

## INTIMATIONS for SUNDAY – 13 DECEMBER 2020

### Third Sunday in Advent

**STOP PRESS:** Please note all available places at 10am have been allocated.

**CHURCH SERVICES** have resumed within the limits set by government and the Church of Scotland.  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Services at 10am and 11.15 am

**BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS: SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER** - next Sunday. Please call Irene on 01292 265794 **Monday/Tuesday or Thursday** morning between 9.30am and 12 noon; or email on [irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk](mailto:irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk). All messages received will be acknowledged, please do not hesitate to be in touch if they are not. **Please note – it is expected that the uptake of seats will be greater this week, especially at 10am – PLEASE phone early to guarantee a place.**

**ACCESS** – the children return to the Hall this Sunday. Social distancing is very important, so the children and their parents will be entering and leaving the building by the Fire Door (with the ramp) onto Midton Road. Please keep this door clear between 9.50am and 10.45am

**RECORDING OF SERVICES:** The Sunday Worship Services continue to be recorded and uploaded to the **website** (look under the tab “Worship Services”) and to our Church Facebook page. The link will allow you to watch the Service via our YouTube channel on your smart phone, iPad, Laptop or smart TV.

**OFFICE:** hours - **Monday/Tuesday/Thursday and Friday** morning between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Temporary telephone number 01292 265794; or email on [irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk](mailto:irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk). Please check your junk box from time to time as group email which will contain information for Elders seems to heading in that direction.

**REMEMBER** that while the building is closed the Church remains open.

The Minister and Office staff continue to work.

Online services, sermons, audios, Dial a Sermon etc will continue to be available

### DEATHS

Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to Alison and all the family on the passing of Graham Waterston. Graham’s private funeral service will be held at Masonhill on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am

**SERMONS ONLINE:** The text and an audio tape of the sermon for this week is available on the Sermons Tab on the website <https://www.ayrstcolumba.co.uk/category/sermons/> and the

Recorded Service is available on the Worship Service tab

<https://www.ayrstcolumba.co.uk/category/worship-service/>

**INTER-FAITH TRIBUTE** to the late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, to which Revd Scott is a contributor may be found at - <https://www.facebook.com/EIFA.page/videos/an-interfaith-tribute-to-rabbi-lord-jonathan-sacks/202127924851476/>

**WE** continue to pray for all our members and friends who are ill at home and in hospital, for our bereaved families and for the Ministers who are closely involved in their pastoral care.

**ELDERS** are encouraged to let the Minister know directly of any concerns or updates they have about members of their district.

**THE PRAYER CALENDAR** for December week TWO is available on the website.

**DIAL-A-SERMON** It is possible to access Scott's Sunday Sermon by using your telephone; no internet is required. All you need do is call **01292 851074**. The call is charged according to your landline or mobile phone package.

**PLEASE** do not hesitate to let the Minister know of anyone unwell or struggling at this time.

**REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY** on **13 December** a new series of music and reflection from the foyer of BBC Glasgow. This week the presenters are the Rev Richard Frazer from Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh, and the Rev Fiona Bennett, of Augustine United Church, Edinburgh. Music is from archives of hymns and carols recorded in earlier years with congregations across Scotland. Live music in the studio is by Celtic Worship.

**OUR ST COLUMBA KIDS GROUP** – return to the Church Hall on Sunday 13 December. Stuart and the teachers continue in these difficult times to deliver uplifting, creative Christian messages and fun activities for our children. If you have a young person who would like to be involved please contact Stuart ([Stuartmckinlay@icloud.co.uk](mailto:Stuartmckinlay@icloud.co.uk)). All young people welcome.

**FLOWERS:** A special “Thank you” to Anne and the Flower Team who decorate the Church so beautifully each Sunday. The flower arrangements for our worship service are a joy. Please let the Minister or Irene know of anyone who might benefit from a delivery of flowers.

**LIFE & WORK:** Pre-ordered copies of L&W – **many thanks** to Hazel (and Charlie) who uplifted all your Magazines and hand delivered them this past week. If you do not subscribe but would like more information please contact the Life & Work Convenor – Hazel Steele on Tel. 861631

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE TOY BANK:** Can you help make a local child smile on Christmas morning? Donations may be dropped off at Ayr Central at the Charity’s donation station in Skye Square. Your donations of **new, unwrapped** toys and pyjamas will be given to local children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. This year we need your help more than ever as the pandemic continues to impact more and more local families. The Toy Bank aims to alleviate the poverty experienced by children at Christmas by distributing donated toys via a referral system. If you can’t get into the Centre to drop off your toys then you can donate via their [PayPal link](#). The appeal can be contacted on 07375 479376 or at [satoybank@gmail.com](mailto:satoybank@gmail.com) or on Facebook, [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). There is also a wish list on Amazon – with lots of ideas. [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XGROGKF573WB?ref\\_=wl\\_shar](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/XGROGKF573WB?ref_=wl_shar)

**THANK YOU** – a huge thank you to members who have continued to collect their 20’s and coppers for our Charities.

**20’s IN THE PEWS:** Please continue to save your 20’s – we will provide a very large collecting jar when we all return to Church.

**MARY’S MEALS:** likewise, your coppers for Mary’s Meals – there will always be a great need to help.

**OFFERINGS:** During this time when the Church building access is restricted, members may be considering how they can continue to give offerings to the Church. You can contact the Treasurer (01292 443271), the Session Clerk or the Church Secretary (both at 01292 265794).

**FACEBOOK – IS FREE –** there is no cost in using this service. **You do not require a FB account to access** the Church FB page. Something new will be uploaded every day.

<https://www.facebook.com/ayrstcolumba/>

**DAILY PRAYING** May I recommend the website pray-as-you-go.org which offers a daily 10 minute reflection with music, Scripture and help with sensitive praying. It will help you reflect on the day. You can listen first thing in the morning, during the day or towards last thing at night. Often, I find them very peaceful, though they differ each day. **Scott**

***Books for the journey.....***

Marcus Borg	<i>The Heart of Christianity</i>
	<i>Days of Awe and Wonder: How to be a Christian in the 21st century</i>
Rowan Williams	<i>Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian way</i> SPCK
Thomas à Kempis	<i>The Imitation of Christ</i>
Anthony De Mello	<i>Seek God Everywhere</i>
Esther De Waal	<i>Seeking God</i>

Also, you can sign up for the daily meditations of Fr Richard Rohr, Centre for Action and Contemplation. [www.cac.org/sign-up/](http://www.cac.org/sign-up/)

**Meditative daily worship with readings, music and prayers are available from:**

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>