

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



Broxburn Parish Church Church of Scotland

Sunday 4th December 2016
Advent 2: Hope

Prayer for Today

(for silent reflection before the service begins)

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah.

Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge we may stand with confidence before his glory;

Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

(SfS, 4 December 2016, p.7)

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 – **516 – We are marching in the light of God**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Short Address: The Dessert Spoon

Prayer (after which children are away to the Halls)

Gathering for Worship

Intimations

Call to worship

Hymn 273:1-4 – O come, o come, Immanuel

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer

Reflecting on God's Word

Hymn 710:1, 3, 5 – I have a dream, a man once said

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

Hymn 619, 620 – Spirit of the living God

Sermon: Hope and Transformation

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 198:1, 2, 5 – Let us build a house where love can dwell

Benediction

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

Next week: 11th December – **Advent 3: Joy & Lord's Supper**

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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Notices

Intimations e-mail:

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by Wednesday at 5pm please.

Wednesday service

This **Wednesday 7th 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 5th
December** at 7.30pm in the
Session Room. Please do join us.

The Guild

We meet this **Wednesday 7th
December** in the small hall at
7.15pm for the Financial Meeting,
followed by Christmas Praise. All
are welcome. (The committee will
now meet after the Wednesday
service at around 12.30pm).

Chill

Chill will be happening **this
afternoon** 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

A **HUGE** thank you to everyone
who helped to make the
Christmas Fayre yesterday such
a big success. Those who
donated baking, made crafts,
helped at a stall, served teas –
and most importantly, who
came along to support the
event. The amount raised will
be revealed at the beginning
of the service.

Soup Lunches

It's hoped to re-start the soup
lunches on a monthly basis if
there are enough people willing
to volunteer to make soup,
sandwiches and rolls - or to help
on the day. 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. This will
probably mean you would only
be required to help every few
months. If you would like to
volunteer, please see Janice
MacPherson, or ring her on:
01506 852280.

Retiring Offering

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

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

'Let us Build a House' - UPDATE

The great news is that we have now raised £150 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 some 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.

As you know, £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. Only £50 to go - we can do it!

Gift Service

There will be a Gift Service **next Sunday 11th December** (communion Sunday) at 11am.

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.

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

Carols and Readings

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

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