

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CURRIE KIRK
WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday 9 January 2022



First Sunday after Epiphany

Please stand for the entry of the Bible.

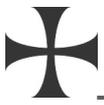
Welcome

Theme: 'Your place in the story'

Rev Easter Smart & Canon Mike Parker

Call to WORSHIP

God of power and life,
You are the glory of all who believe in You.
You fill the world with Your splendour and
show the nations the light of Your truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
And so, receive our heartfelt praise and thanks
(from Psalm 47)



Hymn: CH 4—327: *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*, verses 1, 2, 5

Tune EPIPHANY

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Good and gracious God

We have emerged from a difficult year

We give you our humble thanks for help found in times of illness, loss, perplexity and stress

We give thanks for all who have served the needs of others during this Pandemic

And we thank You for the message of Christmas

That He who was with You in the beginning

Loved us enough to come to our world and take our flesh

We give thanks that this babe in Bethlehem became our Redeemer

He gathered the outcast to Him

He healed the broken hearted and bound up their wounds

He is still gathering us and healing us

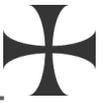
Still inviting us to be born into a living hope

And so, as we come to you

We thank you that you welcome us as we are.

We ask you to forgive the many ways we may have fallen short

The things we have failed to do, the promises we have not managed to keep



The fear and the insecurities, the anxieties of these times
that have held us captive
Help us God to follow your path more closely and
confidently
Grant us Your grace so that by your Spirit
We can be empowered to know, even in these complex
times
How best to be disciples
For we know that Jesus died and rose again
To forgive us, restore us,
Guide us and help us to follow and seek your Love and light
And hear us as we share the prayer He taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as
we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
the glory for ever. Amen.

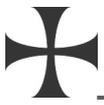
Interview:

The bigger picture, and how God includes us in it

Hymn 326: *As with gladness men of old*

Your place in the story...

Matthew 2:1-12 and reflection



**Hymn 324: *Angels from the realms of glory*
(omit verse 2)**

Matthew 2:13-23 and reflection

Prayers for others

Gracious God

We ask you to be present to each one of us

Wherever we may be—in the sanctuary of Currie Kirk, or
joining in prayer from our homes

Help us to hear your Word with new ears

Grant us grace to respond to your love in this new year
with renewed hope and commitment to your Gospel so
that you may shape us ever more

As people after Your heart,

Confidently able to use our Divinely given character and
gifts

To do good in the world.

Help us, each one to bear testimony to your love.

Help us not to falter because the days have been dark

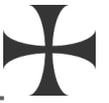
We ask that You help us to spread Your love to friends and
neighbours

Let us remember to thank good friends

Let us remember to tell them the good news

We pray for those who seem happy and for whom things
are going well

And ask that you help us all to be thankful for kindness
and blessings

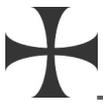


We pray for all the Parliaments and Councils of our nation
We pray you grant our leaders wisdom and integrity
Grant humble hearts and minds to listen to You and others
To distinguish the good from the bad, the wise from the
foolish,
The fruitful from the wasteful
We offer our hopes for our world and its beauty
And for the building up of forests and not simply
The tearing down or burning of them.
We pray for the cleansing, of seas and oceans
That the planet be valued above pollution and the dash
for wealth

We also pray for your Spirit to bless all who today are
carrying heavy burdens
Those facing difficulties beyond their control
Those troubled by financial concerns, work concerns,
health concerns.

We pray for all who are distressed or sad
We remember to your love, those who are in their last
chapter of life and
Who feel very conscious of dying
Comfort them and give your Holy support and strength

Lord we face this new year putting our whole trust in You
You are the one who can bring peace within our borders
You have always promised to take us to life despite tyrants
You lift up the humble and the meek



We bless You, for Your justice is better than ours
We bless You, for Your good purposes which are wiser than
ours
We bless You for the future which is Your gift to us
In this new year of 2022, by the sheer power and strength
of your Spirit
Help us to live in hope, not fear
In love, not cynicism,
in resolute courage and not despair. Amen

Hymn 316: *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Blessing

May you know how special you are in Christ
And His service,
And may the blessing of God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be upon you and within you
Today and always

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed



Church Notices

Services

16 January	Rev Easter Smart
23 January	Rev Easter Smart
30 January	Rev Easter Smart
6 February	Rev Easter Smart

Please note that articles for the February/March Kirk
News should be with the Editor by

Friday 21st January

Distributors: The magazine will be ready for distribution
on Sunday 30 January



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If you would like to arrange a meeting, or let her know if someone is ill, has gone into hospital or has returned home she can be contacted by telephone on 0131 449 4719

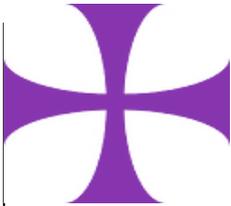
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Welcome leaflets are available in the Reception area for anyone who is visiting or new to the area.



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*[Please hand this form to
Rev Dr Easter Smart]*

PASTORAL TEAM REFERRAL

Name for referral: _____

Address: _____

Reason for referral: _____

Any other helpful information? _____

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