

## Prayer

Christ, born in a stable: *Give courage to the homeless;*  
Christ who fled to Egypt: *Befriend the refugee;*  
Christ who fasted in the desert: *Have mercy on the hungry;*  
Christ who hung in torture on the cross: *Comfort those in pain;*  
Christ who died to save us: *Forgive our sin, our greed, our selfishness and our lack of concern;*  
Christ save us today from ourselves:  
*And use us to encourage, befriend, feed and comfort those in need as if, Christ Jesus, we were doing it to you. Amen*

## 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.*

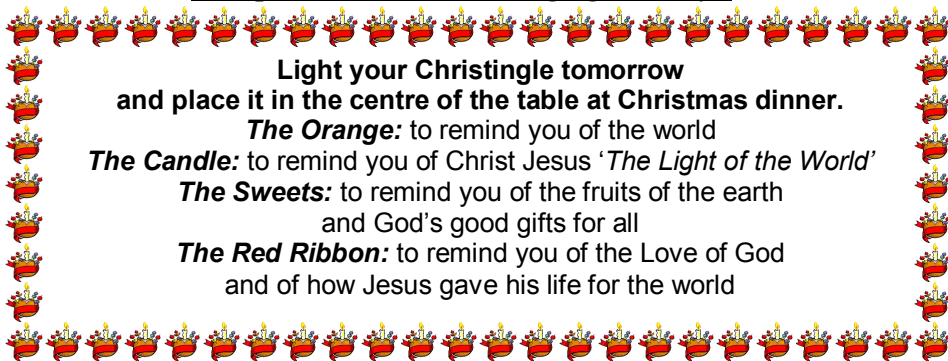
We go to serve God with God's blessing

**Hymn 301 'Hark the herald angels sing'** [T: Mendelssohn (Bethlehem)]

## Sending and Blessing

Go in peace and the blessing of God be with you  
this Christmas-tide and remain with you always.

in response to which the Congregation says "Amen"



**Light your Christingle tomorrow  
and place it in the centre of the table at Christmas dinner.**

**The Orange:** to remind you of the world

**The Candle:** to remind you of Christ Jesus 'The Light of the World'

**The Sweets:** to remind you of the fruits of the earth  
and God's good gifts for all

**The Red Ribbon:** to remind you of the Love of God  
and of how Jesus gave his life for the world



## Tonight

11 pm Carols by Candlelight  
11.30 pm Watchnight service

**Tomorrow : Christmas Day**  
Sunday 25th Dec 10 am  
**Worship for all ages**  
(lasts approx about 35 mins)



# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND FERRYHILL PARISH CHURCH Christmas Eve 2010 at 6.30 p.m. **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**



## Welcome to Ferryhill Parish Church

If you are a visitor you are especially welcome;  
**please sign the Visitors' Book in the Vestibule.**  
**Please feel free to sit where you wish except the gallery**  
If you wear a hearing aid please adjust it to the appropriate position  
to benefit from the loop hearing system.

Anyone wishing information about Church Membership, Baptisms or Weddings  
should contact the Minister, the Revd. J H A Dick (telephone 586933)

*The Service is led by Elspeth Mackay-Smith (Candidate for the Ministry of Word  
and Sacrament) and the Revd. J H A Dick (Minister at Ferryhill).  
The Director of Music is Kevin Haggart.*

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

We will stand to sing the **first and last** hymns  
(but will remain seated while singing) the others.

## We approach God

**Call to Worship** (the congregation responds with the **highlighted words**)

In the beginning, when it was very dark,  
God said, 'Let there be light'

**And there was light**

In the beginning, when it was very quiet, the Word was with God

**And what God was, the Word was**

When the time was right, God sent his Son,

**He came among us, the Word made flesh: He was one of us!**

**Thanks be to God**

Let us worship God.

Hymn 315 'Once in Royal David's City' [T: Irby]

Prayer

God speaks to us through

Christmas with the Sunday Club

Hymn 312 'Away in a manger' [T : Cradle Song]

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

We light the tall white candle in the centre of the Advent Ring  
to stand for Jesus, The Light of the World

1. Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets,  
never consumed, though it burns through the years  
dim in the daylight of power and privilege –  
when they are gone, hope will shine on.
2. Peace is a candle to show us a pathway,  
threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed.  
Friend, feel no envy for those in the shadows –  
violence and force their dead-end course.
3. Love is a candle whose light makes a circle,  
where every face is the face of a friend.  
Widen the circle by sharing and giving —  
God's holy dare: love everywhere.
4. Joy is a candle of mystery and laughter,  
mystery of light that is born in the dark;  
laughter at hearing the voice of an angel,  
ever so near, casting out fear.
5. Christ is the light that the prophets awaited,  
Christ is the lion, the lamb, and the child.  
Christ is the love and the mystery and laughter –  
candles, make way! Christ is the day.



Prayer

*We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives  
and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth,  
born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult  
ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love and justice  
of God;  
his voice undimmed by the centuries his call and his promise  
as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.  
Come to us, Lord Jesus,  
Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives,  
May the light of your life be kindled in us,  
And lead us to the shining truth,  
Of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen*

Hymn 302 'It was on a starry night' [T : A starry night]

Hymn 309 'Still the night' [T: Stille Nacht]

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTINGLES

Lights are taken from the Christ candle and are used to light the Christingles  
at the end of each pew. That light is then passed on to others in that pew until all  
the Christingles are lit with the light of Christ.

Christingle Carol: [Tune: God Rest You Merry]

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| 1. Now let us all praise God our King<br>For all the world he made,<br>The orange represents the earth,<br>With all its fruits portrayed.<br>For God created all of us<br>We need not be afraid—<br>O Christingle of hope for us all,<br>for us all,<br>O Christingle of hope for us all.     | 2. Now let us all praise God our King,<br>For Jesus Christ our Lord,<br>Who gave his life upon the cross,<br>That we might be restored.<br>And so to represent his blood<br>The fruit is bound with red—<br>O Christingle of peace for us all,<br>for us all,<br>O Christingle of peace for us all. |
| 3. Now let us all praise God our King,<br>For on that Christmas night<br>He gave his son to show the way,<br>And be for us the Light.<br>And so within the fruit of earth<br>We set our candle bright—<br>O Christingle of joy for us all,<br>for us all,<br>O Christingle of joy for us all. | 4. Now let us all praise God our King,<br>For showing us the way,<br>That we might show our love for him,<br>In this and every day.<br>And tell the Good news to the world,<br>In all we do and say—<br>O Christingle of love for us all,<br>for us all,<br>O Christingle of love for us all.       |

Our response to God

**Dedication:**

Will you take your Christingle as a symbol of the light of Christ coming  
into your lives and the life of the world?

**We will**

Will you take the light of Christ within you,  
and seek to share that light in the places where you work,  
meet and share together?

**We will,**

**with the help of the Holy Spirit of God**

So let your light shine that others may see the light of  
Christ in you and give thanks to God.

**God of all, may we, to whom the Spirit gives light,  
bring light to the world.**

**Alleluia, thanks be to God.**

