



CHRIST CHURCH LANARK
CLYDESDALE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020



Worship



December 2019

Sunday 1st

Advent 1

09.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

06.00 pm – Advent Carol Service

Sunday 8th

Advent 2

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 15th

Advent 3

10.30 am – All Age Eucharist

Sunday 22nd

Advent 4

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 24th

Christmas Eve

11.00 pm – Midnight Eucharist

Wednesday 25th

Christmas Day

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 29th

Christmas 1

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

January 2020

Sunday 5th

The Epiphany

09.00 am – Said Eucharist

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12th

Baptism of The Lord

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Sunday 19th

Epiphany 2/Christian Unity

10.30 – All Age Eucharist

07.00 pm – Christian Unity

Ecumenical Service

Sunday 26th

Epiphany 3

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Lunch Club resumes on

Tuesday 14 January

12.30pm in the Church

Hall. Cost £2.50

All Welcome



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December

at

6 pm

This year's Advent Carol Service
will explore in word, carol and reflection
the Advent theme of darkness to light

As we enter this season of anticipation for Christmas
take some time out to slow down, focus and pray
and so prepare to celebrate
the holy nativity fully and deeply

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE HALL
AFTERWARDS

All Welcome



Christingle 2019

Sunday 15th December

at

6 pm

Come along to the twinkle zone
and enter the wonder and mystery of Christmas
as the children and young people of the congregation
re-enact the story of the holy nativity in word and song
build our new crib scene
and form a tableau of the night of our Saviour's birth
complete with holy family, shepherds, angels and animals.

**MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
WILL BE SERVED IN THE HALL AFTERWARDS**

Retiring Collection
in support of

MEMORY LANE

CHRISTMAS TREE PRAYERS



If you would like your Christmas tree to mean more this year, why not try this beautiful and thoughtful prayer idea?

Children love to help with decorating the tree. This idea is an easy way to let them get involved, and helps them pray at the same time.

- Buy some pretty gift tags (sparkly stars work well) – or make some by cutting up last year’s Christmas cards.
- Write on the plain side the names of people or situations that you want to pray about.
- Hang the gift tag prayers on your tree as a sparkly reminder – just as your tree lights shine in the darkness, so your prayers are like a candle that lights up the lives of those in need.
- Christmas is a particularly difficult time if you are sad, or ill, or lonely or worried. Keep a few spare gift tags so you can add to your tree when **you** think of others who need your prayers.

Tip: If you know someone needs your prayers, but it’s best if others don’t know they’re in need, why not just write their initial on the tag, or draw a heart shape – God will know you are thinking of them.



Bethlehemian Rhapsody

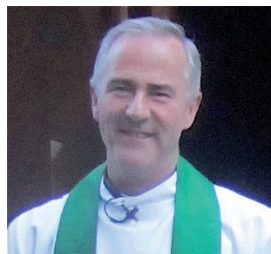
If you enjoyed the song *Bohemian Rhapsody*, and would like the ‘Christmas version’, complete with singing puppets, do visit this on YouTube. It is from last year, but still well worth the visit!

<https://youtu.be/IxvMkSKRWOA>

RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Driving to the hospital to do some pastoral visiting the other day I listened, on Radio 4, to a very stimulating discussion on “What is truth?” The discussion was a lively one – quite mind boggling in places. One point that really got the participants going and caused a bit of a rumpus was over whether Christians, in a pluralist society, should be able to hold a view that they claim is a universal truth when others categorically do not agree with them.



As you can imagine I, too, was as exercised by this point as the people speaking on the radio, so much so that my mind was locked on it as I marched along those interminable corridors at Wishaw General. By the time I arrived at the door of the ward I was looking for I had concluded that a definitive answer probably couldn't be found, but the whole debate came back to me as I sat down to think about what to write here...

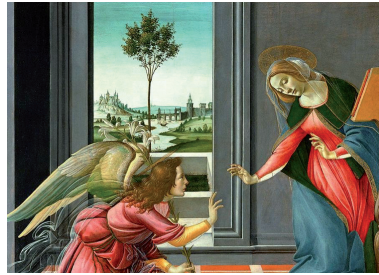
Christmas is coming and we, as Christians, have a very strong belief about what the Feast of the Incarnation means. We believe it means God sent his Son into the world as a baby, in the person of Jesus, and that he lived, died and rose again from the dead. This we hold to be true. It is our truth and it is a ground breaking, earth shattering truth. God on earth! God in human form! No wonder it has challenged generations and continues to be a stumbling block to many. And yet it is a truth that gives meaning to our lives, it changes the way we live, it colours our view of the world and underpins how we relate to all human beings. That is what Christmas is about – for us.

