

NEWS FROM ST. NINIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Serving God and our Community

Christmas Services

Sunday 22 December: 11am -
Family Advent Service with
Carols and Pop-Up Nativity

Tuesday 24 December: 8pm -
Christmas Eve Family Service.

Sunday 29 December: 11am -
Eucharist for the first Sunday
after Christmas with
refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 5 January: 11am -
Eucharist for Epiphany with
refreshments afterwards.

A Christmas Prayer

*Father, when the world was
dark and the city was quiet you
crept in beside us as a tiny
baby.*

*Only the few, who dared to
believe, knew that You were
about to do something
different.*

Will you do the same today?

*Will you creep in to the
darkness of the world. The
fearful darkness in which
people have stopped believing
that wars will end, or food will
come, or governments will
change, or that others care?
Will you come into the darkness
and do something different
again?*

*Will you come and dare us to
do something different?
Amen*



A very Happy Christmas from St. Ninian's!

2019 has been a really exciting year as we have continued to try to follow Jesus in this place. So much has happened!

Especially in these difficult political and economic times, it is so important for us to seek to serve God in this community, responding to people's needs and being His hands and feet in this place.

We were delighted that Fay was asked to be Dean of the Diocese by Bishop Andrew, and she was installed in June at a wonderful service at the Cathedral, supported by many family and friends from the congregation. This role involves some additional work - supporting Bishop Andrew and helping congregations in the Diocese to serve God in their context.



The Youth Group enjoy games on the beach this summer



What is on at Church?

There is always lots going on at St. Ninian's throughout the week:

Monday: Stay and Play
10:30am-2:30pm

Tuesday: Stay and Play
10:30am-2:30pm | Slimming
World 5:30pm&7:30pm

Wednesday: Slimming World
9:30&11:30am | Girls Brigade:
Explorers (P1 - P3) at
6:30-7:30pm; Juniors and
Brigaders (P4-S6) at 7:30-9:00pm

Monthly Events

Time for Prayer - this happens (usually) on the **first Tuesday** of each month. We meet at **6pm** in the Church house and share food, before moving to a time of bible study and prayer.

Youth Group - our Youth Group meets **every other Sunday at 6pm** in the Church House

Chaplaincy News

We continue to serve the community with good links with our schools, Rowantree and Cragie High, and Mid-Lin Day Care Centre. We have been involved in giving 'chaplains input' in school assemblies in both schools and RME slots and Bible Readings at Literacy Day in Rowantree.

We hold a monthly service at Mid-Lin which is well attended and appreciated by the folk there.

Stay and Play continue to provide wonderful support to families in the local area and this year have had lots of activities around health and wellbeing. They have had an outdoors focus, including a flower arranging session led by Vina that was really enjoyed by parents.

The 19th Dundee Girls Brigade continues to thrive and this year the girls have explored topics such as: the body; moral choices; being safe; eco-issues. These topics always have a spiritual dimension too and we have had many external visitors to help us with our topics: The Teddy Bear Hospital; the Fire Brigade; the Gate Church Eco Project. The whole company enjoyed the annual retreat to Glenesk and they have also led us beautifully in worship at our Ash Wednesday and Christingle Services.

The Youth Group has met every other week and support each other to grow in faith and walk with Jesus. Activities this year included a trip to Glenesk and a number went to Teen Ranch.

In the lead up to the General Election we hosted Hustings in the Church, giving the local community the chance to question those standing for office.

We were happy to be able to take Roxanne, a ministry student on placement from September 2018 to Easter 2019. This went very well and Bishop Andrew felt St. Ninian's would be a good place to train a curate and so Roxanne joined us as a transitional Deacon at the end of September. It is a joy for us to be able to raise up young leaders, and we pray for Roxanne as we walk alongside her in her formation.

As we get ready to bring 2019 to a close, let us pray that we can continue to be God's building of living stones that will stand in this place for many years to come, bringing the Good News of God's love to the people we meet every day.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas Season and God's blessings on you and yours in 2020.

