

St Columba's Church, Stewarton

29th November 2026

Order of Service

1st Sunday in Advent

Welcome and Intimations (Session Clerk)

Introduction to Advent

Introit – Choir (1st and last verse of 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Opening Prayer

ALL AGE CONVERSATION: (Slide on the Screen when requested by Melanie)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Confession & Lord's Prayer

HYMN: CH4 481 Jesus is the name we honour

Children leave for Sunday Club

Bible Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Reflection on the text – 'Where on earth are you God?'

HYMN: CH4 543 Longing for light we wait in darkness (Christ be our light)

New Testament Reading: Mark 13: 24-37

Reflection on the Reading: What does Advent mean for us today?

Hymn: CH4 472 Come thou long expected Jesus

Offering brought forward and dedicated followed by Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: CH4 477 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Benediction & threefold 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 very welcome.

INTIMATIONS

The Guild will meet on Tuesday 1st December at 2 pm when Crossroads Community Choir will be entertaining. All welcome.

ELDERS – Christmas Cards, Christmas Leaflets and Collection Envelopes are in the trays ready for collection from Sunday 29th November. If you require extra copies of the leaflet and/or Christmas Cards please speak to Janice. We also have a few large print copies of the Christmas leaflet available.

EACHa Christmas Gift Collection will be on Sunday 13th 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

The Bible Study and Prayer Group meet every Monday at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. Anyone interested will be made most welcome and names of people or situations to be prayed for should be given to Alma Roy (01560482185) or any of the members.

Session meeting - Monday 7th December at 7pm.

Local Christmas Card Deliveries

The Boys' Brigade are delivering the local Christmas cards again this year.

Cards can be handed in to John Knox Church from 9am to 4pm Friday 11 December and 9am to 12 Noon Saturday 12 December.

It is a great help if they are banded and sorted in street alphabetical order.

Donation for Company Funds.

Please note – Boys are walking, so only Stewarton town area can be delivered – No farms or outlying properties please.

Deliveries will commence on Sunday 13 December

Anyone who requires further information please contact W. Campbell (07932 540097).

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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