

We go to serve God with God's blessing

Hymn 273 'O come, O come, Emmanuel' [T: Veni Emmanuel]

Dismissal and Blessing:

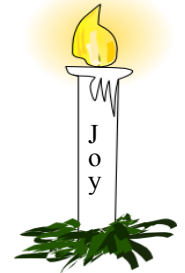
Go in peace and go in faith to ponder in your hearts the mystery of the incarnation. May life be born within you, the love of Christ be amongst you and joy surround you like the angels' song.
So may God bless and keep you now and always.
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen; Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen



The Church of Scotland
Presbytery of Aberdeen
Parish of Ferryhill

Sunday 19th December 2010
at 11 a.m.

Fourth in Advent
(Seasonal Colour: Purple)



Notices



AFTER CHURCH CAFÉ
All Welcome



Worship next Sunday
First after Christmas Advent

11 am

Worship for all ages.

Readings and carols
Crèche.

After church café.

6 p.m. Service in Maryfield East
Nursing Home
All welcome

Giant Christmas Card

cut down on the cards you send —
be more eco friendly—
Send Christmas greetings to your
friends by signing the giant card in
the foyer.

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Please contact the Minister
The Revd. J.H.A. Dick
(Tel: 586933)
for information about
Church Membership,
Baptism, or being married in
Church,
or complete one of the
Welcome Cards available in the
pews and hand it in as you leave.
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Advent and Christmas-tide

Services

10.30am

Ferryhill School Service.

Christmas Eve

Friday 24th Dec 10.00 am

Make Christingles

with Coffee and Mince Pies

6.30 pm Christingle Service
for all ages

11 pm Carols by Candlelight

11.30 pm Watchnight service

Christmas Day

Saturday 25th Dec 10 am

Worship for all ages

(lasts approx about 35 mins)

Please bring a gift you have received.

Sunday 26th

11 a.m. Readings and carols .

All Welcome

*The offerings at the Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day services will go to
Aberdeen Street Pastors*

'The Freewill Offering Envelopes for 2011
are now available. Can Area Care Teams
please collect from the foyer and arrange for
their distribution before the end of the year.



Welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church.

If you are a visitor you are especially welcome;
please sign the Visitors' Book in the Foyer.

There are no personalised seats here so please feel free to sit where you wish.

If you wear a hearing aid, please adjust it to the appropriate position
to benefit from the loop hearing system.

Please use the Atrium and Foyer for conversations before the service to allow the Church to be a place for quite reflection.

Toilets, one with wheelchair access and one with nappy changing facility,
are located off the Foyer near the foot of the west stairs leading to the gallery.

Children of all ages are welcome in the service but should any become
upset, parents should feel free to move to the Foyer where the service can
also be heard. A selection of children's books can be found in the two racks
just inside the doors between the Foyer and the Church — please make use of
these and return them after the service.

There is a crèche in the Upper Room for the under-threes.

(Please ask one of the people on door duty for directions).



Order of Service

In preparation for the singing of each hymn, *please stand as soon as the organist begins playing the introduction* but please remain seated during the hymns if you find it difficult or uncomfortable to stand.

Those parts of the service where the congregation is invited to respond are indicated in **highlighted words**.

The service today is led by Members of the Congregation,
The Ferryhill Singers, The Revd Abi T Ngunga (Minister-elect at
St Andrew's, Peterhead) and the Revd. J H A Dick
(Minister at Ferryhill).

The Director of Music is Kevin Haggart.

The Beadle on duty is Alastair King.

The Chancel flowers today have been donated by
Dorothy Band Billy Pirie in memory of loved ones.



We approach God

Call to Worship:

God is with you: **God is also with you.**

Let hope come to our hearts, **Christ Jesus is our hope!**

Let peace come to our hearts, **Christ Jesus is our peace!**

Let love come to our hearts, **Christ Jesus is our love.**

Let joy come to our hearts, **Christ Jesus is our joy.**

Come to us Christ Jesus, babe of Bethlehem,

our hope, our peace, and our love. **Be born again is in us this Christmas.**

Let us worship God.

Hymn 320 'Joy to the world' [T : Antioch]

Prayers

God speaks to us through

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us.

All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

Loving God, we open ourselves to you,

trusting that this is how you made us:

you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Magnify your love within us.

Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,

but must be shared.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 284 (verses 1-4) 'Hope is a candle, once it by the prophets'

Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice

For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

We will find what makes us joyful and make that our gift to the world.

Trust in God's good will for all of creation

and open yourself to God's gentle, transforming love.

We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.

We will offer ourselves to God's goodness.

We will go from here in hope, peace, love and joy.

Notices and 'Welcome Time'

God speaks to us through

Christmas Around the World

Sightings 1 : 'I thought I saw some shepherds yesterday'

The gospel according to Luke 2 : 1 – 7 (in French)

Message from Palestine



Vrolijk Kerstfeest



Joyeux Noel

'Gabriel's Message' - Spanish Carol

Sung by The Ferryhill Singers

Sightings 2 'I thought I saw some angels yesterday'

The Gospel according to Luke 2: 8 – 14 (in the Kiyombe language from Congo)

Message from Malawi

'Infant holy, infant lowly' - Polish Carol

Sung by The Ferryhill Singers

Sightings 3 'I thought I saw Mary yesterday'

The Gospel according to Luke 2: 15 – 20 (in German)

Message from Switzerland

'Stille Nacht' Sung by the congregation (words on the screen)

Sightings 4 'I thought I saw Joseph yesterday'

The Gospel according to Matthew 2: 1 – 6 (in Dutch)

Message from Australia

'The north wind is tossing the leaves' Australian Carol

Sung by The Ferryhill Singers

Sightings 5 'I thought I saw Jesus yesterday'

The Gospel according to Matthew 2: 7 – 12 (in English)

Message from China

Silence

Our response to God

The Offering - the offerings are taken up

Offering Hymn 305 'In the bleak mid-winter' [T : Cranham]

Act of Dedication : (we remain standing and say together)

O God may we never forget the needs of others especially at this time.

As we offer these gifts, help us to use our money wisely, to bring love,

joy, hope and peace to other so that your Christmas message of

goodwill may be known. Amen (the Congregation sits)

Prayers of concern

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us the wrong we have done,

As we forgive those who have wronged us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Noella Malamu

Feliz Navidad

Froelichene Weihnachten

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