

Intimations:

The minister may be contacted on 0131 334 1324.

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion at 3pm this afternoon.

This year's Congregational Christmas Cards are available in the Crush Hall for delivery to homes in the Parish.

Thank you for your help, The Mission Committee.

Elders: The Quarterly is ready for distribution and the Christmas Cards for Elders with districts outwith the parish.

Guild: we finish 2023 with a soup and dessert lunch inhouse. We shall meet at 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Tuesday 5th December. Thanks go to those who have supported us during the first ten weeks of our Guild session. We have a break until Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Life & Work is available at the west door.

Sunday 10th December - Gift Service

As in previous years we shall be collecting gifts of toys which will be passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families. If any member of the congregation would like to contribute, we would be very happy to receive new toys, games, or books for children of all ages, but we request no furry toys or those requiring batteries.

Gifts of toiletries are also very welcome for teenagers. Please bring them along to the service. As parcels have to be opened so that gifts can be suitably allocated, using a gift bag would save wasting paper. Donations of wrapping paper etc., are always gratefully received.

Alternatively, **donations for the purchase of gifts for older teenagers** may be given to Diana Fairgrieve up to and including 10th December when Barbara Wells from the Salvation Army will be present to collect the gifts and money.

Diana Fairgrieve, Sunday School Co-ordinator.

'Friendly Corner' will run two days a week in the Beith Hall. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11am to 1pm. It offers a space for company, chat, coffee, tea etc. If you would like to help and volunteer to staff Friendly Corner, contact the minister james.aitken2@btinternet.com or 0131 334 1324.

Fresh Start: there are buckets at the doors of the Church for donations. Thank you for your continuing support.

The congregation will learn with sadness of the death of Mr James Stark, Gordon Road. His funeral takes place here in St Ninian's at 1pm on Thursday 7th December. We remember his family and loved ones in our prayers.

Edinburgh Churches Together are holding a Nativity Carol Concert at The Ross Bandstand Princes Street Gardens West on this Sunday 2pm - 4pm. You are invited to join choirs from across Edinburgh and the Salvation Army Band to singalong to tradition Christmas carols.

Scam Emails: if you receive an email and you have **any** doubts about it - DO NOT click on any links, delete and speak directly to the person you believe has sent it.

St. Ninian's is urgently looking for a new treasurer to take over from Janice Reynolds when she stands down in the new year. The post of treasurer involves 2 - 3 hours a week, plus the preparation of a financial report to the Kirk Session. Currently, Janice also prepares year end accounts and an annual budget, but these tasks may be able to be done by an external agency.

If you feel you could take this role on, or you know someone who might, please contact Janice on treasurer@st-ninians.co.uk or 0131 317 1358 in the first instance. Or you could speak to the minister or Andrew Job on the Session Clerk Team andrewjob@outlook.com. Thank you.

A date for your diary the next Congregational Lunch to be held on 14th January 2024 immediately after morning worship. As with previous years we are looking for donations on the day, proceeds to Crossreach. Tickets will be available soon.

Charity Christmas Card Shop in St John's Church, Princes Street Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm.

Mary's Meals: From now until 22nd January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. It costs just **£19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals** every day at school for a whole year. And this winter, a donation of £19.15 will feed two children.

Lit: on Monday 4th December the Rolling Hills Chorus will entertain us at 7.45pm in the Burns Hall. In 2024 the second part of our programme will start on Monday 4th March when Kate Foster will talk about her book "The Maiden" with links to Corstorphine.

ADVENT STUDY SERIES

God, Jesus, Worship, and the Christian Life

Monday 27th November, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Who is the God of the Christians?

(an introduction to books & films about Christianity, & a discussion about God)

Monday 4th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Jesus Christ and the Church

(a theological tour of the church sanctuary)

Monday 11th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

How do we worship?

(a close look at Sunday morning worship)

Monday 18th December, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

How should we live?

(a discussion about living life as a Christian)

ALL WELCOME

This study series is particularly suitable for anyone wishing to join the church or anyone who would like a refresher course on the Christian faith.

If you would like to come along to this group, let the minister, Rev. James Aitken, know on:

0131 334 1324 or jaitken@churchofscotland.org.uk

Advent Study @ St Anne's 2023

This year we shall be meeting on Wednesday mornings, 10.30-12.00, using the material in 'Journeying Through Advent'. At the darkest time of our year, as the world around seems to be growing ever more chaotic, this is an opportunity to slow down and reflect upon what Advent is really about – a time of preparation for the coming of light and hope.

Meetings will be on 29th November, and 6th, 13th and 20th December, in the Robertson Room. The book is available from Eden publishers, for £2.99. Cornerstone Bookshop can order it, but it will take about 2 weeks to arrive. We can order copies for those who would like to attend – or who would like to follow the book themselves.

[Christmas at St Ninian's](#)

Sunday 10 th December 10.30am	Gift Service
Sunday 17 th December 10.30am	Family Nativity Service
Sunday 17 th December 6.30pm	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
Friday 22 nd December 6.30pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 24 th December 10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 24 th December 8.00pm	Worship for Christmas Night
Monday 25 th December 10.30am	Family Worship for Christmas Day