

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The busyness of Christmas is over. There are no more presents to buy, no more meals (maybe) to make, no more gifts to wrap. All that's left is our response. So let's praise God and relish being in the moment.



Bible Reading Challenge

This Challenge is based on carefully selected short Bible passages — 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament — that helps you get the big picture of the Bible.

Set aside a special time and place to read the Bible each day. **PRAY** before you read, asking God to help you understand. **READ** the Bible passage, and then **REFLECT** on the passage. The number shown in the brackets relates to the reflection in the helpful study guide.



WEEK 1

OT

Creation

Genesis 1:1–2:25

NT

The Word Became Flesh

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: FUTURE OUTLOOK



Almighty God, time is in Your hands; You know every detail of the future. Help us to submit our lives to You through prayer and trusting in Your grace and mercy. Amen.

Thank God for the blessings He has given over the past year, in good times and bad: material provision, health and strength, wisdom and guidance, and loving supportive relationships. Pray that these memories will continue to comfort and inspire us.

Lord, please protect us over the coming year – in our individual lives, families and communities and across this nation. Grant wisdom to those in positions of influence and leadership as they govern and serve our land, and help those in need. Amen.

Remember people as they return to their jobs and studies. For some, this will be difficult, whilst others relish the opportunities ahead. Pray for them to receive God's wisdom, patience and integrity as they resume the rhythm of work and the relationships there.

Continue to pray about the Brexit negotiations, remembering key players inc. Theresa May, Stephen Barclay and Jeremy Hunt and also the EU negotiating team.

Remember anyone you know who is beginning a new chapter in their lives during 2019. Ask God to bless their best endeavours in studying, working, family, and with creative, personal and spiritual goals.

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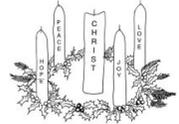
SUNDAY WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS 1

30TH DECEMBER 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

You enter this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. God is your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service. As you worship amongst us today, may you experience God's comforting presence and warmth.

Welcome & Church News Lighting of Christmas Candle



Call to Worship

Hymn 322 – Good Christians all rejoice

Opening Prayer

Hymn 316 – Love came down at Christmas

Bible Readings

Matthew 2:1-23

(RSV - p. 1/780; GNB - p.4)

Time for Reflection

"Christmas Lullaby" by John Rutter

Hymn 320 - Joy to the world the Lord has come!

Address

Offering

Prayer of Response

Hymn 237 - Look forward in faith

Benediction



Prayer of Preparation

Father God, as you drew Jesus - even as a child - to your house to seek you there and learn more of your will, so help us to sense your hand drawing us here today, to guide, challenge, nourish and nurture, opening up new experiences of your love and fresh insights into your will. Grant that we might approach you now, not out of duty or habit but hungry to meet with you once more, to hear your voice and to answer your call, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHURCH NEWS

Monday	31st		
Tuesday	1st		
Wednesday	2nd		
Thursday	3rd		
Friday	4th		
Saturday	5th	Dandelion Group	10.00am (Church Hall)
Sunday	6th	Morning Worship Mussy Church	9.30am (Dunbarney) 11.00am (Forgandenny) 4.30pm (Church Hall)

VISITORS: Welcome to Dunbarney and Forgandenny Parish Church. We're delighted you are here today. Following the service, please stay and join us for tea or coffee. We would also be grateful if you could sign our Visitor's Book, which is on a table as you enter the Church and feel free to take a copy of our Church magazine, Parish Voice. Both Church buildings are fitted with a loop system.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS The total raised at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services was £922.30. £461.15 has been sent to each charity-PRI Stroke Unit SC011042 and Cycling without age Scotland SC048128.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Wednesday 2nd January, but will be open as usual on the Friday.

SOUP LUNCHESES. There will be no soup lunch on Wednesday 2nd January but we are holding a Burns Lunch on Wednesday 9th with traditional Burns Fayre at the usual time.

DANDELION GROUP Anyone interested in finding out more about prayer shawl ministry? If you knit or crochet and would like to make something to give away as a part of our ministry here, then come along to the Church Hall on Saturday January 5th, 10.00am - 12.00noon. Wool, patterns and needles will be available, but if you have spare DK or Aran wool at home, please bring it along - your own needles too if you can. All abilities welcome - you don't have to be expert. You just need the heart to bless someone else!

MESSY CHURCH Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 6th January 4.30pm - 6.00pm. As usual there will be lots of fun and games plus something yummy for our tea together. Do invite any young families you know.

LADIES' EXERCISE CLASS The classes will begin again on January 7th. As Sophie will be back, the class will be at 9.45am as before.

MEN'S FITNESS CLASS Class resumes on Tuesday 8th January at 5.00pm.

CHATTERBOX is now on holiday until 10th January.

A JOINT SERVICE will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 20th January in Dunbarney Church. This has been requested by the Local Church Review team and the timing has been agreed by the Kirk Session. A simple lunch of soup, bread, tea, coffee and traybakes will be served to everyone who can come along to the Church Hall at Dunbarney after morning worship.

The three members of the LCR team would like to chat with those of you who can come along that day. Please put it in your diary, see you there. If you wish to read the report sent to the LCR team there are still copies available in the vestibule of both churches.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Dunbarney Church	Forgandenny Church
Organist: Alison Hunter Reader: Karen Wilson	Organist: Alison Hunter Reader: Allan Lindsay

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Please keep this order of service for reference, or give it to someone who cannot attend Church this morning.

