



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.

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We enter to worship

Prelude - music for prayer and meditation

Welcome & Intimations

HYMN Hills of the North

Advent Candle 2

HYMN Gentle Mary

The children continue their service in the hall

Malachi 3.1-4 p 961

Romans 15.4-13 p1141

Luke 1: 26-46 p1026

HYMN 286 Tell Out My Soul

Prayers for Help & Healing

HYMN 314 Child In The Manger

Sermon

The Offering

HYMN 296 While Humble Shepherds

The Blessing & Choral Amen

Postlude - music for prayer and reflection

We depart to serve

Coffee & Conversation in the hall

Hills of the North, rejoice:

River and mountain-spring,
Hark to the advent voice!
Valley and lowland sing!
though absent long, your Lord is nigh,
He judgement brings, and victory.

Isles of the Southern seas
Deep in your coral caves,
Pent by each warring breeze,
Lulled by your restless waves;
He comes to reign with boundless sway
and makes your wastes His great highway.

Lands of the East, awake!
Soon shall your sons be free
The sleep of ages break
And rise to liberty:
on your far hills, long cold and grey,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the Utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note that Jesus died,
yet lives and reigns - the Crucified!

Shout while ye journey home!
Songs be in every mouth!
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South;
City of God, the bond are free;
We come to live and reign in thee.

Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
There he lay, the undefiled,
to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
can he be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race
who have found his favour.

Angels sang about his birth;
Wise Men sought and found him.
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
heard the angels singing;
All the plains were light that night;
all the hills were ringing.



Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth;
Hail the King of Glory!

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.

Last year more than one hundred cards adorned the trees.

Memory cards (£1) are available from the table in the church entrance. All proceeds from the 'Trees of Memories' are going towards the provision of a stair lift at the church gates.

Markinch Parish Church The Glory of Christmas



Christmas Eve

6.00 pm

Carol Service for all the family.

11.30 pm

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service

Christmas Day

10.00 am

Christmas Morning Service.



Welcome. We hope you will feel at home and among friends. Visitors please sign our visitors book in the church vestibule. After the service join us for coffee and a chat in the hall. 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 Nancy Munro.

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 available to visit **but you have to let him know if he can be of help.**

Coffee Mornings on Thursdays from 10.00am-11.30am in the church hall. Join us for tea or coffee and a chat. You are always welcome.

Retiral of Rev Alex and Jean Forsyth. Members of the congregation may like to contribute towards a gift for Alex and Jean to be presented on their retiral at the end of this year. Contributions should be handed to Nancy Munro.

Christmas Gift Wrapping Service A Christmas wrapping service will be available in the church hall on Sundays and Thursdays up until Christmas. The cost is 50 pence per present for gift wrapping and a tag and £1 for wrapping, tag, bow and ribbon. All proceeds will go to church funds. See Karen Wood or Marianne Sankey in the church hall if you would like your presents wrapped.

The Youth Club are organising their annual Christmas Party on Saturday 14th December from 2pm to 4pm and would like to invite you to bring your children or grandchildren along to join in the fun. Contact Tracy Thomson on 01592 775752.

The Flowers In Church Today are dedicated to the Glory of God and are in loving memory of Jen Todd and Bryan Todd. They were gifted by the Todd family.

The Youth Club would like to thank everyone who came along to our coffee morning on Saturday or who bought any of the baking and other items after church last Sunday morning. We raised a total of £310.00.

Christmas Greetings

Moira, Suzi, Helen and the children of the Sunday School wish all the congregation a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Esma Morrison wishes everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Good Health in 2014

Christine Annandale sends Christmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to everyone.

Alison and Bruce Taylor are not sending Christmas Cards again this year choosing instead to give a donation to Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland but nevertheless would want to wish our Christian family, friends and neighbours the peace and blessings of Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.

Nessie Wilkie has decided not to send cards this year but would like to wish everyone in the congregation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fred Sankey would like to send his best wishes for Christmas and New Year to all his friends at Markinch Parish Church.