

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Sunday 27th November 2011 11.00am

Theme: Advent 1

Waiting With Courage

Order of Service

Approach to God

Welcome & Intimations

Call To Worship

As we enter Advent,
we come before God
in praise and thanksgiving,
rejoicing that in Jesus
we have a friend who shares our present troubles
and gives us the tangible hope of brighter tomorrows.
The Lord will comfort, and the Lord will save.

Hymn 273 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,

Call To Prayer (Congregation Standing)

Awake sleeper, arise from the dead and Christ will shine upon you.

Ephesians 5. 14

Prayer With Lord's Prayer

Worshipping with our Younger Members

Lighting The Advent Candle

Hymn 284 – Hope Is A Candle

Story – Patience

Prayer

God of mystery,
as we prepare ourselves for Christmas
help us to look again, even though we know the story.
Give us the courage to share
the true message of Christmas
with those searching or waiting for answers.
Jesus came defenceless as a baby:
help us to become open to the needs of others. **Amen.**

Hymn 312 – Away In A Manger

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 64. 1 – 9

O that God would come down!

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1. 3 - 9

Thanksgiving

Gospel – Mark 13 . 24 – 37

The Son of Man will return

Hymn 288 – Creator Of The Stars Of Night

Biblical Background

Hymn 291 – When Out Of Poverty Is Born

Sermon – Are We Courageous In Our Waiting?

⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD;

do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look upon us, we pray,

for we are all your people.

Isaiah 64. 8 – 9

Our Response to God

Offering And Doxology – Hymn 109 2

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

the God whom we adore,

be glory as it was and is,

and shall be evermore.

Prayers Of Thanksgiving, Dedication & Intercession

Hymn 303 – It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Words Of Sending And Blessing

The everlasting God,

enables us to see the world with God's eyes;

gives us patience and persistence

to allow us to do those things

we cannot achieve by our own strength.

God will enable us to know God's holy presence in a real way,

so that we can share God's love with others.

Lochwinnoch Christmas Light Switch On

Saturday 3rd December 2011 18.00

We meet at Auld Simon at 18:00 and sing our way around the village, stopping to switch on the Christmas Lights as we go.

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Sunday 4th December 2011 11.00am

Theme: Advent 2

Waiting With Patience

Order of Service

Approach to God

Welcome & Intimations

Call To Worship

In the wild beauty of the wilderness,
in the rush hour wildness of the city streets,
we are called to prepare your way.

In the fierce coldness of snow-driven mornings,
in the heavy heat of shop filled afternoons,
we are called to prepare your way.

When our way seems clear and the steps even,
when our path is winding and each step an effort,
we are called to prepare your way.

When all crowd around to hear your prophets,
when no one notices that you walk among us,
we are called to prepare your way.

Merciful God, help us to prepare the way for the beginning of Jesus' good news to be found in us. Make us an Advent people of wilderness and water, of repentance and forgiveness, answering the challenge of the Spirit.

Amen. Prepare the way of the Lord!

Hymn 283 – The Voice Of God Goes Out To All The World

Call To Prayer (Congregation Standing)

They will know that they have prophet among them, whether they listen or whether in their rebelliousness they refuse to listen.

Ezekiel 2. 5

Prayer With Lord's Prayer

Worshipping with our Younger Members

Lighting of the Advent Ring

Hymn 284 – Peace Is A Candle

1st Bible Lesson – Mark 1. 1 – 8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Story – God's Special Messengers

Prayer

Loving God, unlike us,
you do not judge by outward appearances
but on the contents of our heart.
Help us to have a heart
for those who are suffering
and the sensitivity of spirit
to be with those
who may *look* OK,
but are hurting inside.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn 279 – Make Way, Make Way.

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 40. 1 – 11

Comfort for God's People

Epistle – 2 Peter 3. 8 - 15 a

We wait with patience.

Hymn 476 – Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

Biblical Background

Hymn 274 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Sermon – Comfort As We Wait

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40. 11

Our Response to God

Offering And Doxology – Hymn 193 3

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom earth and heaven adore,
be glory as it was of old,
is now and shall be evermore.

Prayers Of Thanksgiving, Dedication & Intercession

Hymn 305 – In The Bleak Midwinter

Words Of Sending And Blessing

From age to age our Eternal Father,
does not change.
The mountains and valleys
are nothing in comparison to God.

By contrast, we are like grass
with all the constancy of a flower of the field,
yet God loves us with an everlasting love.
So now we go to share
that endless love with those we meet.