It can be a struggle to hold on to the centrality of that fact when Christmas for the world is focussed simply on present giving and family get-togethers. The truth of Christmas gets watered down, domesticated, made tame and even sidelined, and we say nothing, because we don't want to be seen to peddle an unpopular or even a ridiculed belief, we don't want to come across as being dogmatic in our society of many beliefs. And yet, that is our truth of Christmas, and we believe it is a universal truth, one that has real meaning for the whole world, and is very relevant for today and for all people. While we hold that view, it doesn't mean we have to impose it on other people, but neither does it mean we should be embarrassed by it.

We should proclaim Christ's birth with sincerity, with confidence and with joy. I hope that this Christmas, in these pluralist times, you will do just that and derive great blessing from the proclamation.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Christmas

Drew



Waiting with Mary Rev. L. Johnston

The artist Botticelli in his painting of the annunciation – the moment when Mary receives the Advent news of Jesus birth – shows the very human act of waiting, with its internal conflicts and worries. There is a conflict within Mary going on in the painting, shown in her stance towards the angel. The shame of having a baby prior to marriage in her culture would have been unliveable. The responsibility of raising any child is a heavy one – how much more the responsibility of carrying God's own Son. She realised this announcement would change not only her fate as a person, a woman, a mother; but the fate of all who in Israel hoped for a messiah, and all in the world who longed for spiritual and eternal life. But, the hesitation and resistance we see in her posture is not found as we gaze towards her face. There we find the calm serene acceptance of the message and the task before her. Like Mary, may we respond to the call of God in this time and place during Advent, moving beyond our fears and anxieties towards graceful acceptance of God's Son.

Obituary for Maurice Burroughs

I would like to take this opportunity to reach all my family from Christ Church, who have supported Maurice and me over the last few years and especially since his diagnosis of dementia. Thank you, all of you for visits, shoulders to lean on, help with Maurice, chauffeuring to hospitals – so many things. Thank you to all those who came to his funeral on 18th November and giving him such a good send-off. I was able to donate £500 to Alzheimer's Scotland, which one hopes will help find a cure for this awful illness.

Alison

Two new babies



‘Jenna Audrey Carter was born on 15th October 2019, a daughter for Helen and Matthew, and another granddaughter for Doreen and Bob Cleary’.

Jane and Leslie Milliken are thrilled to welcome Mitchell into their family. A little brother for Keira.



**Goodbye-ee! Goodbye-ee! Wipe the tear, baby dear, from
your eye-ee.....**



On Sunday 17 November we said goodbye to Dr Jamie and Rachel Hill who are moving to Peebles after 36 years in Lanark. Rachel has been a mainstay of our organist team, a Lay Rep and chief organiser of Christingle for many years. Jamie has served his time as Rector's Warden, Stewardship Convener and Buildings Convener as well as making sure we always had enough wine to celebrate our various special events such as the Church Barbecue and Christingle. They will both be greatly missed but we wish them all the best in their new home. Drew presented them with a Sonos Music System on behalf of the congregation.

To Christ Church

As I mentioned on our "last Sunday" (but we will be back, in Terminator style!), seeing the Pisky Pub Sign outside Christ Church as we were shown round the town at interview for the practice in Lanark was an important 'plus' for Lanark as we looked for a home and workplace. We could not have thought that the wee church on the corner and its congregation would become so large a part of our lives here, Christ Church is the very prettiest of little Pisky churches, and its congregation the warmest, happiest, most cohesive and supportive group in the community.

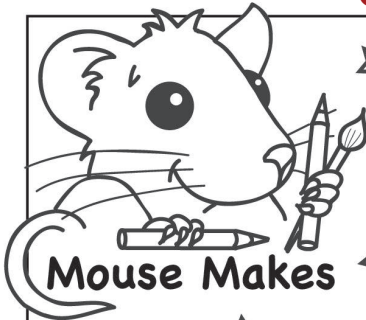
It has been so good in our working lives to be part of Christ Church, appreciated by patients, pupils and colleagues alike, and we have been given far more by being a part of it than we have given to it.

Thank you for the wonderful generous present of the Sonos system: the angels will sing through it in our new home! And we know you all come to Peebles often, so we will see you in the High Street, and please drop by to see us in

12 DUKEHAUGH, PEEBLES EH45 9DN if ever you fancy a peek and a coffee!

With all good wishes for the future -

Jamie and Rachel



Mouse Makes

Where did
Mary lay
her baby
and why?
Read
Luke 2:7

Why were
the
shepherds
afraid?
Read
Luke 2:8

What good
news did
the angel tell?
Read
Luke 2:10-11

Who
appeared
praising God
and what did
they say?
Read
Luke 2:13-14

Good news!

