

# Advent

Sunday 13th December 2020

## E-NEWS

*Our Weekly Supplement for our Online  
Worship, at Bellshill Central Parish Church*

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## WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 13th December  
Advent 3 – Communion

Sunday 20th December  
Advent 4 – Lessons & Carols

Thursday 24th December  
Christmas Eve – Online  
Spectacular – you won't be  
disappointed

Sunday 27th December  
Online Morning Worship  
*with the Moderator of the General  
Assembly of the Church of Scotland*

***You are invited to join  
us in lighting a candle  
each Sunday Morning  
at home***

### LET US PREPARE FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

This is Advent, season of promise. In our worship we prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable in Bethlehem, and remind ourselves that this child will become the Saviour of the World who will return again in power and glory to draw all of his children together with songs of everlasting praise. The promise of the baby is also the promise of eternal life to all who believe.

God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour. Amen

### ADVENT REFLECTION

Open our eyes, Lord, especially if they are half-shut because we are tired of looking or half-open because we fear to see too much, or bleared with tears, because yesterday and today and tomorrow are filled with the same pain, or contracted because we only look at what we want to see. Open our eyes, Lord To gently scan the life we lead, the home we have, the world we inhabit; and so to find, among the gremlins and the greyness, signs of hope we can fasten on and encourage. And so – open our eyes we pray – that we might truly see and encounter Jesus afresh this Advent season.

Amen.

### TODAYS BIBLE READING:

Psalm 126

### Ways to contact the Church...

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**Additional Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 John 1:6-8, 19-28**



### No internet, No Problem!

Listen to the service on the phone

**Call 01698 533211**

Updated each Sunday morning, and is available every day



Each day in December we will post a video of a church member or church friend reading a chapter of Luke. There are 24 chapters and 24 days in December taking us up to Christmas Eve.

So by then we will have read and learned about Jesus' entire life on earth.

If you want to read a chapter and video it, please get in touch with Alan ASAP.

## Offerings

We express our thanks to all of our members and friends who have made sure that their offerings have continued, or have changed how they donate, or have made special one off donations to our Church during this COVID19 shutdown of our buildings. If anyone has any offerings at home and needs these collected we would be please to hear from you. We can arrange collection.

### Winter Sponsored Walk

Anytime in November or December you can take part. Our Parish is around 4 miles in circumference, so a four mile walk is suggested but not essential.

**Ask Alan for a sponsor form or [visit](#) this page**

### Decorating the Church Railings

We invite you all to attach a Christmas Decoration to the railings – be it a bauble, a star, a ribbon or some other Christmas image. We want the front of our Church to look alive and joyful this Christmas

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