



Markinch Parish Church Sunday Bulletin

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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.

To access the loop system switch to setting "T"

We enter to worship

Prelude - music for prayer and meditation

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

HYMN 306 O Come All Ye Faithful (vs1-3)

Advent Crown IV

Hymn Star-Child, Earth-Child

The children continue their service in the hall

Isaiah 9.2 - 7 p 693

Hebrews 1.1-4 p1201

Luke 2.1-7 p1027

HYMN 314 Child In The Manger

Prayers for Help & Healing

HYMN 305 In The Bleak Mid-Winter

Sermon

The Offering

HYMN 323 The First Nowell

The Blessing & Choral Amen

Postlude - music for prayer and reflection

We depart to serve



Star-Child, Earth-Child
go-between of God,
love Child, Christ Child,
heaven's lightening rod,
*This year, this year,
let the day arrive,
when Christmas comes
for everyone,
everyone alive!*

Street child, beat child
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know,
This year

Grown child, old child,
memory full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears,
This year ...

Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child
knowing joy in store,
This year ...

Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
down-to-earth Child,
star of stars that shine,
This year...

**The Glory of Christmas at Markinch Parish Church
December 2010**

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

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 Doug Jolly.

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.

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 so if you would like to join the list of volunteers please contact Tracy Thomson or John Wood.

Let's club together to buy a gift that makes a big difference - A Well in Rural Kenya for less than £500. Donations can be placed in the well over in the church hall. 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.

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

Sunday School Due to the small number of children and the weather conditions the past few Sundays the Sunday School are unfortunately unable to contribute to this years Christmas Service. They would like to thank all those who have shown an interest in and given donations to them over the year and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year

Surafel Thanks to all who have donated to Surafel, our sponsored child in Ethiopia. The latest letter from him is on the notice board along with a copy of his School Report. Without your support he would not be able to attend school or receive the Christmas gift we have sent. The calendar for next year is in the hall, anyone wishing to donate please add their name to it and give money to any Sunday school teacher.

Prayer Call - Anyone who is interested can pick up the December and January copy of Kirkcaldy Presbytery's Prayer Call leaflet in the vestibule.

Shoebbox 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.

Markinch: Its Church and Parish A new book by Ian Gourlay and Ken Wilkie and a companion to the volume *The Church in Markinch* which was published in 2001. The paperback is priced at £12.50 (£10 for church members) and the hardback priced at £18.00 (£15 for church members). All profits from the sale of the book go to our church funds. Copies of the book are available in the hall after the service today.

The Trees of Memories The trees in the church windows offer a way to remember loved ones no longer with us. Add your own inscription on the reverse of the Memory Tag before hanging it on the tree. Tags are available for a £1 donation from the table in the church entrance. All proceeds will go towards the provision of a freshwater well in rural Kenya. Christian Aid provide the well at a cost of £500.