



**THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH CHURCH**  
**2<sup>ND</sup>. SUNDAY OF ADVENT. 07-12-25.**

**WELCOME & INTIMATIONS**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRAISE: CH4. HYMN No. 290(1).**

*The race that long in darkness pined  
has seen a glorious light;*

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CROWN**

**PRAISE: INSERT. VERSES 1 & 2.**

*A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright.*

**OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 11:1-10.**

**GOSPEL: St. Matthew 3: 1-12.**

**PRAISE: CH4. HYMN No. 334.**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;*

**HOMILY: Prepare The Way of The Lord.**

**OFFERING & DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**PRAISE: CH4. HYMN No. 475.\***

*(Tune: Rhuddlan. See CH4 103.)*

*Christ is coming! Let creation  
from her groans and travail cease;*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

**PRAISE: CHURCH HYMNARY 291.**

*When out of poverty is born  
a dream that will not die,*

**BENEDICTION / AMEN**

**Please remain standing until the Church Officer  
removes the Bible.**

**Tea/Coffee will be served in the Hall after the service.  
Everyone will be made welcome.**

**Intimations – St Columba's Church**

**Message from Catherine Hay –**

My ever grateful thanks to my Church Family, who have cared, supported and upheld me, by their love, cards, flowers, visits and Prayers, while William was in Hospital, and since his death on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. I will not be sending Christmas Cards, but I wish you all The. Peace and Joy.of the Christmas Child.

William's Funeral will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm at Dregghorn Crematorium

**Bible Study & Prayer Group** will meet in the Church Hall on Monday at 1.30pm

**Pastoral Care**

Christmas Biscuits will be ready for collection/delivery on Sunday 7th December.

**EACHa** Christmas Gift Collection will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember we supply from babies to young teens. Please wrap your gift and label 'boy or girl' and the approximate age suitable for. Thank you, Margaret Smith

**Choir is** meeting in church at 10.15am every Sunday until Christmas. Anyone who wishes to join the Carol practice is very welcome

**Lochhead Court Service -**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Carols and Mince Pies.

## **Festive Diary Dates:**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December –**

Carol Service 11am conducted by Rev. Melanie Reed

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December –**

Nativity Service “The Three Kings” at 11am conducted by Rev. Bill Jackson followed by mince pies with your tea/coffee in the Church Hall.

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – All Age Christmas Eve**

Service at 6.30pm conducted by Rev. Melanie Reed.  
Watchnight service in John Knox Church at 11.15pm

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – St. Columba’s Christmas Day**

Service – 11am conducted by Rev. Gavin Niven

**St Columba’s Church website** – please visit our website for full details of all upcoming events and our weekly intimations. <https://stewartonstcolumbas.org>

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***Please send notices to the above email address no later than 6pm on a Tuesday. Thank you.***