

# Welcome to St Columba's Sunday 18th December

The Bible

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

**Advent Candle Song - We gather here at Advent time**

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Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Hymn 528 – O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Nativity

(including **Hymn 296 – While humble shepherds**)

**Offering Hymn 306 – O Come all ye faithful**

Offertory Prayer

Reading – Luke 1:39-56 (New Testament page 74)

Reflection

Prayers for others and ourselves

**Hymn 286 – Tell out my soul**

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.

We journey to our Advent's end and Joy becomes our light.

Let each new dawn help us emerge from sorrow's darkest night.

So now we pray that laughter's song will misery and gloom destroy.

May we, in praise, rejoice once more and lift the light of Joy.

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

Anyone is invited to a **quiet reflective service** tonight 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 **Grapevine Café** is now closed until January 11th. Thank you very much to the staff who have worked so hard through the year.

### **Christmas Services**

- 18 December** 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

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

**Rotary Shoe Boxes** - A massive thank you to all who contributed to this year's successful appeal. Once again the generosity of the St. Columba's congregation has been humbling. Your contribution may have been in supplying the goods to fill 86 boxes or contributing the £201 collected towards transport or helping carry the boxes to Santa's Vauxhall Corsa 'sleigh'. Whatever part you played, many thanks. Special mention to Macy Lawrie our youngest helper who counted all the money!! (She takes it from her grandad!)

### **Roths Trinity Parish Grouping Notices**

**SINGING FOR SENIORS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT** is being held at St. Ninian's on Tuesday 20th December at 2.00pm. Tickets £2 (which includes refreshments), at door.  
"Love came down at Christmas"

**CONCERT OF SEASONAL MUSIC** by Singfonia and the Carefree Chorus and a choir from Fife Foster Carers on Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm at Leslie: Trinity Church. Tickets (available on entry and includes refreshments) Adults £5, Children £2.

The **Re-dedication of the bell tower** will take place during morning worship on Sunday 15th 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:samsrecruit@gmail.com).