advent Sunday).

Add your own inscription on the reverse of the tag before hanging it on the tree before or after the morning service. Last year more than one hundred cards adorned the trees.

Memory cards are available for a £1 donation from the table in the church entrance. All proceeds from the 'Trees of Memories' will go towards the provision of a freshwater well in rural Kenya. Christian Aid provide the well at a cost of £500.

REMEMBER THE FALLEN : CARE FOR THE LIVING

MARKINCH PARISH CHURCH
Christmas Concert

In aid of Help for Heroes the charity that supports armed forces personnel recovering from their wounds by providing Army Recovery Centres.

Featuring the East Fife Ladies Choir
Carol Singing & Lucky Draw
Sunday 5th of December 2010 at 7pm

Tickets £5

(School Children & Students Free)
Available from Jean Forsyth (01592 758264)

Update

Welcome. We hope you will feel at home and among friends.
Would visitors please sign our visitors book.
Please join us for coffee and a chat in the hall after the service.
If you would like information about the Church or any of the organisations please see a member of the welcome team.
The reader today is John Wood

Ministers Vestry Hour 12 noon - 1.00 pm. Please contact the Minister for an appointment - phone 01592-758264 or E-mail *alex@arforsyth.com* In the event of hospitalisation, serious illness, family anxiety, bereavement or personal difficulty the Minister is readily available to visit. You have to let him know if he can be of help.

Coffee Morning from 10.00 to 11.30am on Thursdays in the church hall. Join us for tea or coffee and a chat. Sales table & lucky tickets.

Church Christmas Cards are available in the hall after the service every Sunday and at morning coffee on Thursdays. Price £5 per pack of 10.

Life and Work. The December edition is available for uplift in the vestibule.

Christmas Stockings - Small Christmas stockings are on sale following today's service for only £1. All money raised will be donated to the Church.

Christmas Meal - There are still a few spaces available for you to join us for fun and fellowship at our Christmas Meal on Friday 10th December at Balbirnie Golf Club. The final date for booking a place and payment of £20 per person is Sunday 5th December.

Ideal Christmas Gift - Models of Markinch Parish Church can be purchased for £19.99 in the Church Hall.

Sunday Teas - Thank you to everyone who has helped with Sunday teas and soup throughout the year. New rotas are being made for February 2011 onwards and if anyone would like to join the teams of volunteers please contact Tracy Thomson or John Wood.

Shoebox Appeal - Glenrothes Rotary are sending shoeboxes to Eastern Europe for an Easter delivery. Please collect empty boxes and information sheets from the Church Hall if you wish to support this appeal.

Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK Scotland on Saturday 4th December from 10.00am to 12.00noon at Balbirnie Court. Tea, Coffee, Raffle etc. Tickets priced £1.50 from Lottie Wilson or any local committee member.

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