

**Children to sit  
with parents  
or friends,  
please.**



## **Broxburn Parish Church Church of Scotland**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016**  
***Advent 3: Joy & Holy Communion***

### **Prayer for Today**

(for silent reflection before the service begins)

Gracious God, and loving Heavenly Father, we live in a world full of discord and broken relationships. As we have come to worship and celebrate Holy Communion we pray that you will restore unity and peace even among us where we need to forgive and seek reconciliation. Strengthen our hope and give us a true sense of communion today. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***If you have a prayer request kindly fill out the Prayer Request Slip on the pew. It will be collected during the singing of a hymn.***

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A warm welcome to everyone, especially if you are worshipping with us for the first time. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the service in the large hall; just follow the sign to 'Halls'.

**To benefit from our induction loop system, set hearing-aids to the 'T' position.**

# Order of Service

*We all stand as the Bible is brought in*

## Welcome and Birthdays

### Time with Children

Music – **320:1 – Joy to the world**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Short Address: Fruit with a difference

Prayer (after which children are away to the Halls)

### Gathering for Worship

#### Intimations

#### Call to worship

**Hymn 273 – O come, o come, Immanuel**

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

**Hymn 616:1, 3, 6, 7 – There's a spirit in the air [TUNE: LAUDS]**

Sermon: A joyful remembrance

The Apostle's Creed (**CH4 628**)

Offering

Invitation and Narrative of the Institution of Communion

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with Lord's Prayer

Distribution (**Hymn 661 – Eat this bread, drink this cup**)

Communion

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn 324:1, 3, 5 – Angels from the realms of glory**

#### Benediction

**Hymn 786 - 'May the God of peace go with us'**

*Please remain standing for the removal of the elements*

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**Next week:** 18<sup>th</sup> December – **Advent 4: Purity & Nativity Play**

**Readings:** Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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*Intimations e-mail:*

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by Wednesday at 5pm please.

## **Wednesday service**

This **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** at 12 noon in the small hall. Please join us for a short service and fellowship.

## **Bible Study**

The Advent Bible Study continues tomorrow evening **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.30pm in the Session Room. Please do join us.

## **Retiring Offering**

There will be a retiring offering **today** which will be split between the Foodbank, Bible Society and the Nepal Appeal.

## **Bereavement Service**

**This afternoon** at 3pm in the church you are invited to a special service for all those who have been recently bereaved, or who want to remember their loved ones who are no longer with us.

## **Evening Communion**

Communion will be celebrated again **tonight** at 6pm in the small hall.

## **Christmas Fayre**

The total raised by the Christmas Fayre was a fantastic £2,114! Thanks once again to everyone who helped us make this amazing amount.

## **Carols and Readings**

You are warmly invited to come along to our Carols and Readings evening at 7pm this **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in the church. There will also be Christmas songs and hymns from the Bridge Choir.

## **'Let us Build a House'**

We are now only a few pounds away from reaching our target of £200 for the 'Let us Build a House' project. If you haven't bought a £1 brick yet, please do so after the service and your name will be added to the wall in the large hall.

## **Hogmanay Ceilidh**

A reminder that we will be holding a family ceilidh in the large hall on Hogmanay, starting at 9.30pm and ending at 12.30am. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided and you can BYOB if you wish. It'll be a great way to bring in 2017!

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# Join us at Broxburn Parish Church this Christmas...

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)*

Saturday 3rd December 10am-2pm:  
**Christmas Fayre**

Sunday 11th December 3pm:  
**Bereavement Service**

Thursday 15th December 7pm:  
**Community Carols and Readings**

Sunday 18th December 11am:  
**Sunday School Nativity**

Saturday 24th December 6.30pm:  
**Christingle Service**

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm:  
**Watchnight Service**  
*(with tea/coffee and mince pies from 10.30pm)*

Sunday 25th December 10am:  
**Family Service**

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Jaco Boonzaaier (01506 337560)

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