



Order of Service



24th DECEMBER 2023

10 am

What a Cracker!



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: We await the birth of the Messiah

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ALL: For on that day there will be great rejoicing and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

CH4 284 Hope is a Candle v 1-4

Lighting Advent Candles - one is lit as each verse is sung

Advent Reflection - George & Lesley Burt

CH4 306 O Come All ye faithful v 1-3

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.

Choir sings CH4 275 Come now, O Prince of Peace

What a Cracker! Readings, Reflections and Carols

1. SURPRISE – The Voice of Mary read by Wendy Williams

Luke 1: 46-55 (The Message Translation)

CH4 286 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

2. CROWNED – The voice of Isaiah read by Paul Williams

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 (NIV)

CH4 302 It was on a starry Night

3. GIFT – the voice of Zechariah read by Ian Gidney

Selected verses Luke 1: 67 -69 (NIV)

CH4 316 Love came down at Christmas

Prayers for others: Elaine McCullough

4. JOY – the voice of the Wise Men read by Richard Henderson

Selected verses from Matthew 2: 1-10 (New King James Version)

CH4 320 Joy to the World

Benediction

Sung Amen, Amen, Amen

Please remain standing as The Bible is removed

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

Many thanks for all your donated gifts for the Gift service on 10th December. All the food will be donated to the foodbank

Rev Dr Sheena Orr would like to thank all who gave gifts for prisoners and their families. She delivered them to HMP Polmont where Sasha Groves, manager of the Crossreach Family Visitor Centre was delighted to receive them. As many of the people in Polmont are young offenders it means they will be able to give a gift to younger brothers and sisters who visit them at Christmas.

£150 was also gifted and has been given to the Angel Tree project which prepares gifts for prisoners to give their children



BALERNO PARISH CHURCH
Intimations
Sunday, 24th December 2023

What's on December / January

24 December: 6pm "Quality Street Café church" at Balerno

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

25 December: 10 am Christmas Day service at Balerno

31st December: 10 am Worship at Balerno Parish Church

7 January: 10 am Worship at Balerno Parish Church

14 January: 10 am Worship at Balerno Parish Church

21 January: 10 am Worship **Joint service in Balerno**