

Welcome to St Columba's Sunday 11th December

The Bible

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 279 - Make way, make way, for Christ the King

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Address

Advent Candle Song - We gather here at Advent time

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Reading – Isaiah 61:1-11 (Old Testament page 726)

Offering Hymn 528 - Make me a channel of your peace

Offertory Prayer

Sermon

Hymn 290 - The race that long in darkness pined

Prayers for others and ourselves

Hymn 283 - The voice of God goes out to all the world

Benediction

We welcome any visitors with us this morning. It's great to share in fellowship with you. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the service (along the corridor under the organ pipes). Toilets are along the same corridor.

For an **Introduction to Worship**, leaflet, which contains information about worshipping here, please ask one of the welcome team.

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Advent Candle Song

We gather here at Advent time; in praise to God we sing,
And in our worship stop and ask, 'What are the prayers we bring?'
When, week by week, we journey closer to the joy of Christmas Day,
We turn to God, and seek his Light to guide us on our way.

We gather here as Advent starts and Hope becomes our light.
When prophets spoke, your light shone clear
and hopefulness burned bright.
So now we pray for strength for those
who struggle every day to cope.
May we become God's prophets here and lift the light of Hope.

We journey on through Advent time and Peace becomes our light.
Against oppression, rage and strife,
this flickering flame burns bright.
So now we pray that wars will end and every act of violence cease.
May we join others on this day and lift the light of Peace.

We journey on our Advent way and Love becomes our light –
For closest friends; for enemies; for those beyond our sight.
So now we pray our love will join
the Grace that comes from heaven above.
May we respond to God's command and lift the light of Love.

Tune: 'Seven Joys of Mary', CH4 340- Words: ©Tom Gordon, November 2016

Christmas Messy Church – TODAY at 4pm – All Welcome

The **Grapevine Café** is now closed until January 11th. Thank you very much to the staff who have worked so hard through the year. If anyone would like to help bake for the café, please see Alan.

Christmas Services

- 18 December** 11am - Junior Church Nativity
6pm – Quiet reflective Christmas service
- 24 December** 6.30pm - Christingle Family service,
10.45pm - Coffee and mince pies in the hall
11.30pm - Watchnight service
- 25 December** 10.30am - Short Christmas family service
12:30pm – Christmas Lunch (see notice)
- 1 January** 11am - Service of carols with Communion

Anyone is invited to a **quiet reflective service** next Sunday at 6pm. We know that some people find Christmas very hard, often because of memories of those who are no longer with us. This is an opportunity to join with others as we reflect and remember.

The **Bible reading next Sunday** morning will be Luke 1:39-56.

The **Christmas edition of the Newsletter** is available for distribution. Please collect from behind the pulpit.

Malawi Mugs - £5.50 or £10 for two - on sale after the service.

Car Parking –If you are coming to the church or halls, please park in the yellow parking bays. You do not need to pay if you park in the yellow bays. If you park in the white bays during controlled times (Mon to Sat 9am to 5:30pm), you must pay the parking charge.

The **Foodbank** are planning a fashion show after Christmas. If you could **help with ironing**, please contact the Foodbank on 631088.

The **Re-dedication of the bell tower** will take place during morning worship on Sunday, 15 January when we will welcome guests who have been closely involved in the project. After the service a light buffet lunch will be served. Would members who would like to stay for lunch, please give their names to Carol Gibson by 19th December to help with catering. There will be no charge for lunch.

Chuluchosema 1475 Challenge - £5 to feed a family

The harvests in Malawi this year have been very poor. The kirk session in Chuluchosema has set up a food distribution network through all the local families, not just the church families. There are 1475 families and 10kg of maize is enough to make a big difference for one family for a month. We hope that 1475 people would each donate £5, which should be enough maize for a family for about 6 weeks. Please see www.give.net/1475

We will be hosting a free **Christmas Day Lunch** for those who would like to come together on Christmas Day and for people who would otherwise be on their own or unable to have a Christmas lunch. If you know anyone who might like to come to this lunch, please tell Carol Gibson, who is collecting names, contact info@st-columbas.com or phone the office - (01592) 752539.

Samaritans receive a call for help every 6 seconds - over 5 million calls a year. It is a safe place to talk, anonymous, non-judgemental and allows callers to open up and express their feelings. However, with the new Freephone number 116 123, calls are increasing dramatically and more volunteers are needed.

Would you consider volunteering?

The training is excellent and the after-training mentoring gives volunteers the ability to support callers to a high standard. There will be have Information Events in January. If you are interested please contact Samaritans by phoning 03705 627282 or by emailing samsrecruit@gmail.com.

