

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 15th December 2019 10:30am

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# Granton

 The Church of Scotland

Third Sunday In Advent - 'Once in Royal David's City'

## TODAY'S SERVICE - BEHIND THE CAROL

Welcome and Introduction

**Hymn: Once in Royal David's City CH4 315**

Bible Reading

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer including the Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory CH4 324** (children in Session Room)

The Bible Speaks Today

**Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem CH4 304**

The Bible Speaks Today

**Hymn: See in yonder manger low CH4 313** (children return)

**Offering** ..... We give out of a sense of thanks to God, recognising his love for us is beyond measure. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel you have to give.

**Prayer for Others**

**Hymn: On Christmas night CH4 294**

THE BLESSING






### Once in Royal David's City

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high, where his children gather round bright like stars, with glory crowned.



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## Call to Action - this week's checklist

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|  | <b>Christmas Hamper fundraiser</b> - the draw for hampers is after church today - in the West Hall. And there is still time to buy tickets - see Barbara or Rose |
|  | There are a number of ways that you can help <b>Bethany Shelter this Christmas</b> - buy a bed scheme, Caring Christmas Trees or donating at Christmas Services  |
|  | <b>Reverse Advent</b> continues, with everyone being asked to perform an Act of Random Kindness every day in the lead up to Christmas - ARK cards at the back.   |
|  | <b>Granton Primary School</b> has been chosen as one of 12 venues for a special lighting-up event. Join them this Tuesday 17th December at 7pm.                  |
|  | Add your Christmas greeting to the <b>Giant Christmas Card</b> in the coffee area - then donate what you have saved to the new kitchen fund                      |

## Regular events - full details on the yellow sheet

|                                      |             |                              |                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Tuesday 17 December</b>           | 2pm         | <b>Ladies Fellowship</b>     | West Hall          |
| <b>Tuesday 17 December</b>           | 2pm         | <b>Indoor Bowls</b>          | East Hall          |
| <b>Wednesday 18 December</b>         | 12-1pm      | <b>Lunch Club</b>            | West Hall          |
| <b>On break until January</b>        | From 6.30pm | <b>Boys' Brigade</b>         | Both Halls         |
| <b>Wednesday 08 January</b>          | 7.30pm      | <b>Wednesday Home Group</b>  | Barbara's home     |
| <b>Thursday 19 December</b>          | 10-11am     | <b>Kirstie's Coffee</b>      | West Hall          |
| <b>Thursday 19 December</b>          | 2pm         | <b>Indoor Bowls</b>          | East Hall          |
| <b>Thursday 09 January</b>           | 7.30pm      | <b>Thursday Home Group</b>   | Linda's home       |
| <b>Thursday 09 January</b>           | 6pm         | <b>Church Prayer Meeting</b> | Church             |
| <b>Friday - resumes 10 January</b>   | 11am        | <b>Magic Carpet Club</b>     | East Hall          |
| <b>Friday - date to be confirmed</b> | 6.30pm      | <b>Family Film Night</b>     | Church             |
| <b>Saturday 11 January</b>           | 9am         | <b>Men's Breakfast</b>       | Morrisons Ferry Rd |
| <b>Sunday 19 January</b>             | 3.30pm      | <b>Messy Church</b>          | West Hall          |

Welcome to our service this morning. It is nice to have you with us and we hope you will enjoy your time here.

If you'd like to find out about the groups that meet in our church pick up a copy of our life@Granton leaflet - there should be some at the end of each row of seats.  
- or ask any of the Welcome Team for one.



## In Brief - more on the website

more details at [grantonchurch.org.uk](http://grantonchurch.org.uk) - mobile friendly - snap the QR code



### Christmas retiral collection for Bethany

The need for Bethany's services is growing and that's why we are taking a retiring collection at our Christmas Eve Services.

Granton Parish Church has a team of volunteers that serve up a hot meal to up to 50 homeless people 2 or 3 times a year, as part of Bethany's Winter Shelter programme.

The annual cost to us is in the region of £350, so that's our target for our Christmas appeal.

There is no obligation to give, but if you do choose to do so it can be by cash in the offering plate, by cheque payable to Granton Parish Church, or by bank transfer – see any of the Welcome Team or email [treasurer@granton.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@granton.org.uk) for details.



### Baptism

We are really pleased to have baby Matthew here today to be Baptised. Of course he's no stranger to the church, along with Mum and Dad - Mandy and Ryan - and big sister Jessica.

### All the fun of the Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre on 7th December was a great success. It was well attended and everyone had a lot of fun preparing for Christmas. A massive big **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in making the day a success. Although it wasn't a fundraising event, over £200 was raised on the day and this has been put away to go towards the new kitchen fund - more details of this project in the new year.

### Reverse Advent – daily ARKs

Christmas is a time of giving. **Here's to making Advent 2019 the most impactful Advent our church has ever experienced!**

### Transformed for Christmas!

Granton Primary School is delighted to have been chosen as one of twelve venues across Edinburgh to take part in the Underbelly Christmas Event. Join the school in this fantastic Christmas magic night on **TUESDAY**

**17TH DECEMBER from 7 – 7.30pm.**

### It's Cold Outside – help Bethany Christian Trust

#### – BUY A BED VOUCHER FOR £21

Your gift could mean the difference between someone having to sleep rough and sleeping overnight in a warm and safe space. For the third year in a row, Bethany Christian Trust are launching their Buy a Bed campaign where supporters have the opportunity to sponsor a bed at the Winter Care Shelter for someone who is homeless and who would otherwise be forced to sleep outside. And on the subject of Bethany - consider buying a.....

**Caring Christmas Tree.** Full details on the website

**Church Burn Supper** Saturday 25th January 2020. Tickets on sale soon.

If you don't have access to the web, speak to any of the welcome team and we'll get a printed version for you.. If there is a name that you don't recognise, just ask any of the Welcome Team

| (s) swap         | 15 Dec    | 22 Dec   |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Beadle           | Neil      | Gillian  |
| Welcome lead     | Chas      | Linda    |
| Outer welcome    | Derek     | Eleanor  |
|                  | Norrie    | Malky    |
| Inner welcome    | Irene     | Stuart   |
| Front Welcome    | Norman    | David M  |
| Reader           | Norrie    | -        |
| Count Leader     | Stuart    | Susan    |
| Offering         | Gillian   | Anne     |
|                  | Olive     | Neil     |
| Sound Desk       | Anne      | Ian Mc   |
| Teas and Coffees | Elizabeth | Olive    |
|                  | tbc       | Sandra S |
| Creche           | Stuart    | Jo       |
|                  | Susan     | Liz      |
| Kids' Activities | Riitta    | Chas     |

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## Need a printed copy of the hymn words?

Speak to any of the Welcome Team and we can get that organised for you.

## Coming Up....all the details at grantonchurch.org.uk

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| <b>Dec 15 - Sunday</b>   | Christmas Hamper Draw                   |
| <b>Christmas Eve</b>     | Christingle Service at 6:30pm           |
|                          | Watchnight Service at 11:30pm           |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>     | Christmas Day Family Service at 10:30am |
| <b>Jan 05 - Sunday</b>   | Thanksgiving & Memorial Service         |
| <b>Jan 25 - Saturday</b> | Church Burns Supper                     |

## Church of Scotland Advent Calendar

The four-week season of Advent is a special time for Christians.

The Church of Scotland is marking Advent with a mixture of prayers, videos and stories from congregations. Read more on the website.