



## BRECHIN CATHEDRAL

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 4.00 pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent)

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS 2015

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship : *Rorate Coeli*

*Drop down you heavens, from above,*

**AND LET THE SKIES POUR DOWN RIGHTEOUSNESS;**

*Open you earth !*

**THAT YOU MIGHT BRING FORTH A SAVIOUR;**

*Behold, O Lord, the affliction of your people !*

**SEND FORTH THE ONE WHO IS TO COME;**

**SEND FORTH THE LAMB, THE RULER OF THE EARTH,**

*from Petra of the desert wastes*

*to the mount of the daughter of Zion;*

**THAT HE MAY TAKE AWAY THE YOKE OF OUR CAPTIVITY.**

*(Rorate Caeli; An ancient Advent call.)*

Opening Praise: **273** *"O come, O come, Emmanuel"*

Bidding Prayer

**God promises comfort for the people**

*ADVENT ANTIPHON: O Sapientia*

**First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 (Alice McIntosh)**

*Praise: 274 "Comfort, comfort now my people"*

**God promises the transformation of our hearts**

*ADVENT ANTIPHON: O Adonai*

**Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34 (Evelyn Simpson)**

*CHOIR :*

**God promises a new creation**

*ADVENT ANTIPHON: O Radix Jesse*

**Third Lesson: Isaiah 65: 17 - 25 (Alice McIntosh)**

*Praise: 475 "Christ is coming! Let creation"*

**God promises restoration for the people**

*ADVENT ANTIPHON: O Clavis David*

**Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 (Archie Milne)**

*Praise: 277 "Hark! The glad sound"*



**God's promise that the Redeemer is coming**

*ADVENT ANTIPHONS: O Oriens*

**Fifth Lesson: Baruch 4:39 -5;9(Evelyn Simpson)**

*Praise: 281 "People look east"*

**God's promise to Mary**

*ADVENT ANTIPHONS: O Rex Gentium*

**Sixth Lesson : Luke 1: 26 - 38 (Archie Milne)**

*Praise : 285 "The angel Gabriel"*

**God's promise of Christ's coming again in glory**

Sentence & Collect for Advent

ANTIPHON: "O Emmanuel"

**Seventh Lesson: Matthew 24: 4 - 35 (Rev . Dr. R. J. Grahame)**

*CHOIR:*

Sentence & Christmas Collect

*Praise: 477 "Lo! He comes with clouds descending"*

**Benediction**

*Service conducted by Rev. Dr Roderick Grahame*

*Director of Music: Mr Ian Robertson*

**Church News**

*A warm welcome for this service of worship in the Brechin Cathedral .*

**Team Meetings in December:**

**Property-** Monday 7th December at 7.00 pm in the Church Office;

**Management** - Tuesday 8th December at 10.00 am in the Church Office;

**Finance** - Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Church Office;

**Kirk Session** - Thursday 10th December at 7.00 pm in the Session Room.

**Advent Study Group** meets from Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, inclusive at 7 pm in the Office. We will be reflecting on Gordon Giles' book *Comings and Goings* published by BRF. New members will be especially welcome.

**The Angel Tree 2015** - Angel Tickets will be on the tree for children of varying ages. If possible, gifts to the value of £10 would be appreciated. The gifts should be brought to the Church between 29th November and 13th December .

**ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7.30pm.**

**The Quiz will have a festive flavour – so brush up on all those Christmas traditions and carols for the questions!**

**The cost is £12 per team of four and includes refreshments.**

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

**December 2015**

**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER at 11.15am:**

Wee Wednesday Service

Service of Advent Communion in Queen's Aisle

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Advent 2: Zechariah – A God who hates religion?

Sacrament of Baptism

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

9.30am: Advent Communion Service at Stracathro Church

10.30am: Advent 3: Malachi – Who will endure the day of the Lord?

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

7pm: Christmas Lessons and Carols at Stracathro Church with the

Brechin City Band

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Christmas Family Service with the Brechin Cathedral Storytellers

**THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

11.20pm: Christmas Watchnight Service: "His-story"

**FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

10.30am: Short Christmas Day Service of Thanksgiving

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols with the Choir



**First Sunday in Advent**