

Cullen and Deskford Parish Church

A welcoming, open and inclusive church community

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It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, a voice of one calling in the desert,"

Mark 1:2a

Second Sunday in Advent

10th December 2017

You cannot believe in God until you believe in
yourself.

Swami Vivekananda

Discovering the God who believes in us

Choir: Introit

The Bible is carried in signalling that our act of worship has begun

Welcome and Our Call to Worship:

Hymn: 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Announcements and Sharing of News

Hymn: 282 Christmas is coming (*verses 1 & 2*)

Opening Prayers

Listening for Words of Wisdom

Reading: Mark 1:1-8 — *Reader Sheila*

Hymn: 277 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes

Reflection: Preparing the way

Our Response to God's Call

Hymn: 275 Come now, O Prince of Peace

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A Time for Quiet Reflection and Intercessory Prayer

*Take time during this short period of silence to reflect on what God is saying to
you and what you need to ask God*

Hymn: 154 O Lord my God (How great thou art)

The Benediction and Dismissal

Hymn: 810 Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth

The Bible is taken out reminding us that our worship is over and our work begins

WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, in a partnership, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to wailing weans and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if 'you're just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, or haven't been to church since Christmas twenty years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' (We're not that keen on it either).

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because you are at a loose end.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children or got lost in the Square and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters . . . and you!

You are very welcome.

Announcements and Information

Tea and Coffee will be served after today's service.

Christmas Services:

Sunday 24th December:

10.30am Hall Church

6.00pm Christingle Service at Jubilee Hall, Deskford

11.30pm Watchnight, Hall Church

NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Hall Church

Sunday 3rd January

11.00am Hall Church — no soup and sweet on that day

The flowers on display today were kindly gifted by Leah Breen. Next week they will be donated by Jean Watt.

Moray Supports Refugees are collecting winter clothing for the camps in Greece. People there are in tents and the nights are cold. They urgently need warm winter clothes, jackets, coats and boots/shoes for both adults and children. Deliver direct to their centre a 2 Chanonry Road North, Elgin (past recycling centre, turn right, unit next to the Blind Spot) The centre is open Monday 10-noon, Thursday 2-4.30pm, Friday 11.30-2pm

Soup and Sweet 2018 — the new rota list is available for anyone who would like to provide a soup/sweet or offer to help serve.

Flower List 2018 — now available for anyone who would like to donate flowers for Sunday worship.