



Order of Service



10 December 2023

10 am



Worship led by:
Rev Dr Sheena Orr

Musicians:
Martin Petty and the 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: The voice of God summons us to worship

All: Let us prepare the way of the Lord

Minister: The paths before us may be rocky

All: But God goes before us

Minister: God is always with us

All: God is with us today

CH4 279 Make Way, Make Way

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.

Bringing forward of gifts

Choir sings: CH4 274 Comfort Comfort now my people

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Reader: George Burt

CH4 273 O come, O Come Emmanuel

Sermon

CH4 543 Longing for light we wait in darkness

Responding to God's word

Prayers of Dedication by Lesley Burt

Ch4 291 When Out of Poverty is Born

Benediction

Sung Amen, Amen, Amen

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

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BALERNO PARISH CHURCH
Intimations
Sunday, 19 November 2023

What's on December 2023

17 December 10 am Lessons and Carol service at Balerno Parish Church.

24 December 10 am Carol singing service at Balerno Parish Church.

24 December 6 pm "Quality Street Café church" at Balerno Parish Church.

24 December 11:30 pm **Watchnight service at Currie Kirk.**

25 December 10 am Christmas Day service at Balerno Parish Church.

31 December 10 am Worship at Balerno Parish Church.

December - Christmas Dinner in a bag will be provided to approximately 45 households by Holy Trinity Foodbank. We in Balerno Church are invited to help with this effort by giving **Tinned fruit and Veg, such as peaches, mandarin oranges, peas and carrots.** Please leave your tins in the foodbank box in the foyer of St. Josephs'.

13th & 14th December – The Pentland singers & Junior singers present Gaudete a celebration of Christmas music at Balerno High School 19:30 tickets £12 (12 and under free) pentlandsingers.org.uk

16th December –Mary & Joseph and a Donkey called Hank an "out of the box" Christmas musical for all the family. Gibson Craig Hall 18:30 Tickets for this event are free and available from Currie Kirk office or www.curriekirk.org

23rd December – Balerno Village Screen presents It's a wonderful life.

George Bailey has spent his entire life giving himself to Bedford falls, always preventing Mr Potter from taking over the entire town .St Josephs Hall
17:00-19:15