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# Markinch Parish Church Sunday Bulletin

*Minister: Revd Alex Forsyth TD BA MTh*

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*Our Mission*

*To Worship God, Share His love and Serve His World*

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*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 323 The First Nowell**

Advent Candle 4

**HYMN 322 Good Christians All Rejoice**

*The children continue their service in the hall*

Psalm 125 p 623

1 Corinthians 1.26-31 p1145

Matthew 2:1-18 p 966

**HYMN At This Time Of Giving**

Prayers for Help & Healing

**HYMN What Child Is This**

Sermon

The Offering

**HYMN 331 Unto Us A Boy Is Born**

The Blessing & Choral Amen

**Postlude - music for prayer and reflection**

**We depart to serve**



*At this time of giving,  
gladly now we bring  
gifts of goodness and mercy  
from a heavenly King.*

Earth could not contain the treasures  
heaven holds for you,  
perfect joy and lasting pleasures,  
love so strong and true.

*At this time of giving . . .*

May His tender love surround you  
at this Christmastime;  
may you see His smiling face  
that in the darkness shines.

*At this time of giving...*

But the many gifts He gives  
are all poured out from one;  
come receive the greatest gift,  
the gift of God's own Son.

*At this time of giving...*



*What child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds' watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring him praise  
The Babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Come, have no fear, God's son is here,  
His love all loves exceeding:  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail, the Saviour comes,  
The Babe, the son of Mary.*

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
All tongues and peoples own him,  
The King of Kings salvation brings,  
Let every heart enthrone him:  
Raise, raise your song on high  
While Mary sings a lullaby,  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born  
The Babe, the son of Mary.*



## 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 who are no longer with us.

Add your own inscription on the reverse of the tag before hanging it on the tree before or after the morning service.

Memory cards (£1) are available from the vestibule table. Last year more than one hundred cards adorned the trees.

All proceeds from the 'Trees of Memories' are going towards the provision of fresh-water well in rural Kenya.

(Christian Aid provide the well at a cost of £327)

### **The Glory of Christmas in Markinch Parish Church**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 6.00pm**

A service for all the family led  
by members of the Youth Club

**Christmas Watchnight Service 11.30pm**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 10.00am**

Christmas 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](mailto:alex@arforsyth.com) In the event of hospitalisation, serious illness, family anxiety, bereavement or personal difficulty the Minister is readily available to visit. Let him know if he can help.

**Coffee Mornings** There will be no coffee mornings for the next two Thursdays. Join us again from 10.00am until 11.15am on Thursday 5th January 2012.

**Christian Aid** The total collected for Christian Aid so far is £315.80

**'Markinch - Its Church and Parish'** A small quantity of hardback copies of this book are now available. If you are interested in a copy please speak to Ken Wilkie. The price is £15. We also have paperbacks, priced at £10.

**Life and Work** is now ready for uplift. Anyone who has pre-ordered Life and Work for 2012 can now pay Tracy Thomson for the next 12 issues.

**Lucky Tickets** The winner of the food hamper was Ian Gourlay.

**Nativity Service** - Come and join the members of our Youth Club to celebrate Christmas at 6pm on Christmas Eve in the Church. Following the production of 'Gods Angels' everyone is invited to the Church Hall for refreshments and an opportunity to meet the youngsters. We hope you can come and join us.

### **Christian Aid - An Incredible Journey - YOU can help.**

This Christmas, Rogers, a modern-day wise man, will be travelling far from home to deliver hope and joy in rural Kenya. In Kenya's Nyanza Province, malaria and HIV rates are extremely high, but many sick people simply cannot access the life-saving treatment they require. Rogers, a volunteer community health worker, travels to these remote communities on a red motorbike to bring mosquito nets, healthcare and medicines to those most in need.

Rogers' selfless compassion has saved many lives and brought joy and hope to people like Patricia - a single mother and teacher living with HIV in the remote village of Usenge. Follow the journey with Rogers in an interactive map at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) We at Markinch Parish Church can help Rogers deliver the care that is needed by purchasing mosquito nets, home care kit, training another volunteer or even purchasing a motorbike for Rogers. Please use the envelopes included to donate and place them in the 'wishing well' in the vestibule. For more information please contact Tracy Thomson.