



Order of Service



Second Sunday of Advent

**4 December 2022,
10 am**



**Worship led by:
Rev Dr AJ Groenewald
Musicians:
Martin Petty and choir**

Gathering of God's People

Time when we greet one another and prepare for worship.
Those who are able please stand for the entry of the Bible.
Words of welcome and announcements.

Worshipping God Together

Call to worship

Minister: Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

ALL: **May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.**

**Beloved I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit. Amen**

CH4 506 All I once held dear

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive
us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

CH4 543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading: Matthew 3.1-12, and John 1: 1-13

Reader: Bill Black

Choir sings "Baptised in water, sealed by the spirit" CH4 636 vs 1, 3

Sermon

MP 1012 **These are the days of Elijah (piano)**

Responding to God's word

Prayer of thanksgiving: David Booth

CH4 334 **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

Benediction

Sung Amen, Amen, Amen

PRAYER

Loving God,
we pray for all those people
whose lives feel like a wilderness:
For the lonely, the lost,
the searching, the sick,
the broken and bereaved.
We pray that they will find their way to you.
Amen

You are invited to stay for tea and coffee which are served in the hall.



BALERNO PARISH CHURCH

Intimations

Sunday, 4 December 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES

Bereavement service this afternoon at 3pm

Third Advent 11 December at 10am Gift service (Monetary donations would be very much appreciated)

Fourth Advent 18 December at 10am Lessons and Carols
24 December at 6pm Christingle service

24 December at 11:30pm Watchnight service

25 December at 10am Christmas day service

The **Church Guild** will meet on Wednesday 07/12 at 7.30pm in the Ogston Hall to learn about a Christian charity entitled "Home for Good", which facilitates the fostering and adoption of children. All are welcome.

"André's Hour": The Rev André Groenewald is available in the Shepherd Room on Wednesday's between 10:30 am and 11:30 am, (if/when he does not perform a funeral or attend to an urgent Pastoral matter). Pop in to say hello. Alternatively get in touch with the Church Office to arrange a pastoral visit or to make an appointment with the Minister. He will be unavailable on Wednesday the 14th of December due to having a surgical procedure on his face.

The **Church Office** will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 22 December and will re-open at 8.30am on Wednesday 4 January 2023. Visitors are welcome to visit the Church Office on the morning of the 22nd of December 2022.



THE MILL CAFÉ

Open Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am – 2pm

Serving teas/coffees, home baking, snack lunches.

We are a friendly group and are *always delighted to welcome new volunteers to our team*. Pop in and see what we are all about.

THANKS TO YOU...

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