

Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden Kirks

Order of Service Christmas Day 25 December 2022

Joint Worship 10.00am Tarves



Finding Time for Halleluias this Christmas

Call to Worship 306 O come all ye faithful (4 verses)

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him

Born the King of Angels:

O come, let us adore Him, (3x)

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!

Glory to God,

In the highest:

O come, let us adore Him, (3x)

Christ the Lord.

God of God,

light of light,

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God,

begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore Him, (3x)

Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,

born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given!

Word of the Father,

now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him, (3x)

Christ the Lord.

Lighting of Advent/Christmas Candles

Prayers of Approach

Lord's Prayer

Praise 313 See in yonder manger low (omit vs 3,4)

See In Yonder Manger Low

Born for us on earth below,

See, the tender Lamb appears,

Promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn;

Hail, Redemption's happy dawn;

Sing all through Jerusalem,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Lo! within a manger lies

He who built the starry skies.

He who, throned in height sublime,

Sits amid the Cherubim.

Sacred Infant, all divine,

What a tender love was thine

Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.

Christmas Story St Luke 2:8-20

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'*

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Two Sonnets "In Search of Christmas" by Geoff Daniel

Praise 321 Come and join the celebration

*Come and join the celebration,
It's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new king born today!*

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
Gaze in wonder
at the son of God who lay before them.

"God is with us",
round the world the message sing;
He is with us,
"Welcome!" all the bells on earth are
pealing.

Christmas Message

Praise 316 Love came down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;

Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love shall be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and to all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayers for Others Around the Manger

Praise 322 Good Christians all rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice!
 Give ye heed to what we say
 Jesus Christ is born today!
 Ox and ass before Him bow
 And He is in the manger now
 Christ is born today!
 Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice
 Now ye hear of endless bliss
 Jesus Christ was born for this

He has opened heaven's door
 And all are blessed evermore
 Christ was born for this
 Christ was born for this

Good Christians all, rejoice
 With heart and soul and voice
 Now ye need not fear the grave:
 Jesus Christ was born to save
 Calls you one and calls you all
 To gain His everlasting hall
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Blessing**Take Home Suggestion**

Take time to listen to Handel's Hallelujah chorus this week

Notices**Worship Arrangements for Autumn/Winter**

The Kirk Sessions have agreed that for the next few months Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom. Anyone with symptoms of Covid should remain at home and join us on Zoom. In Church please respect in so far as possible the wishes of anyone who wants to maintain physical distancing.

Christmas Services

Sunday 1 January Tarves 10.00am New Beginnings

Advent/Christmas Bible Study "Finding Time this Christmas" A five week course for individual study and group discussion prepared by Sanctuary First. The focus is on quality time - the quality time Jesus finds for us and we find for one another. Daily devotions on the weekly themes will appear on the website www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/daily worship. Discussion group will meet Saturdays throughout December in the manse, 8 Murray Avenue Tarves over coffee and rowies 9.30-10.30am as shown below. You are welcome at any or all of these meetings but it would be helpful for catering purposes to know in advance if you hope to be present.

Saturday 31 December Hogmanay Finding time for Hallelujas this Christmas

You are welcome at any or all of these It would be helpful for catering purposes to know in advance if you hope to be present. To register an interest or for more details please contact aswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

Formartine Youth Project

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Pastoral Care Please contact Alison