



Order of Service

Balerno Parish Church

Balerno Linked with Currie

Advent 3 Lessons & Carols

14th December 09:30am



Worship led by Rev. Roy Henderson
Musicians Martin Petty, the choir & One Bar Rest

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.

Choir - Good news, good news to you we bring

Words of welcome and announcements.

Worshipping God Together: Call to Worship

Minister: Seasons turn, days pass

All: it is time to watch.

Minister: Years race, hours drag,

All: it is time to wait

Minister: Time flies, moments weigh heavy,

All: it is time to pray.

Minister: Unlit candles await a spark.

All: In the night we long for dawn.

Minister: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

All: so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn GWA 90 We are a people of Hope (v 1 -3)

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Prayer of Approach to God & 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.

A Ruler from Bethlehem

First Lesson: Micah 5: 2-5 read by Kay Coull

Hymn CH4 315 Once in royal David's city

A New Day is Coming

Second Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 read by David Booth

Hymn CH4 331 Unto us a boy is born vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

The King of Peace is Coming

Third Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-6 read by Lesley Henderson

Hymn CH4 322 – Good Christians, all rejoice

One Bar Rest – Barwell Old Hark

An Angel Appears to Mary

Fourth Lesson: Luke 1: 26–38 read by Jenny Beck

Hymn CH4 309 - Still the night

Choir – One little angel

Birth of Jesus

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2: 1-7 read by Elaine McCullough

Hymn CH4 313 – See! In yonder manger low

Choir – The Citizens of Chartres

Shepherds Hear About Jesus

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2: 8–20 read by Ronnie Turnbull

Choir – Listen, shepherds, listen

Hymn CH4 301 - Hark! The herald angels sing

God so loved the world

Seventh Lesson: John 3: 16–21 read by Neil Johnstone

Hymn CH4 316 Love came down at Christmas

One Bar Rest – Torches

Dedication of the offering and Prayers for others - Malcolm Ogilvie

God's Word Becomes Flesh

Eighth Lesson: John 1: 10–18 read by John Burnside

Hymn CH4 306 – O come, all ye faithful,

Dismissal

Minister : God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb.

All: Give us your benediction, your good word for our souls, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of your company.

(Cloth for the Cradle – Wild Goose Worship Group)

Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as The Bible is removed

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

THANKS TO YOU... Thank you for all your generous contributions towards the ministry and mission of the Church. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the wallets at the end of each row.



BALERNO PARISH CHURCH
Intimations
Sunday, 14th December 2025

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Balerno Church of
Scotland

What's on December 2025

Church Services

21 December: Joint Church Service in Currie Kirk 11:15 (no service in Balerno)

Services led by Rev Roy Henderson

24 December: Family Service Balerno 18:00 & Watch night service 23:30

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24 December: All Age Family Service Currie 18:00-18:45 Come and join the Nativity at the Gibson Craig Halls.

24 December: Watch night service 23:30 Currie Kirk (refreshments from 23:00)

Service led by John Sawkins

25 December: Christmas Day Family Service 10.00am Currie Kirk

(no service in Balerno) service led by Rev Roy Henderson

28 December: Church services 09:30 Balerno & 11:15 Currie Kirk

Service led by Stuart Fulton

Intimations

Chat Room: Speak to Rev. Roy Henderson on Wednesdays in the Shepherd Room 12:30-13:30

Recording of Services: Please note that services are recorded and uploaded to You-Tube for the benefit of those who are unable to attend church. If you do not wish to appear in the video then please avoid sitting in the front four rows of the congregation. Thank-you.

Advent Study Group Sunday 7th, 14th & 21st St Josephs 15:00-16:00 All Welcome.

CHRISTIAN AID: Digital Advent Calendar forms part of the 2025 Christmas Appeal which features Democratic Republic of Congo www.caid.org.uk/christmas

16 December: Sing-a-long Christmas Carols with One Bar Rest 19:00 at the Grey horse pub

21 December: Carol Sing-a-Long with the Kirk Singers. Gibson Craig Halls. 2-3pm. Refreshments will be served.

23 December: Balerno Village Screen It's a wonderful life. Doors open at 16:30. Film at 17:00 in St Josephs.

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