

Prayers before the Service: *God of love, recalling today how shepherds hurried to Bethlehem, eager to see for themselves the truth of what they had heard, so we too are hungry to meet afresh with Christ, to offer him our worship and to rejoice in his presence. Amen*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 20th December 2015

Welcome & Family News

MP 337 *In the bleak mid winter*

Prayer

MP 47 v 1 & 2 *Away in a manger*

Baptism

MP 47 v 3 *Away in a manger*

Reading Luke 2: 1- 14 (page 1027)

MP 393 *Joy to the world, the Lord has come!*

SERMON

Offering – Doxology MP 503 v 3 *O little town of Bethlehem*

Intercessory Prayer – Mrs Jan Stirling

MP 588 *See, amid the winter's snow*

Benediction

Reader this morning: Mrs Margaret Carson

If you are a Visitor we are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy our fellowship. As you leave, please sign the Visitor's Book in the main vestibule.

If you know of any member of the Congregation ill at home or in hospital, please inform an Elder or Minister.

Flowers in Church today were donated by:

Mrs I Johnston and Mrs J Murdoch.



(27th Dec: Mr & Mrs N Lockhart)

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Flower Fund during 2015. It is much appreciated and everyone agrees the flowers look lovely in the Kirk.

Flower Distributor 27th Dec: Mrs Sanderson
(3rd Jan: Mrs Strachan)

Sunday School / Creche:

A huge thank you to all the ladies who are on the Rota and take their turn helping with Sunday School. Duties will start up again on **Sunday 10th January**.

Mens Guild: will be hosting their last Games Night of the year on **Monday 21st December**.

Duncan / Morrow Prayer Group: will meet before the Service next week, **27th December at 10.15am** in the Vestry. New members will be made most welcome.

Auld Kirk Guild: will start back up on **Wednesday 6th January** for a fun afternoon of bowling with the Mens' Guild.

Auld Kirk Lunches start back up on **Tuesday 12th January at 12 noon** with Pat Strachan's team. Please do come and support our ladies .

Please note that Sharon's last day in the office is

Wed 23rd December

Opening back up on **Wednesday 6th January**

2 volunteers still required for reading at Watchnight Service please

Services over the Christmas Period:

Christmas Eve	6pm	Shoppers' Service
	11.15pm	Watchnight Service

Sunday 27th	11am	Elders' Service
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Sandra on holiday: 26th December to 7th January

The Auld Kirk of Ayr
(St. John the Baptist)

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Revd David R Gemmell MA BD
Minister

Alan G Templeton LTCL
Organist/Choirmaster