

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



Broxburn Parish Church Church of Scotland

Sunday 27th November 2016
Advent 1: Expectation

Prayer for Today

(for silent reflection before the service begins)

Our Father, we are on the road: in wonder and eager expectation. We have the permission — Christmas is officially in view and our excitement grows. The journey to Jesus' birth has begun. But help us not travel like bullets from a gun as if getting there is all that counts. Give us patience to ponder the heart of it all: that a baby was the gift of hope forever, for all people. Amen

(StB, 10, p.18)

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.

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 – **JP120 – I've got peace like a river**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Short Address: 'Are we there yet?'

Prayer (after which children are away to the Halls)

Gathering for Worship

Intimations

Call to worship

Hymn 273:1-3 – O come, o come, Immanuel

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Reflecting on God's Word

Hymn 374 – From heaven you came, helpless babe

Bible Reading Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn 528 – Make me a channel

Sermon: Expectation

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 286 – Tell out my soul

Benediction

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

Next week: 4th December – **Advent 2: Hope**

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

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Intimations

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by Wednesday at 5pm please.

Wednesday service

This **Wednesday 30th November** 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 28th November** at 7.30pm in the Session Room. Please do join us.

The Guild

This week we meet on **Wednesday 30th November** in the small hall at 7.15pm for a demonstration of Christmas Floral Arrangements by Yvonne Couston. All are welcome.

Chill

Chill will be happening next **Sunday 4th December** from 13:00 to 14:30. All P4 to S6 are invited to attend for food, fun, and fellowship. Please feel free to bring along any friends to let them see how much fun it is!! For more information please see Kenny Young or Fiona Devlin.

Christmas Fayre

ONLY 6 DAYS TO GO...

The Christmas Fayre is **next Saturday 3rd December** from 10am till 2pm. Tea tickets are now on sale priced at £3 for adults and £1 for children. We would welcome donations for Christmas Hampers, Raffle or Tombola prizes and also for Christmas Bags, plus books for the bookstall. If anyone can help serve the teas or provide home baking, please let Elaine Brown know. See you all at the Christmas Fayre next Saturday!

Soup Lunches

It's hoped to re-start the soup lunches on a monthly basis initially, depending on whether there are enough people willing to volunteer to make soup, sandwiches and rolls - or to help on the day of the lunch. All money raised from the lunches will be for church funds. We aim to have the first soup lunch in January using a rota system as before. This will probably mean you would only be required to help every few months or so. If you would like to volunteer, please let Janice MacPherson know, or contact her on: **01506 852280.**

● **FRIENDLY** ● **FAMILY** ● **FELLOWSHIP**

'Let us Build a House'

The great news is that we are now over half way towards our target of £200 for the 'Let us Build a House' project. Thanks to all those who have already donated a pound, but we still need more to complete our house of bricks on the wall of the large hall. Remember that the Nepal earthquake 18 months ago left 8,000 people dead and 6 million families homeless.

Each house will cost £500 to build, and West Lothian Presbytery has asked every congregation to try to raise £200 for this project.

£1 buys a brick, so if you'd like to help us reach our target please put your £1 in the jar provided and write your name on one of the labels. We'll stick this onto a brick for you and that will help to keep track of our progress towards our target of £200. We can do it!

The Bridge magazine

Elders are reminded that the magazines are ready for collection in the vestibule.

There is also a supply of Christmas flyers, Christmas cards and new freewill offering envelopes. Please tick your name on the list to say you have taken your bundle of magazines and other material.

SOYA

On behalf of my late wife Lilian I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the SOYA fund in 2016 - in particular Janette Ewington and Helen Cunningham who continued to collect while Lilian was in hospital. This year on your behalf a total of £953 will be passed on, which consists of six full ASDA cards and £53 in cash along with the £36 bonus from ASDA. This was a fantastic achievement and will allow many of our vulnerable young people to receive a personal gift this Christmas - maybe the only one that they'll receive - and perhaps a Christmas lunch too. Since this project was started over £4,000 has been raised. It is my intention to continue with this project next year and would like to start to collect in December as ASDA adds the bonus in mid-November. Please see me for more details.

Bob Pattison

Gift Service

There will be a Gift Service on **Sunday 11th December** (communion Sunday). You are asked to bring a wrapped gift for a boy or girl. These will be given to Social Services to distribute to needy children in our area.

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