ST NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2023 10:30am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 273 'O come, o come Emmanuel'

Prayer

Lighting of Advent Candle

Hymn 600 'Spirit of God, unseen as the wind'

The Word of God Isaiah 2:1-5 (Page 569) Matthew 24:36-44 (Page 23)

Hymn 706 'For the healing of the nations' (Tune – Rhuddlan – Hymn 103)

Sermon – 'A time to Wait, to Watch and to be Work'

Hymn 473 'Thy kingdom come!' - on bended knee

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn 192 'All my hope on God is founded'

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

Those who are going to the Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club on Tuesday 12^{th} December are asked to pay the remaining balance by next Sunday. (Total cost £22:50)

Our Gift Service will be next Sunday. Unwrapped gifts for children and teenagers can be taken to the Church and placed below the Christmas tree. They will then be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to those who may otherwise not have gifts at Christmas.

Carol Services 2:30pm

Monday 18th December Roselea Court Care Home

Tuesday 19th December Westerlands Care Home

Wednesday 20th December Eccles Court

People to help with the singing will be very welcome!

Drivers are politely asked not to park in the turning area outside the Church. This needs to be kept clear in order for vehicles, including emergency vehicles, to turn.

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