Glory to God

A Saviour is born

Where was
Mary's baby born?
Why were Joseph
and Mary there?
Read Luke 2 :1-6

What did
Mary dress
her baby in?
Read
Luke 2:6

What did the angel
tell Joseph to name
Mary's baby and why?
Read Matthew 1:21

What did the
shepherds
do after they
had seen
the baby?
Read
Luke 2:16

Colour a
star each
day until
Christmas



Laughter is the Best Medicine

The little button

At a clearance sale, the wife of a senior judge found the perfect green tie to match one of her husband's sports jackets. Soon after, while the couple was relaxing at a resort to get his mind off a complicated cocaine-conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the tie. The judge showed it to the police, who were equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug', planted by the conspiracy defendants.

The police took the tie away for some serious analysis. A few days later, the judge phoned Scotland Yard to find out the results of their tests. "Well, we're not really sure where the disc came from," the police told him. "But we did discover that if you press it, it plays Jingle Bells."

First Christmas

Daniel aged four, had gone to Sunday School just before Christmas. He came home with a new understanding of the Christmas story...

"There wasn't a Father Christmas way back then, so these three blokes on camels had to deliver all the toys. And Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they used this big light in the sky to find their way around."

Come and go

At Christmas friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.

Chimney

Why doesn't Father Christmas suffer from claustrophobia when he climbs down the chimney? Because he has had his flue jab.

Reindeer

What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine? 'This will sleigh you.'

Biscuit

As we were putting out biscuits for Father Christmas on Christmas Eve, one fell on the floor. When I picked it up and placed it back on the plate, my four-year-old was horrified. "You can't do that!"

"Don't worry," I assured him. "Father Christmas will never know."

He shot me a suspicious look. "So, he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the biscuit fell on the floor?"



"It's easy to tell when it's Nativity Play time - I can never find a tea-towel!"

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2019	Rosemary Marshall Tel: 663774	Jean Rance Tel: 662461	Connie Johnstone Tel: 01899 308764	Sandra Pringle 07973 765 119	
1 Dec	S. Russell S. Cardwell	L. Rickards E. Baxter	J. Comrie	Soup 3 Dec Diana & Marie Christine	G Rankin
8 Dec	G. Rankin D. Evans	M. Caddell C. Robbins	N. Broadbridge		P Glancy
15 Dec	F. Caddell N. Broadbridge	M. Gibson J. Patrick	J. Rance K. Rance	17 Dec Christmas Lunch	S Cardwell
22 Dec	S. Russell S. Cardwell	J. Rance K. Rance	J. Rance K. Rance		R Burgon
24 Dec 11.00pm	J. Rance K. Rance	/////	/////		R Cleary
25 Dec	Christmas Day	/////	/////		Clergy
29 Dec	G. Rankin D. Evans	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	A. Gray		C Johnstone

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5 Jan	S. Russell F. Caddell	L. Rickards E. Baxter	M. Gibson J. Patrick	Soup	R Evans
12 Jan	N. Broadbridge S. Cardwell	M. Caddell C. Robbins	C. Johnstone S. Tian	14 Jan Mary & Jean	G Rankin
19 Jan	D. Evans J. Rance	M. Gibson J. Patrick	J. Comrie		P Glancy
26 Jan	G. Rankin S. Russell	J. Rance K. Rance	N. Broadbridge	28 Jan Janet & Margaret H.	R Burgon
2 Feb	F. Caddell S. Cardwell	L. Rickards E. Baxter	J. Rance K. Rance		R Cleary
9 Feb	D. Evans J. Rance	N. Broadbridge C. Johnstone	J. Rance K. Rance		

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<u>2019</u> 1 Dec	Advent Sunday	A Burroughs	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 36 -44
8 Dec	Advent 2	J Rance	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12
15 Dec	Advent 3	xxxxxxxxxx	Isaiah 35: 1-10	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11
22 Dec	Advent 4	L Rickards	Isaiah 7: 10-16	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-25
24 Dec	Christmas Eve	R Cleary	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Titus 2: 11-14	Luke 2: 1-20
25 Dec	Christmas Day	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	Luke 2: 1-20
29 Dec	Christmas 1	T Sheridan	Isaiah 63: 7-9	Hebrews 2: 10-18	Matthew 2: 13-23

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<u>2020</u> 5 Jan	Epiphany	S Cardwell	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Ephesians 3: 1-12	Matthew 2: 1-12
12 Jan	Baptism of the Lord	C Johnstone	Isaiah 42: 1-9	Acts 10: 34-43	Matthew 3: 13-17
19 Jan	Epiphany 2	xxxxxxx	Isaiah 49: 1-7	1 Corinth's 1: 1-9	John 1: 29-42
26 Jan	Epiphany 3	F Caddell	Isaiah 9: 1-4	1 Corinth's 1: 10-18	Matthew 4: 12-23
2 Feb	Candlemas	K Rance	Malachi 3 1 15	Hebrews 2 14 to end	Luke 2 22 40

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