

Prayer points

Jim and Mary McLauchlan; Anne and Geoff McQuillan; Jim and Cynthia

Middleton

Our AGM and elections to the Vestry

Our Prime Minister, the Cabinet, and all members of Parliament as they prepare to vote on Brexit on 11 December

Westhill Community Church as they consider over the next few weeks whether to stay within the Scottish Episcopal Church

DIARY DATES

Thursday 6 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with June MacCormack

Friday 7 December

9.30 to 11.30am Friday Friends Coffee morning in church

Saturday 8 December

3.30pm Advent Tea and crafts in church (for all ages)

Sunday 9 December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion, John Lonsdale speaking followed by AGM

Tuesday 11 December

2.30pm Service of lessons and carols at Hawkhill House

Thursday 13 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with June MacCormack

Sunday 16 December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship, Sharon Smith speaking

2.30pm Sunday Club and Middle Church visit Deeside Care Home to sing carols

3.30 to 5.00pm Messy Church in the hall

Tuesday 18 December

4.30pm Christingle Service in Church

All ages welcome

Thursday 20 December

10.30am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel with Gerry Bowyer

Saturday 22 December

10.30am Decorating the church for Christmas

Sunday 23 December

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Carol Service

Weekly prayer meetings

7.00am Thursdays; 8.45am Fridays now in the Lady Chapel

Prayer in the Lady Chapel each Sunday from 10.00 to 10.20am

Pop-up choir

If you like singing carols (all ages welcome) and would like to be in our pop-up choir, please have a word with Helen. 01224 864 658 helenmgoodyear@aol.com

Can you help?

We need two or three new people to go on the rota to welcome people as they arrive at church. It means being at church by 10.15am. If you think you could do this, please let Diane know (in the office), or talk to Helen or Frank.

Decorating the church for Christmas 10.30am Saturday 22 December

If you have holly, ivy or other greenery, please bring to the church and if you are able to stay to help decorate, you will be most welcome.

Advent Tea

3.30 to 5.30pm Saturday 8 December in church

The tea is 'bring and share'. If you have sweet or savoury delicacy you enjoy at this time of year please bring it along, but let Helen Goodyear know what it is you're bringing. There will be the opportunity to make some festive crafts. This celebration is for the whole church family so we look forward to seeing you there.

Vestry vacancies

At our AGM on 9 December will be electing our **Lay Representative** (currently Julia House), **People's Warden** (currently Helen Goodyear), and **two new members of Vestry**. Nomination forms are available at the back of church and should be returned to the Rector by Friday 7 December.

You might like to know that Vestry members are the charity trustees for St Devenick's. Meeting monthly, it is their responsibility, amongst other things, is to assist in the care and maintenance of the property and ensure compliance with the law generally. Information at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/vestry-responsibilities/responsibilities-of-the-vestry/>

**Christmas Tree Festival Monday to Sunday 10 to 16 December 1.00 to 7.00pm
Cults Kirk Sanctuary**

An opportunity for some peace and quiet, and time to meditate, pray or just relax and enjoy the experience. There will be an Advent journey with an accompanying leaflet which may help to interpret the Christmas story in a more meaningful way. Admission free.

Beer and carols Thursday 20 December

in the Bielside Inn

Send a Cow

Copies of the latest (November) prayer newsletter at the back of church.

Background to songs on the screen

We are trying out a different coloured background to the songs on the screen, We'd like to know which you find easiest to read, yellow or blue. Please let Helen, Gerry, June or Stephen know your thoughts.

A date for 2019

The Centre of Mission at Credo will be launched with a service of praise and worship at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30 January.

Prayer

Holy God, we look for you, we long for you.

Show us how to slow down in all the busyness of this time of year.

Let us see that you come among us;

make us aware of your presence

and grant us a glimpse of glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sundays 9 and 16 December 2018

Sunday 9 December	Advent 2
Leading	Gerry Bowyer
Speaking	John Lonsdale
Reading	Jim Middleton, Lorna Sim
Intercessions	Ann Bale
Welcome	Midge Harbottle
Offering	Iain House
Sound	Bex Collins
Prayer ministry	Julia House, Elisabeth Lonsdale
Coffee	Elizabeth Barnett, Angela Tudor
Flowers	Advent, no flowers
Sunday Club	Jenny Sekulin, Jannie Kriel

Sunday 16 December	Advent 3
Leading	Stephen Goodyear
Speaking	Sharon Smith
Reading	Simon Barnett, Geoffrey Tudor
Intercessions	Julia House
Welcome	Jill Kirkham
Offering	Adrian McBurnie
Sound	Martin Kirkham
Prayer ministry	John Lonsdale, Sharon Smith
Coffee	Sharon and George Smith
Flowers	Advent, no flowers
Sunday Club	Wendy Ratcliffe, John Tickell