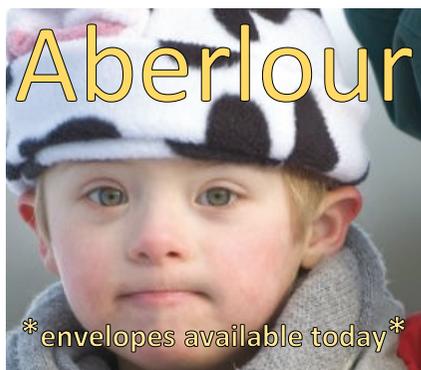


are vacancies for Synod Representative and reserve, Property Convenor and two Vestry members)

- Tues 18 Dec 6.15pm **Vestry meeting** in the Centre
- Wed 19 Dec 2.30pm **Queen's Court** service
- Sun 23 Dec 3.00pm **St. John's Carol Service**, in conjunction with Jedburgh Rotary, followed by refreshments
- Mon 24 Dec 4.00pm **Messy Christmas** Family Service in Jedburgh Town Hall
- 11.30pm **Midnight Mass**
- Tues 25 Dec 10.00am **Christmas Morning Family Communion**
- [No midweek communion on Thursday 27 December]
- Sun 30 Dec **Feast of John, Apostle and Evangelist.**
Normal services resume.



Food Bank—time for a few Christmas extras:
Puddings, mince pies, tins of ham, chicken, salmon, shortbread, chocolate biscuits, small fruit cakes, soft drinks, packets of crisps, jelly.

envelopes available today

Services @ St John's

- Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion (1982 Liturgy)
- Sunday 9.00 am Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
- 10.30 am Sung Eucharist (1982 Liturgy)



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St. John the Evangelist Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh

Sunday 2 December 2018
The First Sunday of Advent

Please join us after the 10.30 service for fellowship over tea or coffee in the Centre next to the Church.

*A warm welcome, and our grateful thanks, to **Rosemary Wilson**, Licensed Lay Reader, who is leading and preaching at our services today*

09.00 HOLY COMMUNION—Reserved Sacrament (1970 LITURGY)

Collect and Lessons on page 93 of the Scottish Prayer Book

Romans 13:8

Matthew 21:1

Proper Preface page 342

Post-Communion page 347

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION—Reserved Sacrament (1982 LITURGY)

Introit **NEH 6** Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes

GATHERING RITE FOR ADVENT 1: **Hope**

Reader One: Revelations 21:4

Reader Two: Jeremiah 29:11

Reader Three: Romans 12:12

Reader Four: 2 Corinthians 4:16—18

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may be always ready to welcome him.

Reader One: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, we pray to the Lord: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Two: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, we pray to the Lord: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Three: That this Advent wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, we pray to the Lord: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Four: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, we pray to the Lord: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

As the first Advent candle is lit, we sing:

An Advent song (tune NEH 433)

The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

Leader: In this Advent ... Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
In this Advent.....Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
In this Advent ... Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Collect : Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD (page 3)

1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14—16 (p.765 in pew Bible)

Psalm 25 **℟: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul**

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9—13 (p.219 in pew Bible)

Gradual hymn **Open Wide Your Heavens!** (tune NEH 28)

1. Open wide your heavens! Let your name be known!
So the world will know, Lord, we are not alone.
You who once did awesome deeds — show your presence here!
Open wide your heavens! Let us know you're near.
2. In this Advent season, Lord, we wait and pray:
Why do you seem hidden? Are you far away?
Though your faithfulness is sure, we have often sinned;
Like the leaves we're fading, carried by the wind.
3. Carried by our culture, we seek more and more;
As we long to prosper, we forget the poor.
As we yearn for earthly things, we forget your name.
Open wide your heavens! Make us whole again.

4. Lord, you are the potter; we are simply clay.
Take the lives we offer; mould us more each day.
In this holy Advent time, show us all anew:
You reach out and bless us, when we wait for you.

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Gospel: Luke 21:25—36 (p.91 in pew Bible)

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Confession, Peace

Offertory **NEH 9** Lo! he comes with clouds descending

PRAYERS, THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
(from the blue Reserved Sacrament leaflet)

Anthem

Prayer after Communion: **God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen**

Post-Communion hymn **NEH 3** Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Concluding prayers and Dismissal

A wee update from Fr. Andrew: *I finished the week of input of chemotherapy drugs on Monday with a fun injection in the spine. That phase of things went smoothly and I managed some pretty aggressive chemicals without any hitches. This week is about monitoring the bloods and avoiding temperatures and infections. So far so good.*

I've had some lovely visits from the Borders and some of the Edinburgh clergy have been in as well. Spirits are generally fine although I have reached my toleration limit for the ads on daytime television. Blessings to you all, Andrew.

What's on?

Wed 5 Dec 10.00am **Sewing Group** in the Centre
Fri 7 Dec 1—3 pm **Messy Church** in the Kenmore Hall
Sun 9 Dec 12.00 **AGM** in the Centre
(Vestry **nomination form now available** at the back of the Church: there