

Welcome



“Lessons from Hezekiah”

Morning Service

Sunday 30th December 2012 at 11.00am

Call to Worship

Praise - Hymn 307 – As with gladness men of old

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious God, may we
led by You forever be.

- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to Your lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
You whom heaven and earth adore,
so may we with one accord
seek forgiveness from our Lord.

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare,
gold and frankincense and myrrh;
so may we, cleansed from our sin,
lives of service now begin,
as in love our treasures bring,
Christ, to You our heavenly King.

- 4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds Your glory hide.

- 5 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown,
You its sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

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Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Praise - Hymn 337 - The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

1 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they said that his name was Jesus.

*He come from the glory
he come from the glorious kingdom;
he come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom;
O, yes! believer.
O, yes! believer.
He come from the glory
he come from the glorious kingdom.*

2 The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
and proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.

3 The wise men saw where the baby was born,
the wise men saw where the baby was born,
the wise men saw where the baby was born,
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

Anthem – Coventry Carol

Scripture Reading

(please use the pew Bible to follow the reading)

Bethany McDowell

Address

Gary McDowell

Praise - Hymn 201 – We three kings

1 We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

*O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

- 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign
- 3 Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high
- 4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb
- 5 Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

Prayers for Others

Dawn McDowell

Offering

(Please stand as the Stewards bring the offering forward)

Prayer of Dedication

Praise - Hymn – The First Nowell

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
- 3 And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
- 6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

The Benediction

Organ Postlude – In Dir Ist Freude, Bach

At the end of the service please join us for coffee/tea at the back of the church. If you are visiting Fisherwick for the first time please introduce yourself to our minister, Gary McDowell or any member of the congregation.

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Church's Prayer Ministry Team are available in the Prayer Chapel following morning worship for anyone who would like people to pray for them. Prayer is available to everyone whether you are a church member or not.

TEACHING SERIES

***A 'Prophetic Voice' - Speaking what God has to say! Isaiah
A Different Gospel – why write yet another gospel? John and his passion***

Each week there are additional resources online on the church website (www.fisherwick.net and the church facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/Fisherwick>) including a Blog from Derek on the series. Go to the website and follow the links. There will also be readings each week in preparation for the following Sunday.

Readings for this week are:

Morning Service – Isaiah chapters 40:1 to 41:20

Sunday Night Live – John chapter 7:53 to 8:11

Today

IMPORTANT - There is NO Sunday Night Live service tonight.

Sunday Services – 6th January

Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion starts at 11.00am and Derek McKelvey will speak on “Comfort for His people” from Isaiah 40:1 to 41:20.

Sunday Night Live starts at 7.00pm and Derek McKelvey will speak on “The story too hot to handle – why the church has always got hot and bothered about sex” from John chapter 7:53 to 8:11.

Prayer for people

This week please pray for those in our congregation family who are in hospital, or in need of prayer.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups meet fortnightly, mostly in homes across Belfast. Each group is unique in style and format but they all exist for people to meet together, form real relationships and encourage one another as we live life following Jesus. If you would like to meet new people and grow in your faith then join a small group. For information about Small Groups in Fisherwick check out the information boards beside the Coffee Bar, the website or contact the Church Office. The small group Coordinators are Peter and Linda Little.

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes is in the Parlour. It is a place for parents to leave their babies and toddlers during the church service. There are supervised activities, toys and a snack time during Little Fishes. There is also a designated baby area with a protective screen with a Little Fishes leader supervising. Please introduce yourself to the Little Fishes leaders on duty as you arrive and sign in. The Little Fishes coordinator is Lynne Guiney. If you would like to be part of the Little Fishes Team then either speak to Lynne or contact the church office and your details will be forwarded.

Little Fishes Rota – January 2012

06/01/13	Janette Wilson	Rebecca Liggett	Peter Little
13/01/13	Janette Wilson	Rebecca Liggett	Hannah Hooks
20/01/13	Kate Gray	Susan Parkinson	Hannah Hooks
27/01/13	Kate Gray	Susan Parkinson	Jonathan Viner

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