



Order of Service

8th December 2024 10am

2nd in Advent

Gift Service



Worship led by:

Rev. Derek Munn

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: This advent season reshapes itself around the long and deep promise that is God.

Minister: From ancient times the echo of the story has haunted our world, reinventing itself,

All: finding a way to bring hope into every age.

Minister: And we hear it still, whispered through the air,

All: in the hope and expectation: incarnation,

Hymn GWA 137 In the darkness we were waiting

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and 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.

Lighting advent candle

Hymn CH4 282 Christmas is coming (Chorus and vs 1 & 2)

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading 1: Luke 3: 1-6 read by Ian Alexander

Short reflection – Giving

Choir sings: At this time of giving by Graham Kendrick

Reading 2: Luke 1: 67-79 (The Message version) read by Ian Alexander

Sermon: Preparing the way

Hymn CH4 324 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Responding to God's word

Prayer for others: Kay Coull

Hymn 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.*

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BALERNO PARISH CHURCH
Intimations
Sunday, 8th December 2024

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Balerno Church of
Scotland

What's on December 2024

Church Services:

15 December: Nativity Service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Derek Munn

22 December: Lessons & Carols Service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Derek Munn

24 December: Christingle Service 18:00 & Watchnight Service 23:30 both in Balerno Parish Church led by Rev. Derek Munn

25 December: Christmas morning Service 10:00 Balerno led by Rev. Derek Munn

Intimations:

1, 8, 15 & 22 December: Joint Balerno & Currie Advent Study 19:00 Gibson Craig Hall Currie for more info please contact the Church office on 0131 449 7245 or bpc-admin@balernochurch.org.uk

10 December: Pentland singers Concert Balerno Church 9:30 £12 Kids u13 free

13 December: 2 – 4pm, Gibson Craig Hall. Messy Church for all the family.

Contact Currie Kirk office for more information

14 December: Christmas Tree Festival Ogston Hall & Craft Fair in Church

09:00-13:00 with Farmers Market in main Street

14 December: A Concert for Christmas with the Livingston & Broxburn Brass Band 19:30 Balerno Parish Church Tickets £10 (u-16 £5) on sale via church office or website www.balernochurch.org.uk

23 December: Balerno Village Screen It's a wonderful life 17:00 - 19:15

St. Josephs Hall. For Tickets go to www.balernovillagescreen.com Tickets are free but all donations are gratefully received.

FreshStart November Toiletries Collection: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent collection for FreshStart. Several bags of toiletries were delivered and gratefully received by the FreshStart team at Pilton, who pass on their heartfelt thanks! Thanks for your generosity, Anne Johnstone

Food bank Donations can be left in the box in the entrance to the Mill Café.

The Mill Café is always looking for new volunteers. Please ask friends & family. For more info pop in for a chat with Lynsey

Are you interested in assisting us with our Audio / Visual displays in the church for the Sunday services? Full training would be given. Please contact Pam in the church office or email bpc-admin@balernochurch.org.uk (We really need more volunteers for the rota to help with the Sunday service)