*Calder United Free Church &
Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 4th December 2011 6pm

Theme: Carol Service In Calder Church

Details to Follow

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Sunday 11th December 2011 11.00am

Theme: Advent 3

Waiting For Joy

Order of Service

Approach to God

Welcome & Intimations

Call To Worship

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
merciful and forgiving.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

God's love enfolds us; God's Spirit dwells in us.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hymn 281 – People Look East

Call To Prayer (Congregation Standing)

The Lord is good to those who look to him, to anyone who seeks him: it is good to wait in patience for deliverance by the Lord.

Lamentations 3. 25 - 26

Prayer With Lord's Prayer

Worshipping with our Younger Members

Lighting Of The Advent Ring

Hymn 284 – Joy is a candle

Story – Rejoice Sunday!

Prayer

God of joy,

your love reaches out to those who are sad.

Your words encourage us to care for the poor.

Your inspiration challenges us

to face up to the wrong in our world.

Make us strong to do your work and

give us the joy that comes from knowing you. **Amen.**

Hymn – Rejoice In The Lord, Always!

The Word of God

Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 61. 1 - 4, 8 – 11

The Year of the LORD's Favour

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5. 16 – 24

In Everything give thanks.

Gospel – John 1. 6 - 8, 19 – 28

There is still one to come.

Hymn 666 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Biblical Background

Hymn 277 – Hark The Glad Sound!

Sermon – Rejoice!

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

Isaiah 61. 10

Our Response to God

Offering And Doxology – Hymn 193 3

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom earth and heaven adore,
be glory as it was of old,
is now and shall be evermore.

Prayers Of Thanksgiving, Dedication & Intercession

Hymn 327 – Brightest And Best Of The Sons Of The Morning

Words Of Sending And Blessing

Our Heavenly Father
guides our footsteps and guards our hearts,
to help us to be a blessing
to those we meet on the way.

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Sunday 11th December 2010, 6.30 pm

Theme: The Glam Rock Christmas Service

**On Gaudete Sunday, come and rejoice by singing some
Christmas Classics**

Calder United Free Church & Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Thursday 15th December 2011 7pm

Christingle Service

Christingle Services have been celebrated in Germany, since 1747, when a pastor decided to make a simple symbol to express the message of Christmas. He gave each child a lighted candle wrapped in a red ribbon, with a prayer that said “Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in these dear children’s hearts”. This was the first Christingle service.

In 1968, Christingle services were introduced to England and their popularity has spread around the world. Our Christingle celebration is an interactive service, where children and adults are invited to make their own Christingle, which is now made of an orange representing the world; a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Jesus; dried fruits or fruit sweets, representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons; and a candle in the centre of the orange, representing Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Everyone is very welcome to come and share in this time of celebration. We look forward to sharing with you.

Welcome & Call To Worship

Hymn 321 – Come And Join The Celebration

Opening Prayer

Reading – John 1. 6 – 14

What Is A Christingle?

Hymn 302 – It Was On A Starry Night

Making The Christingle

Lighting Of The Christingle (Just One)

Christingle Prayer

Hymn 292 – It’s Rounded Like An Orange

Prayer

Hymn 312 – Away In A Manger

Words Of Blessing

*Calder United Free Church
Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 18th December 2011 11.00am

Theme: Nativity Service

In Calder Church

Details to Follow

Lochwinnoch Parish Church

Saturday 24th December 2011 7pm

Family Worship for Christmas Eve

Order of Service

Approach to God

Welcome & Intimations

Call To Worship

Introduction Inc. Glow Sticks

Hymn 301 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Call To Prayer

The kindness and generosity of God our Saviour
has dawned upon the world.

Titus 3. 4

Prayer

The Word of God

Lighting The Advent Candle

Hymn 284 – Love Is A Candle

Gospel – Luke 2. 1 – 20

The Birth of Jesus

Hymn 309 – Still The Night, Holy The Night!

Nativity Procession

Hymn – Little Donkey

Hymn 312 – Away In A Manger

Hymn 296 – While Humble Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Hymn – We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hymn 321 – Come And Join The Celebration

Prayers For The World With Lord's Prayer

Our Response to God

Lighting The Christ Candle

Hymn 284 – Christ Is The Light

Hymn 306 – O Come All Ye Faithful

Words Of Sending And Blessing

May the melodies of peace hover over the world this night,
the heralds of love speak into the hearts of all people
and the longing of creation for Christ be fulfilled with the dawn.

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*Calder United Free Church &
Lochwinnoch Parish Church*

Sunday 25th December 2011 11.00am

Theme: Worship for Christmas Day

Order of Service

In Calder Church - Details to Follow

Lochwinnoch Hogmanay
Walk of Witness

31st December 2011 7pm

Theme: New Beginnings