

Notices

Family Fun Day Today 12.30 to 2.30 with a Christmas theme.

Gorgie Christmas Tree Event today 5.30 at Gorgie City Farm. St Martins will help with the singing. The Rector will give a short address.

Christmas Bake Sale. There will be a bake sale after Church on 16 December. Liz Moir will be taking orders Black Bun and wee Christmas cakes. All proceeds to SECMA (LINKS) and St Columba's Hospice.

St Salvador's Food Bank. We recently had a lovely thank you card from St Salvador's in recognition of our food donations. Please consider the food bank in the next few weeks including Christmas goodies. Many of the recipients are single, a few smaller items rather than one very large one is useful. Treats for children are also very welcome. Also, since some food may be distributed very close to Christmas, please ensure that things are in date for Christmas.

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Sunday 9th December 2018
Advent 2

10.30am **Celebrating Communion**
Preacher: Sarah Kilbey
President: Yousouf Gooljary
Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3:1-6

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Rector: The Revd Yousouf Gooljary, Team Priest: The Revd David Warnes

Advent Sunday Sunday 2nd December 2018

President: Yousouf Gooljary
Preacher: Stuart Robertson



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Hymns Hon 188, 358, 529, 307

Collect for Advent Sunday

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: that, with you as our protector, we may be rescued from our sins; and with you as our deliverer, we may be set free; for you live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Read by: Walter Savory

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm 25 from congregational sheet

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-13

Read by: Walter Savory

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we

abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Chalice: David Warnes: Frank Alexander

Today's Chant

Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God.

Who takes away the Sins, the Sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 21 :25-36

Read by: Jenny Robertson

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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Newsletter

The Advent, Christmas and Epiphany issue of the Newsletter has now been published. Please pick up your copy from the table in the Church vestibule.

Advent reflection Group

Walking Backwards to Christmas' on Tuesday 27th at the Rectory at 7.30pm and Thursday 29th November at St Martin's Church at 10.30am.

Week 2 chapters 4 and 5 Casper and David

Week 3 chapters 6 and 7 Martha and Joseph

Week 4 chapters 8 and 9 Elizabeth and Mary

Please read chapters 10 and 12 for yourself as we are not covering them in the reflections.

Quiet Space prayer Saturday 8th December 9.45am in downstairs meeting room.

Christmas Carols Saturday 22nd December at 2pm in Church. We will be joined by members of One Parent Scotland. Please come to support this event. Mince pies and mulled wine served. All families and adults welcome.

Sunday 23rd December Nativity Play children particularly welcome.

Dalry Nursery Class and Primary School have sent a thank you card with a donation to the Church for hosting the St Andrew's Day Ceilidh and the Harvest event.