



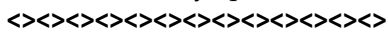
St. Cyprian's Church,
Lenzie

LINK

8th December 2013

Advent 2

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Sunday services:

9.15am – Eucharist with
Rev. Les Ireland

10.30am- Eucharist,
with Les Ireland
preaching and
celebrating.

Crack & Creating..... Advent times.....

During Advent I am planning to be in the choir vestry on Tuesdays from 1.30 – 3.00pm for "Crack and creating." We'll have some prayers at the end, and a theme for each week. But come along when you want to chat, drink tea/coffee and eat cakes, and have a chance to make something, or do something creative. You could bring your knitting, or tapestry, or embroidery, or come and make some cards.....and we'll have other stuff people can do. Or you can just come and chat.... And bring a friend or two along....

(And Crack stands for "Chat and talk", nothing to do with cocaine!!!!)

This week will be a chance to talk about how we celebrate Christmas today.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the diocese of Western North Carolina, and their Bishop Rt Rev Porter Taylor.

In our own Diocese, please pray for the church of St. Cuthbert, Cambuslang and St. Andrew Uddingston (Currently vacant), and St. Mark's, East Kilbride (Clergy: Paul Fletcher)

DAILY PRAYERS

- 9th Local schools in Lenzie.
- 10th The Scottish Parliament.
- 11th Diocesan Property Committee, discussing our Canon 35 application today.
- 12th The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church – David Chillingworth.
- 13th The Homeless.
- 14th All of us as we prepare for Christmas.

Please also remember in your prayers:

Margaret Conway; Jennie Downes; Daphne Fraser; Susan Frost; Marilyn Hazlette; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Geoff Scobie; Jack Smith; and for all those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of the church.

May God keep them in His care

St. David's Church on Alexandra St has a Christmas Tree Festival ending today – 8th December. The church is open 12 noon – 6pm. If you are free, why not go along?

If you want something in the Link up to Christmas, please let the Rector have it if possible by Wednesday tea time. Give him a ring on 776 3866 or E.mail: Les949@btinternet.com.

Christmas Services this year:

Sunday 22nd December:
6.30pm: Carol Service.

24th Dec. – Christmas Eve
11.30pm: Midnight Mass

25th Dec: Christmas Day
10.30am: Holy Communion.



The special prayers for this week are:

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Isaiah 11.1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalms 72.1-7,18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

²**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁸**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

¹⁹Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Romans 15.4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

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Hymn: 12: (Christ is coming)
Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Hymn: 11 (We lift the light...)

Hymn at Communion: 5

(O Come O come Emmanuel)

Hymn: 14 (His name is called...)

