

**Prayers before the Service:** Lord, shine in our hearts, illumine our minds and light up our spirits, so that we will grasp more clearly the hope you give us: the assurance of Your love and the joy of life in all its fullness, here now and for all eternity. Amen.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**MP 102** *Come, Thou long-expected Jesus*

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

### SPECIAL GUEST

**MP 162** *From heaven You came*

**Reading** Luke 2: 8 - 16 (page 1027)

### SOUTH CRAIG

**MP 337** *In the bleak mid-winter*

### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

**Offering – Doxology – MP 764 v 6**

**Intercessory Prayer – Helen Gemmell**

**MP 631** *Tell out, my soul*

**Benediction**

**A warm welcome to our guest organist – Mr Darren Ramsay**

**Reader this morning:** Mrs Anne Drysdale

**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.

**Welcoming** you this morning is Mr J Drysdale, Mr A Cree, Ms T McKeand, Mrs V Rodgers, Mr R Elder, Mr D Brown and Mrs A Drysdale.

**If you know of any member of the Congregation ill** at home or in hospital, please complete form overleaf and hand to an Elder or the Minister.

**Flowers in Church today** were donated by:

Mr & Mrs A Templeton

(16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mrs I Johnston & Mrs J Murdoch)

**Flower Distributor 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Mrs Leckie

(23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Mrs Drysdale)

**Men's Guild:** meet on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in the Church Halls from 7 – 9.30pm for a Games Night.

**Auld Kirk Lunches:** continue on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** from 12 noon with Pat Strachan's team - come along for some good food and good company.

**If you would like to volunteer to be a Reader at the Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve, please contact Sharon in the office – 262938**

**Auld Kirk Guild:** will be celebrating with a Christmas Party on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** at **2pm** with Alex and Friends.

**F.W.O. Envelopes:** Please note that Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December is the last date for offerings to be credited in 2018. Thanks for your continued support

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Gift Service

## *Sincere Thanks*

To everyone who contributed their time and efforts for the Christmas Party last Monday. A great afternoon was had by all. Thank you also to everyone who offered with transport but were not needed – offers of help far exceeded requirement.

### **Help Card**

(for anyone you know who is ill at home or in hospital)

Name of person: .....  
Address: .....  
Ill at home: Yes / No  
In hospital (which one): .....  
Interested in joining Church: .....  
Any other request: .....  
Information comes from:  
Name: .....  
Address: .....

Revd David R Gemmell MA BD  
Minister

Alan G Templeton LTCL  
Organist

*Please hand to Minister or Elder*