

INTIMATIONS: Sunday 1st January 2017

We welcome you to our service this morning. You are reminded that when the Bible is brought into and carried out of Church we all stand. Any visitors worshipping with us are especially welcome and are invited to join us for tea or coffee in the hall afterwards.

MONDAY:

The **Maintenance Squad** are taking a break and meet again on **Monday 6th February** at 9.30m. Any queries please contact Willie Black. Tel. 01224 869362.

If you have not already done so, please collect your decorations from the table in the main hall. Many thanks.

Badminton will resume on **Monday 9th January 2017** at **7.15pm**.

Any queries please contact **John Troup** Tel. 01224 732701

Monday Lunch Club are looking for more volunteers to help out from 12 -2pm. Please contact **Jacky Hatchwell 01224 861736** for more information.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY THURSDAY:

The Hub will be re-opening on 10th January 2017 from 10am till 3pm serving up their wonderful fare of teas/ coffees, soup, sandwiches, baked potatoes, quiche and home baking.

The Church office will re-open on Thursday 5th January.

Advance notification:

The next Music in the Sanctuary Concert will be on Sunday 15th January at 2.30pm in the Church when Richard Coleman (tenor) accompanied by Jeremy Coleman (piano) will perform Schubert's song cycle Die schöne Müllerin. Admission will be by donation with refreshments served afterwards in the main hall.

Thanks to **Helen McGregor** who kindly donated the flowers which decorate our Sanctuary today.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Thanks to the many who worked and prayed so hard to make this church a place of welcome over this Advent season: special services – joyful, traditional, chaotic and reflective; a Tree Festival; a coffee morning; an exploration of Advent via poetry; an excellent Nativity Play providing joy, laughter and food for thought; an evening of “Winter Words & Music”; Christmas Day lunch in the Centre; etc. In many different ways we have sought to share and celebrate with our parish the glorious news of Christmas – “Emmanuel” – “God With Us”!

Creche and JAM (Jesus and me,) return next Sunday – January 8th.

At the end of this morning's service, those who would like to share in a brief celebration of the Lord's Supper are invited to gather round the Communion Table. All ages are welcome.



There was a very generous response to our invitation to support two projects with our givings at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, as well as the Nativity Play and Gift Service. Consequently, we were able to send £922 to the Sunrise Partnership, an Aberdeen-based charity providing support and counselling for youngsters dealing with issues of bereavement and loss; and £1570 to the Kirk's "Build A House" project in Nepal, helping to re-home families made homeless by recent earthquakes.

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