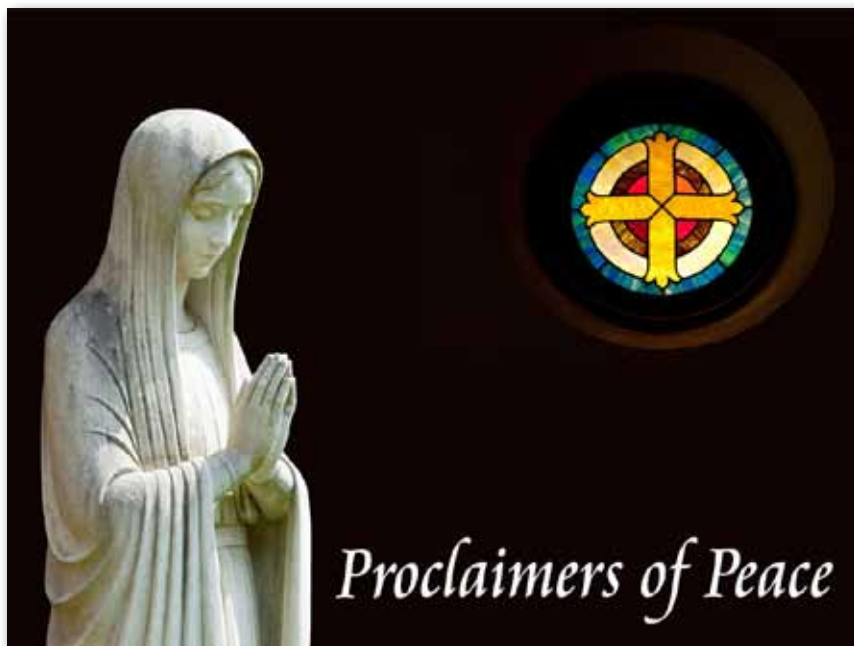

ST ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH

23 December 2012
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Advent 4



Welcome to our service! If you are a guest with us this morning, we trust you will enjoy your time of worship. Please do sign the Visitor's Book in the entrance vestibule. A crèche is available for babies and toddlers in the Session Room (through the door next to the organ) and activity packs for children are available within the church.

The words for the songs can be found in either Mission Praise (MP), in the Church Hymnary (CH), or will be printed in this Order of Service. Note that Mission Praise numbers 799 and over are only available in the newer edition. We use the New International Version of the Bible and copies can be found in the backs of the seats for your use. Our service this morning is led by Rev Peter Johnston.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Carol CH 304 O little town of Bethlehem

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle

Advent Song Light this light
Words and Music: Jo Love
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1. Do what is fair, do what is right,
for honesty and justice, light this light.
The promise of God is for ever sure,
we will live in safety, kept secure.
2. Fire to refine, hope to ignite,
for the pure and precious, light this light.
The messenger of God prepares the way,
we will shine like silver on that day.
3. Shout with good cheer, sing with delight,
for happiness and healing, light this light.
The blessing of God takes away all fear,
we will know our home where God is near.
4. Bethlehem town, child in the night,
for the small and lowly, light this light.
The wisdom of God will bring peace to reign,
we will say our yes to God again.
5. Angels adore, star twinkles bright,
for the Saviour Jesus, light this light.
The presence of God on earth to stay,
we will love and follow Jesus' way.

Prayer including Lord's Prayer

Leader: When God had a job, the angel said

All: YES!

Leader: When God needed help, Mary said

All: YES!

Leader: When she heard the news, Elizabeth said

All: YES!

Leader: Lord God, when you have a job and when you need help, may we always say

All: YES!

Leader: Help us, like the angel, to share the good news of your love, help us, like Mary, to carry the good news of your love and help us, like Elizabeth, to rejoice in the good news of your love so that everyone who hears it will shout

ALL: YES!

Carol CH 285 The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Reading *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

Luke, chapter 1, verses 39–45, page 1026

Offering Carol When out of poverty is born (CH 291)

Offering Prayer

Reflection I wanted to say no

Reading *Mary's Song*

Luke, chapter 1, verses 46–55, page 1026

Carol CH 287 No wind at the window

Tune: Cradle Song (MP 47)

Message Tell out, my soul

Prayer

Carol MP 211 Hark! the herald-angels sing

Sending

Sung Blessing May the God of peace (CH 786)

Words: Ian Jamieson, tune: Ae Fond Kiss

May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.

Sung Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed.

***Please note there will be no tea and coffee
in the Church hall after the service***

CHURCH NOTICES

1. **Tea Room:** the Tea Room will be closed until Tuesday, 22 January.
2. **Office Closure:** please note that the office will only be open on Friday, 28 December and Friday, 4 January. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 8 January.

PASTORAL CARE

Please remember Nan Black, John Brownlie, Mary Dick, Martha McDowell, Pearl Murray, Sheila Prentice, Liliias Robertson, David Straiton, and Tom Watson in your prayers.



Christmas services

Watchnight Service

Monday 24th December

10:45 p.m. Refreshments in the Church Hall

11 p.m. Carol Singing in the Church

11.15 p.m. Service in the Church

Christmas Day Short All-Age Service

Tuesday 25th December, 10 a.m.

St Andrew's Parish Church

Morning Worship

Sunday 30th December, 11a.m.

St Andrew's Parish Church

SUNDAY ROTAS

	Today	Next Sunday
First Aid	Maureen Cochrane	Carolyn Johnston
Readers	Elsie Balneaves	Tom Willis
Crèche	Sally Jamieson & Karen Morley	Sally Jamieson & Alison Dickie
Tea/Coffee	Breakfast Café	Jim Brown, Peter Johnston & Grace Yuill
Welcome Offering	Margaret Crookston, Sally Jamieson, Morag Airlie & Janie Paterson	Elsie Balneaves, Jack Hamilton, Sandra Goodall & Grace Yuill

**Notices for next week's Order of Service should be passed to
Gill Fraser in the Church Office by Wednesday
office@standrewsblantyre.com or 01698 327958**

RESPONSE SLIP

Please use this section of the Order of Service to share information with us. Complete, tear off, and place in the box next to the noticeboard in the entrance vestibule.

- I am a guest / visitor to St Andrew's Parish Church.
- I wish to inform you that (Name) _____
(Address) _____
is ill at home / in _____ Hospital, ward _____
- Please note my new: Address _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____
- I would like to receive a visit from a member of my Pastoral Team.
- I am interested in receiving: Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes
 Gift Aid Details
 Bank Standing Order Details
- I am interested in becoming a member of St Andrew's Parish Church.
- I would like to start a subscription to *Life and Work* magazine.
- I will shortly be leaving Blantyre and would like to receive a Certificate of Transference.
- Any other message:

Your Name _____ Address _____