

# ST. CYPRIAN'S CHURCH LINK

## SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CHRISTMAS EVE)



Today we have worship in church and online at 10.30am (see website for online access).

The service will be a Sung Eucharist and we welcome back Revd Sally Gorton as our preacher and celebrant.

Hymns from Hymns Ancient & Modern N.S. (Red book)

**Introit** 26 O come O come Emmanuel  
**Gradual** 31 Come thou long expected Jesus  
**Offertory** 33 Of the Father's love begotten  
**Communion** 360 For Mary mother of our Lord  
(omit starred vs 3 & 4)  
**Recessional** 422 Tell out my soul



Please join us for a chat and refreshments in the Hall after the service.

**ANGLICAN** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
**DIOCESAN** St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew  
(Reuben Preston, Lisa Curtice)

**St Cyprian's Congregation and Vestry** for the Vacancy and the process of finding a new Rector

### Daily Prayers

- 25<sup>th</sup> Worship and thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord
- 26<sup>th</sup> Crisis at Christmas and all working to give those who are homeless respite from their difficulties
- 27<sup>th</sup> Love for God and our neighbour
- 28<sup>th</sup> Families, especially those facing problems or divisions
- 29<sup>th</sup> All the peoples of the world
- 30<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)

**Please also pray for these people:** Agnes Rose; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean McLean and her mother; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Karen Rose; Tom and Lynda; Val Fallon; and all those recently bereaved.

If you would like to get something into the Link for next Sunday, please let our Paul Hindle know on 0141-776 3237 or e-mail [link@stcyprianslenzie.com](mailto:link@stcyprianslenzie.com) by teatime on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### Thursday Morning Worship - 28<sup>th</sup> December

Worship using the *Liturgy of the Word* is at 10am in the Choir Vestry this Thursday as usual. Come along and help Glennis celebrate her birthday at the service and with refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome. Please enter via the church hall door.

### Prayer Book at the back of the church

The original book seems to have been lost, so a new one is now in place. We sometimes include in our intercessions a reference to this book, which has been a bit odd when it wasn't there! Please write names of anyone you would like to be included in our prayers, so we can all pray for them.



### Advent Wreath - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The lighting of the third candle:  
Love

**O God of our Love, come~**

On this the last Sunday of Advent,  
as the new day dawns,  
may we remember how your birth  
lit the darkness of night  
with the hope of freedom,  
the joy of a promise fulfilled.  
Be with us.

Shine your light in our hearts  
so that we might know your wisdom,  
see your faithfulness,  
and believe in your creative,  
seemingly impossible ways.  
We ask this through Christ,  
our Savior and our love. Amen.



### Christmas Service

Our main Christmas Festival Service will be held at 10.30am tomorrow. Revd Sally Gorton will be back with us then.

**Please note:** there will not be a midnight Eucharist tonight due to the interregnum and reduced attendance in recent years.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL 2024 CALENDAR

The calendar of photographs taken at the Flower Festival is now available. It is priced at £8 per copy including an envelope. It would make a great last minute Christmas present. All profits go to support the work of St. Cyprian's.

If you have taken any calendars to sell (or on account), please let Maxine have the money as soon as possible.

### Interim Priest in Charge

**The Revd. Canon Paul Watson**, Rector of St James the Less, Bishobriggs, has taken on this role. He can be contacted on 07943 026773 or by email on [paulrobertwatson@gmail.com](mailto:paulrobertwatson@gmail.com) in case anyone needs visiting or pastoral care.