



# Christmas Services



## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

St John's Nativity Service at 11.15am  
 St John's Christingle Service at 6.30pm  
 Dairsie Carol Service at 8.15pm  
 St John's Watchnight Service at 11.30pm

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

St John's Short Family Service at 10am

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December

Dairsie "Carols in the Café" at 2pm

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Joint Service in Cupar Old at 11.15am

**All welcome to all Services**

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# ST JOHN'S & DAIRSIE UNITED PARISH CHURCH

United in Faith. United in Love.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 11.15am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Welcome

Silence

Lighting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle

Introit

**Hymn 314 Child in the manger**

Call to Prayer

Prayer

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament: John 1:19-28

**Hymn 305 In the bleak midwinter**

Sermon

**Hymn 283 The voice of God goes out** (Tune: Woodlands)

(Children come in to Church)

Offering

**Hymn 807 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

(Congregation stand and sing as offering brought forward)

Intimations

**Hymn 374 From heaven you came**

Prayers of Intercession

Talk to Children

Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 290 The race that long in darkness** (Tune: Crediton 277)

Benediction



# CHURCH NEWS

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## **Welcome!**

We offer a warm welcome to everyone who gathers for worship this morning.

If this is your first time at St John's and Dairsie, or you are visiting the area, please sign our Welcome Book. These can be found in the vestibule at Dairsie and on the table in the side chapel at St John's.

Everyone is invited through to the hall for coffee and a blether after both services.

## **Bible Reading**

For your own Bible study in December, we suggest Isaiah 31 - 66 as it has some of the nice passages relating to Christmas.

## **Thanks**

Grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Christmas Coffee Morning yesterday.

## **Busy Hands**

The 'Busy Hands' are now on holiday. Next meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## **Fife Nativity**

This year, Fife Nativity will perform in two new locations in Cupar. At St Columba's on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm and then on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4.30pm and 6.30pm at St John's. This unique event which is staged half inside and half outside features live animals and a real baby as Jesus and this year, is free. Please arrive early for mince pies and mulled wine in the hall beforehand. Everyone welcome.

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm The Ladies Group Christmas Party. Please let Eileen Fairbairn know if you would like to attend (Phone 656195).

## **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

12noon (**Please note change of time**) The christingles will be made in the church hall. With enough help and good humour it should only take around an hour to make them. All are welcome to come and help.

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

"Carols in the Cafe". Christmas songs and readings, cafe-style, in the Church Hall at Dairsie, from 2pm.

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day**

The annual New Year's Day Walk sets off from outside the Church in Dairsie at 2pm. Those who can't manage the walk are welcome to join us for the cup of tea afterwards, at around 2.45pm. Walkers please remember to wear footwear suitable for country tracks.

## **Flower Calendar**

The flower calendar for 2018 is available for anyone wishing to donate flowers. Please add your name to a chosen date or contact Olivia Fraser telephone 01334 654707.

## **Used Stamps**

Please continue to save your used stamps- every single stamp helps - there is a box in the organ corner for them - they are used to raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - last year Scotland raised enough money for 2½ dogs which is a fantastic amount. Many thanks to those of you who have supported us in the past and hopefully will continue to do so.